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John 13:34

Lakeside Lutheran Church

8 a.m.

Contemporary Service

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Littleton, NC 27850**

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Welcome to all who have come to worship today! We share an open communion, all who come are welcome to share the Communion Table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Blessings to all!

In the back of the chair in front of you, please notice a pocket filled with tools for worship, including hymnals. You will also find visitor cards and a pencil. If you are visiting with us please fill out the visitor card and leave it in the back of the chair someone will retrieve it for our records. We wish you joy in the Lord and hope you will come back to worship with us every time you can.

Our worship: We invite you to experience and give praise to our Creator God as you join in worship.

Participating in Today's Worship: Presiding Minister: Pastors Scott Benson, **Director of Music:** Janice Thompson; **Assistant Director of Music:** Diane Colin; **Assisting Minister:** Ted Chylack; **Sound:** John Colin; **Slides:** Susie Deschenes; **Ushers:** Pam & Charlie Hendren.

*Indicates to stand as you are able

WELCOME:

PRELUDE: The Strife is O'er *Capella*

GATHERING:

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

L: ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

C: ²Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

L: ³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

C: ⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

L: ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

C: ⁶who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

L: ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

C: ⁸fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

L: ⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C: ¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

L: ¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

C: ¹²young men and maidens, old and young together.

L: ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

C: ¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

**Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**2. Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**5. City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!**

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

***GREETING:**

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** PRAISE SONG: Everlasting God CCLI**

Verse 1: **Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord**

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus: **Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

Chorus: **You are the everlasting God**

The everlasting God

You do not faint

You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

Verse 2: Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Pre Chorus: Our God You reign forever

Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus: You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God

You do not faint

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

A: Let us pray.

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.

WORD:

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

L: A reading from Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If 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?” ¹⁸When 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.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

L: A reading from Revelation.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL SONG : 10,000 Reasons** (*Sing twice*) **CCLI**
Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

***GOSPEL: 13:31-35**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³Little 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *Pastor Scott Benson*

***SONG OF THE DAY: Knowing You**

CCLI

**All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this**

**Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord**

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours**

**To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness**

**Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord**

**Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die**

**Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord**

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

A: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress (*especially*). As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need.

Suellen Amsler

Paul Bell

Margaret Best

Bruce Bredland

Adele Bryant

Marion Chance

Mary Lou Cheney

Leigh Edwards

Fred Eichner

Gertrude Elbertson

Kathy Everhart

Gene Finch

Bernard Harris

Linda Huntington

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Lois Krysa

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Jane Maske
Kim
Theresa Myrick
Mike Naimola
Bev Noland
Hank Norfleet

Crystal Saner
LoRayne Schmidt
Ethan Spence
Mary Spence
Paulette Thomas
Jerry Thompson
Don Whitbeck
Dana Young

God in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces especially those related to our church family.

Amanda
Andy
Mathew
KC
Zac
Scott

Austin
Heather
Nicholas
Will
Mark
Kyler

A: Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence. God in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

A: Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

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

PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL:

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING: Thank you for sharing the gifts that God has given you to continue God's ministry in our church, community and the world.

Options for submitting your offering:

- Mail your check or use your bank's web bill pay to send a check to Lakeside Lutheran Church, 2427 Eaton Ferry Road, Littleton NC 27850.
- Drop your offering envelope in the collection basket in the Narthex as you exit Worship.

***OFFERING PRAYER:**

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

ELW p.152

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.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**

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Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy

Lord God Almighty;

and we lift our heart before you as a token of our love,

holy, holy, holy, holy.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG: I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

Please join in the singing while people are taking Communion, if you'd like.

1. "I am the Bread of life.

**You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.**

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

2. "The bread that I will give

**is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever."**

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

3. "Unless you eat

**of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you."**

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

4. "I am the resurrection,

I am the life.

**If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever."**

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

**5. Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world.**

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

P: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

***SENDING:**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING:**

P: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: They Will Know We Are Christians/Awesome God

**1. We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

**Our God is an Awesome God!
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power & love.
Our God is an Awesome God!**

**2. We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

**Our God is an Awesome God!
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power & love.
Our God is an Awesome God!**

**3. We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

**Our God is an Awesome God!
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power & love.
Our God is an Awesome God!**

**4. All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

**Our God is an Awesome God!
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power & love.
Our God is an Awesome God!**

DISMISSAL:

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

Send your announcements to admin@lakesidelutheran.com or call the church office at 252-586-6778 no later than 4pm on the Tuesday before they should be published.

Wearing masks during worship is now optional.

Pastor Scott's office hours for May are Tuesday: May 17; Wednesday: May 18. You can email **Pastor Benson** at prscott57@gmail.com, call or text **757-651-5371**.

If you are interested in being a part of our church, we would love to have you. The Pastor would be happy to talk with you after worship.

The most recent Membership Directory is available in the narthex. Take one home with you. 😊

May 29, In keeping with the tradition of 5th Sunday's being single services.....we will hold a single service, May 29th at 9:30 (contemporary) and July 31st at 9:30 (traditional) outside in the Pavilion (weather permitting).

Pastor Scott will be on vacation beginning May 16. He will return June 12. During his absence Pastor Liz will be handling all Pastoral Care and will be keeping office hours: **May 24 (Tues), May 26 (Thurs), May 31 (Tues), June 3 (Fri), June 7 (Tues), June 9 (Thurs)**. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the church office at 252-586-6778.

What it means to be Lutheran” classes continue with a new session being offered from 1 to 2:30 pm each Wednesday beginning July 20. Pastor Scott will preside.

Loving Needles Pray Shawl Ministry - Loving Needles needs volunteers from inside and outside the church to help keep up with the demand. Call Bev Fowler to learn more - 252-586-0222.

Blessing Bags - Please leave donations for blessing bags in the Narthex. For more information call the church office at 252-586-6778

Monday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m. Sarah's Circle will hold fellowship centered around a special tea & a sharing of tea pots & teacups followed by a Bible study time. All women are welcome.

Sign up sheets for flowers, after service refreshments and other classes and projects are on the bulletin board in the hall.

Sunday Adult Bible Study at 9:15 am. In person in the church Fellowship Hall.

- **Daily Faith Practices Bible Study at 9 a.m. each Wednesday.**
Material are available each week. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89180848001?pwd=Z1dGRlRqc0lXZjhTa3Y2Z2dITzQwdz09>
Meeting ID: 891 8084 8001
Passcode: 418059

Please get your newsletter information to the church office as soon as possible.

“Love one another as
I have loved you.”

John 15:12



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