



*Love one another
as I have loved you*

John 13:34 NRSV

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Christ Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Mission Statement
As members of Christ Lutheran we - Gather in Worship,
Grow in God's Word, Serve in Jesus' name.
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad that you are here to worship with us today! Please sign the pew booklets in the pews. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign our guest book in the narthex along with the pew booklet.

Masks, hand sanitizer and distance seating are available. Please take every measure to feel safe.

✳ *Please stand as you are able.*

❖ *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Jeff Iverson

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

✳ **Gathering Song**

"Gather Us In"

ELW # 532

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, **for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.**

We praise you for your salvation through water, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us this life forever. **Amen.**

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day: 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**

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."

Psalm: Psalm 148

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

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

⁸**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then 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. 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 as their God; 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.

Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia, Lord to whom..."

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel: John 13:31-35

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord, we say: Praise to you, O Christ.

❖ Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth

* Hymn of the Day

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"

ELW # 377

* Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he arose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ **Prayers of Intercession:** God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

* **Sharing of the Peace:**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

STEWARDING GOD'S GIFTS

We offer to God what is God's own

Offering

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]

[Offering plates will be passed to church members in each pew.]

[Children are invited to come forward to place their offering in "Christ's Well".]

* **Offering Prayer:** Living God, **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign. Show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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.

SENDING

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

❖ **Sharing of Graduates' Stories**

Projected

A Reading from Psalm 139:7, 9-10

Pastor Elizabeth

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?... If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Parents/Mentors: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Graduates: Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us.

All: We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Parents, Family Members and Mentors are invited to come forward.)

A Reading from John 14:27

Pastor Elizabeth

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

(Parents, Family Members, and Mentors: Please place hands on the shoulders of your Graduate.)

P: Let us pray: **C: God of yesterday, today, and every tomorrow, make your presence known to us in this time of celebration and in the future unfolding before us. Sustain us with your love and grace that in every circumstance of our lives we may bring honor and glory to your holy name. Amen!**

P: May God bless this milestone in your lives and help you treasure every new venture in his plan for you. May God's hand hold you fast and keep you from all danger and harm. Cling always to the promise of Jesus Christ and trust that he will never leave you or forsake you. And finally, may God be with you in your leaving and in your returning, from this time forth and forevermore.

All: Congratulations Graduates. May the God of Peace continue to bless you always! Amen!

✳ **Benediction**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“As You Go On Your Way”

Projected

Accompanied by Twyla Kirkeby

Dismissal: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Jeff Iverson



A special thank you to all who assisted with our worship service today:

Organist: Jeff Iverson

Cantor: Jon Braband

Greeters: Fran Huwe and Dawn Peterson

Acolyte:

Special Music: Choir directed by Randy Wilson, accompanied by Twyla Kirkeby

Lector: Dennis Davis

Head Usher: Brad Hahn

Ushers: Marv Gustafson and Joan Johnson

Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn

Refreshments: Milestone Ministry

Please lift these people up in prayers this week. Is God moving your heart to send a card to a loved one in your own family? Lisa Busche (daughter of Mike and Jann Savre), Allen Nelson (brother of Charlotte Dittmer), Teresa Rannow, Edward Van de Streek (brother of Muriel Wavra and uncle of Roxanne Wavra), Kelly Higgins, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Bill Heuer, Daniel Paron (son of Sandra Brenhaug), Rosie Nelson, Jeanine Wedin, Marilyn Ueland, Kristen Heldt, Matt Guetzkow (cousin of Darlene Hennessey), Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), LaDonna Oberlin, Dennis Pilger (cousin of Donna Senske), Gary Metag, Charlotte Dittmer, Stanley Butcher (brother of Deb Heuer), Mary Entinger, LuAnn Harms, Dennis Dittmer, Marlys Rehmann, Sandra Brenhaug, Dori Swedberg (mother of Katherine Grant), Lisa Style, Brian Mikolichek, Carol Carver, and Gary Brown (friend of Joanne Chrast).

Announcements for this week:

Sunday, May 15th, Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m. – Baccalaureate Sunday; Adult Education @ 10:15 a.m.

