

*As I have  
loved you, love  
one another*

*John 13:34*

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 15, 2022**

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*Sharing Christ's Love... By Welcoming All, Loving All, And Serving All!*

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## INTRODUCTION

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

**PRELUDE**                      “Adoration,” Borowski                      **Kregg Stovner & D. Bradee**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**            “Vocalise,” Rachmaninoff                      **Kregg Stovner & D. Bradee**

P: Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Please join me in the prayer of the day.

**C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## PEACE

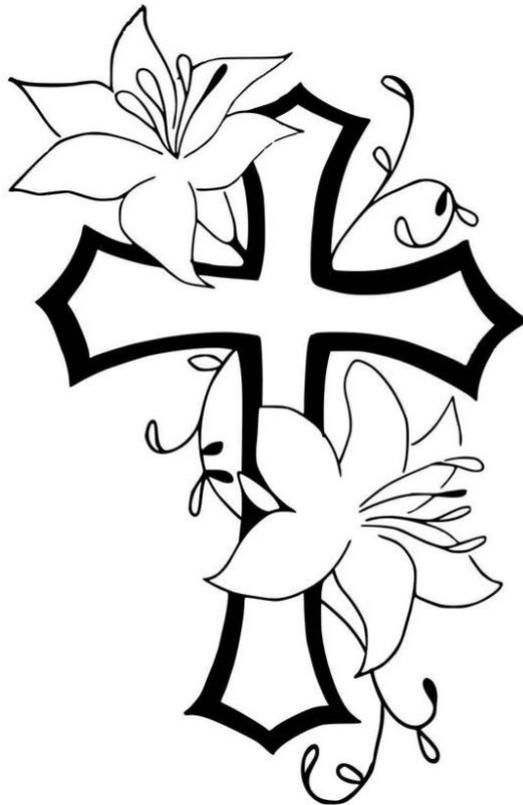
P: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*The assembly passes the peace to one another as a sign of Christ's peace.*

## GATHERING HYMN

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## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

*Today we welcome the following households as members of Shepherd of the Hills*

*Dave and Dorothy Domin*

*Corinne Horn*

*George Horn*

*Connie Myers*

*Colleen and Raegan Owen*

*Hunter, Jackalyn, Jackson, and Harper Peterson*

*Robert and Ellie Rewald*

*Hannelore Settles*

P: Today we welcome formally to join this congregation, Shepherd of the Hills, in its life and mission... As such, you become partners with us committed to "Sharing Christ's love by welcoming all, loving all, and serving all."

New Members, do you covenant with us and our God to join with us in our common mission to be a blessing to each other and the world? If yes, please respond, "Yes, by the help of God."

R: *Yes, by the help of God.*

P: Will you join with us in worshipping God, hear His Word and share His Supper, proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth? If so, answer "Yes, by the help of God."

R: *Yes, by the help of God.*

P: Congregation, do you promise to support these individuals and households as they join our common mission.

**C: We do.**

P: And, Shepherd of the Hills Congregation, will you pray for our new members and partners in ministry, befriend them, grow with them, and encourage them in their lives in Christ and service to others?

**C: We will.**

*Pastor shares a blessing.*

## READING

## Acts 11:1-18

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

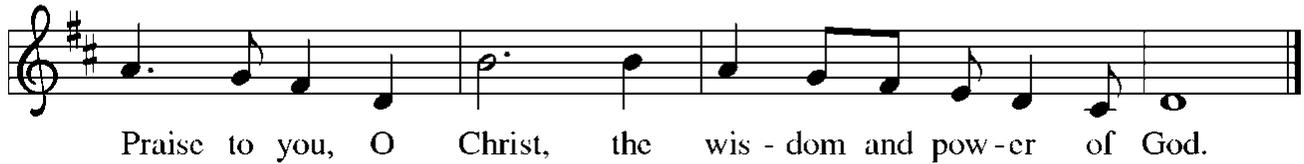
<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Praise to You, O Christ



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## GOSPEL

**John 13:31-35**

**A:** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**A:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**Pastor Darcy Percy**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"All Creatures of Our God and King," arr. Ritter  
**Kregg Stovner & D. Bradee**

## SERMON

**Pastor Darcy Percy**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright,  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the pco - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each prayer petition ends, "Hear us, O God."*

*The congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."*

*The prayers conclude:*

**A:** In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

# PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION SONG

## I Received the Living God

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



## DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Please pray with me,

**C: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

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## **DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

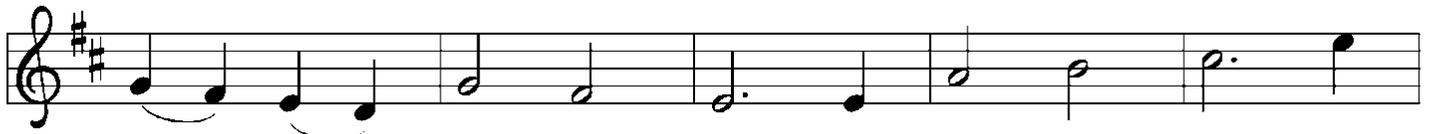
## **POSTLUDE**

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,” arr. Ritter  
Kregg Stovner & D. Bradee**

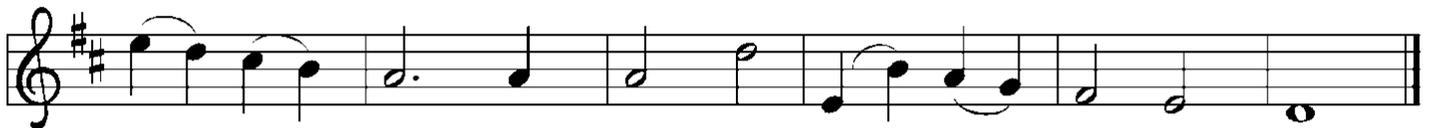
# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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## Why do we typically gather for worship on Sundays?

Many Christians believe that we worship on Sundays to honor the fourth commandment which says, “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy” (Exodus 20:8), but actually the Sabbath is on Saturday. The practice of gathering for worship on Sundays dates from the time of the apostles, and our purpose for gathering on Sundays is the same as theirs. Sunday was the day of Christ’s resurrection and his appearance to the disciples. Matthew gives an account of this event: “After the Sabbath, at dawn *on the first day of the week*, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb” and it is there that an angel tells them, “Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said” (Matthew 28:1, 5). John records how “on the evening of *the first day of the week*, when the disciples were together...Jesus came and stood among them” (John 20:19). Because these miraculous events happened on a Sunday, the earliest Christians began to come together and worship on that day. It was an ordinary working day until the fourth century when Roman emperor Constantine made Sundays a holiday from work so Christians could have a special day to honor Christ. It is likely that the confusion and conflation of the Sabbath and Sundays resulted from this decision. When we gather on Sundays as a people of God, we continue a long tradition in Christian worship that unites us with the apostles and Christians of all centuries. It is a weekly opportunity to remember the resurrection, Christ’s triumph over sin and death, and his promise of everlasting life.

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