

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
310 West Main Street
Saxonburg, PA
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Sunday, May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Holy Communion)

10:45 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Trumpet Voluntary – Gordon Young*

(When the music of the prelude begins, please lower your voice; but, after worship raise your voice with joy!)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father,
 and of the ✝ Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: 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.

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

Please kneel for silent self reflection

L: 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.

L: 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.**

GATHERING SONG Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (ELW 377)

GREETING

L: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 11: 1-18

L: A reading from chapter 11 of the book of Acts.

¹The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

⁴Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

⁸“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

¹⁵“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21: 1-6

L: The second reading is from chapter 21 of the book of Revelation.

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ 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 without cost from the spring of the water of life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: John 13: 31-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter 13.

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

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, ^[a] God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

KING’S KIDZ

(Children ages 5 to 4th grade – enjoy hearing the daily lesson in “kid’s terms.”)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
(ELW 335)**

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OR OUR LORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus* - *Caesar Franck*
David Kurowski - Clarinet

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.
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.**

PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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

L: Come, join the feast of victory for our God!

C: Alleluia, Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak;
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel;
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame;
Rising again, I bless Your name.
You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up;
When I am dry you fill my cup.
You are my all in all.

Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He's my Savior, Alleluia, He's my Savior, Alleluia,
He's my Savior, Alleluia, He's my Savior, Alleluia,

He is worthy, Alleluia, He is worthy, Alleluia,
He is worthy, Alleluia, He is worthy, Alleluia.

I will praise Him, Alleluia, I will praise Him, Alleluia,
I will praise Him, Alleluia, I will praise Him, Alleluia.

I Remember You

I take this bread, broken for me,
And I thank You, Lord, for all You've done.
I take this cup, spilled from Your side;
You took my shame, You called my name:
So today I remember You.

I remember Your sacrifice,
How You paid the price that I should have paid.
I remember how You gave Your life:
How You died for me, there crucified for me,
That day on Calvary.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: 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.**

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (ELW 389)

(Our service during the Easter season ends, rather than with silent meditation, with movement outward toward our neighbor into the pew and the day that the Lord has given us. For the season of Easter, the candles will be extinguished during the last hymn.)

DISMISSAL

P: Go spread the good news! Christ is risen!
C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Toccata in C J. S. Bach

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 16:9-15, Ps 67, Rev 21:10, 22—22:5, John 14:23-29

WELCOME!

Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day. Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and place of your choosing to answer questions about membership. Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an appointment.

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

Musician:

Maddie Crytzer Flute

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
ACOLYTES	Kelsey Miller	Cole Edwards

ALTAR GUILD	Shannon Miller and Ruth Richards	Cindy Bearrow and Mandy Jockel
BREAD BAKER	Sandy Steedle	
ASSIST. MIN /LECTOR	Peggy Crawford	Travis Yates
GREETERS	Jennifer Gundlach	Helen McLafferty and Judy Moser
USHERS	Kathy McRandal and Jeff Markwell	Kim Buss and Bill Gordon
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Attendance on Sunday, May 12, 2019

8:15	48	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
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*Celebration
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