Monday, May 16th, **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN** – 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday through mid-August; televised Worship Service @ 3:00 p.m. on Channel 10.

Tuesday, May 17, Laundry Love from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Glencoe Laundry Center; Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.; Laundry Love from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. @ Glencoe Laundry Center; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, May 18th: Televised Worship Service on Channel 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 19th, Men's Bible Study @ 9:00 a.m.; Pastor Elizabeth has Intentional Interim Zoom from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20th, Kevin Riemenschneider and Carol Myerson wedding rehearsal @ 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21st, Tina Rosckes' Bridal Shower, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall; Kevin Riemenschneider and Carol Myerson wedding @ 4:00 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, May 22nd, Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m. – New Member Sunday/Farewell to Vicar Susan with cake and coffee after Worship; students of Twyla Kirkeby Piano Recital in the Sanctuary @ 1:00 p.m.; Vicar Susan's Ordination @ 4:00 p.m. with a light meal and fellowship to follow.



Congratulations and blessings to Christ Lutheran's youth who will be graduating!

Kianna Dolezal, daughter of Wade and Cindy Dolezal

Spencer Lemke, son of Rob and Denise Lemke

Alexandria Menning, daughter of Jacob and Emily Walters

Porter Mikolichek, son of Brian and Tiffany Mikolichek

Afton Nelson, daughter of Stacy Nelson

Owen Peterson, son of Bruce Peterson

Carter Ruschmeier, son of Matt and Kim Ruschmeier

Jacob Schrupp, son of John and Julie Schrupp

Nathen Stoltenburg, son of Fred and Mary Stoltenburg



Morning Bible Studies

Lessons for this week: Acts 16:9-15; [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#); [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#); and [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)

Congratulations on the New Arrival!

Congratulations to Hannah Mellesmoen on the birth of her daughter, Aderyn Mae (Ah-dare-in). She was born on May 3rd at 7:49 p.m. Aderyn weighed 8 lb. 6 oz. and was 20 inches tall. Proud grandparents are Dave and Nancy Mellesmoen.



Congratulations to Vicar Susan!

Vicar Susan has accepted a call to be Pastor of the congregations of St. Paul's and Swedlanda in Hector. **Sunday, May 22nd will be a day to celebrate with Vicar Susan!**

- ✧ The 9:00 a.m. worship will include a Farewell to her and the Christianson family. Coffee and cake will be served after the Worship Service.
- ✧ You are all invited to her Ordination at Christ Lutheran at 4:00 p.m. with a light meal and fellowship to follow.

Susan Christianson has been an important part of our staff. We will miss her, and we are excited to wish her well in her new call! If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift, please bring or send your gift to the office, marked "farewell for Vicar Susan."
Thank you from the Church Council!

WELCA Has Opportunities for You

WELCA is Celebrating May birthdays at GlenField's on May 26th at 2:00. All members, ladies and gents, are invited to join us as we serve cakes and present birthday gifts to those celebrating a May birthday. Cake, Cake, and more Cake is needed to serve GlenField's birthday party on the 26th. A total of seven cakes are needed. Contact Linda at 320-583-7961 or Cheryl at 320-510-1593 if you can bake a cake. Drop off at GlenField's before 2:00 or call for pickup.

WELCA is providing bars for Vicar Susan's ordination reception on May 22nd. We are in need of eight pans. If you can contribute contact Linda at 320-583-7961

Spring Fling at First Congregational UCC on May 21st

First Congregational UCC (1400 Elliott Ave. N., Glencoe), invites you to their Spring Fling on Saturday, May 21st from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is a free outdoor community event with live bluegrass music, food and beverages, kids' activities, and a freewill offering benefitting the UCC Ukraine Relief Fund.

Noisy Pail Offering for Common Cup in May

Missions held a Noisy Pail offering for Common Cup on May 8th. In case you weren't able to be there that day, we will take donations any time in the month of May. Thank you for your continued support of our Missions. **If you write out a check, please make sure to note on the memo line that it is for Common Cup.**