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John 13:34

# **Lakeside Lutheran Church**

10:30 a.m.

Traditional Service Sunday, May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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: Greg Veraa; Sound: John Colin; Slides: Lynn Pritchard; Video: John Hartline; Lector: Lynn Pritchard;

Ushers: Jim & Bev Noland.

<sup>\*</sup>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.

## \*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.

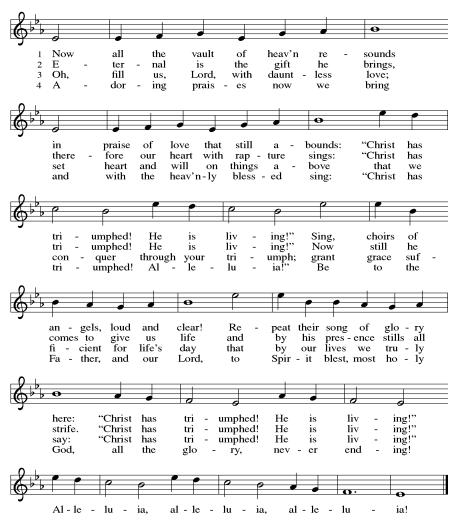
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God.

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 H 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.

#### Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



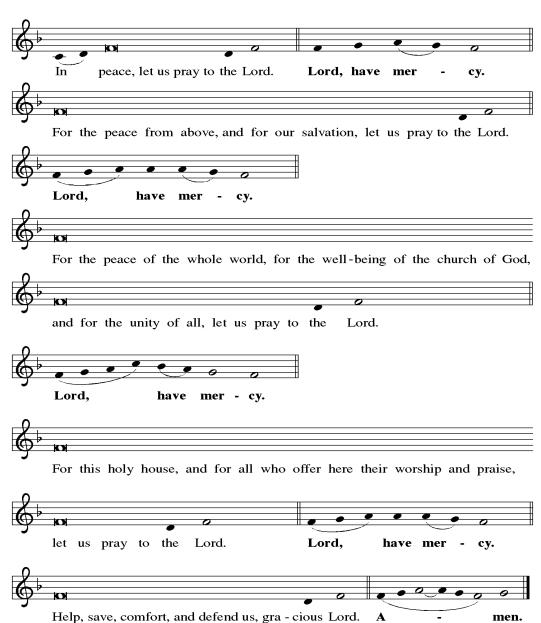
## \*GREETING:

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.

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A:



## \*Canticle of Praise: This Is The Feast



## \*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.

<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, 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. <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.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 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."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM: Psalm 148**

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

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

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

C: <sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

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

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

- L: <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- C: 8 fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- L: <sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- C: 10 wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
- L: 11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- C: <sup>12</sup>young men and maidens, old and young together.
- L: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- C: <sup>14</sup>The 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!

#### **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

L: A reading from Revelation.

<sup>1</sup>I 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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And 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; <sup>4</sup>he 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."

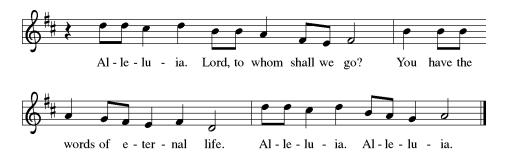
<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as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

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia

## **ELW p.142**



\*GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON:** Pastor Scott Benson

#### \*HYMN OF THE DAY:

**ELW 377** 

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



## **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 Fred Eichner

Paul Bell Gertrude Elbertson

Margaret Best Kathy Everhart

**Bruce** Bredland Gene Finch

Adele BryantBernard HarrisMarion ChanceLinda Huntington

Mary Lou Cheney John Krysa

Leigh Edwards Lois Krysa

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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 Austin
Andy Heather
Mathew Nicholas
KC Will
Zac Mark
Scott 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:

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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.

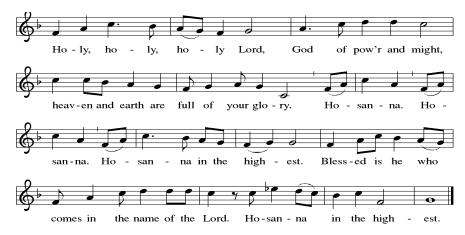
#### \*PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:

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### WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

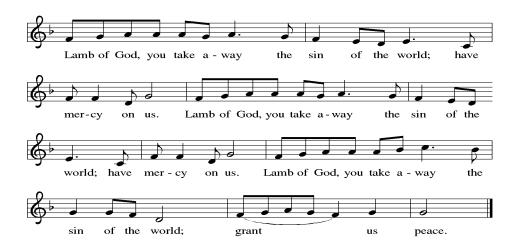
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## **LAMB OF GOD**

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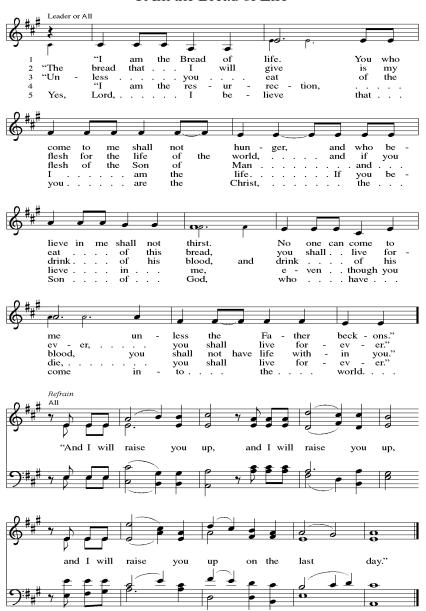


## **COMMUNION SONG:**

#### **ELW 485**

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

### I Am the Bread of Life



### \*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.

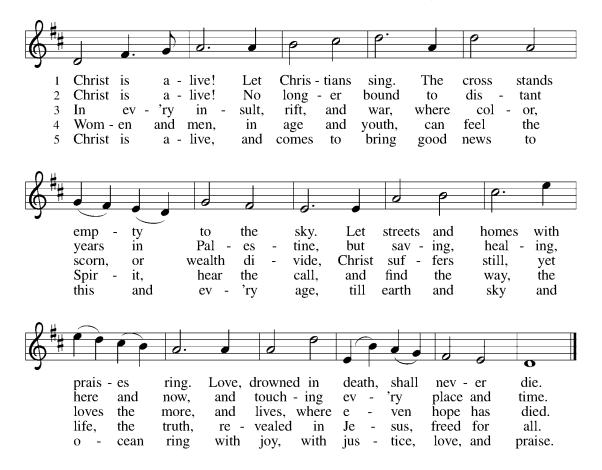
Amen.



### **SENDING SONG:**

#### **ELW 583**

# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



## **DISMISSAL:**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **Announcements:**

Send your announcements to <u>admin@lakesidelutheran.com</u> 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 <a href="mailto:precedents-re

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

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