

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10, 2009

Mother's Day

Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting One

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INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the Gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: "Three Settings of Children's Hymns"

The THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism as the Pastor begins

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the Pastor gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

and by your Word you created the world,

calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The GATHERING HYMN

Please follow the Cross of Christ as we gather and sing. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

"Now all the vault of Heaven resounds"

ELW 367

The GREETING

The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

The KYRIE ELW pp. 98-99

The HYMN OF PRAISE ELW p. 101

The PRAYER OF THE DAY ELW p. 102
The assembly is seated

WORD

The FIRST READING Acts 8:26–40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

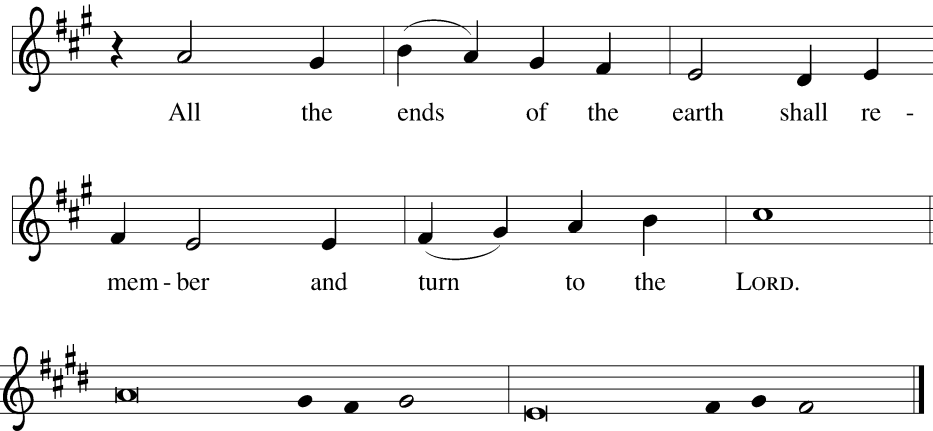
"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The PSALMODY Psalm 22:25–31



²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts ¹ live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD,
who rules o- ¹ ver the nations. *Refrain***

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹ down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- ¹ fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹ serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- ¹ tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹ yet unborn,
saying to them, "The ¹ LORD has acted!" *Refrain*

The SECOND READING

1 John 4:7–21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not

seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The assembly stands

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 102

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands

The HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus loves me!”

ELW 595

The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

The PRAYERS & PEACE

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The assembly is seated

MEAL

The OFFERING: “This Joyful Easter Tide”

The assembly stands

You Are Holy
Du är helig

1*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)

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The LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 112

The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly is seated

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

*To reflect the celebratory nature of the Fifty Days of Easter, **the Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the altar rail. Please remain standing.** Standing, a symbol of rising and resurrection, is the posture for the Fifty Days of Easter.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

“O Day of rest and gladness”

ELW 521

“Come, we that love the Lord”

ELW 625

The assembly stands.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray... Good Shepherd,
lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal
to bring joy and fulfillment to others.
Guide us on paths of justice.
Teach us to live for you as servants to one another.
Enfold us in your abiding love.
We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.
Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Children by the grace of God,
one in Christ,
and inspired by the Holy Spirit,
rejoice in the resurrection
and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

The SENDING HYMN

“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”

ELW 389

The SENDING

Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

The SENDING MUSIC: “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

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The **Altar Flowers** are given by Sam & Cyndi Seward in honor of Kaylynn Nicole Johnson’s 4th birthday.

The **Eternal Candle** is given by Chuck & Shirlye Garber in memory of all our loved ones.

PRAYER CONCERNS—Dave Himes, Judy Himes, Alvin Himes, the family and friends of Esther Olinger, Rick Staley, Sam Seward, and all nursing home residents.

SOCIAL MISSIONS - The Social Missions Committee will be meeting on Monday, May 18th at 6:30pm. If you are a member of this committee please plan to attend. They are still collecting diapers for the diaper drive through the end of May.

COOPERATIVE CATECHISM DINNER—is scheduled for **Saturday, May 30, at 6pm** at Grace, Dover. It’s the end of the year event of our area confirmation partnership for this year. The dinner is open to catechism students and their families.

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 22 – 26, 2009. It will be held this year at St. John UCC. We are looking for teachers and helpers. If you would like to help please call Janelle Allensworth at 330-878-0400 or the Church Office. The VBS will also need 30 dozen cookies from First Lutheran for Wed., June 24th. There will be a sign up sheet located in the Narthex beginning the middle of May.

The **Church landscaping crew** is looking for donations to buy mulch, flowers, and stone for the memory garden. If you would like to donate to this good cause please mark your offering envelope with the amount you would like to go to **Landscaping** or place your donation in a brown pew envelope and mark it **Landscaping**.

On **Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 7:30pm** there will be a performance of *Godspell* at St. John UCC. The public is invited. There will be a free will offering to help offset the cost of travel for the performers

GOLF CHURCH LEAGUE

Auman Timbers is coordinating a Church League beginning in June. Please join us for good Christian fun and fellowship. The league would play on Friday evenings and would be a 9-hole, 2-player scramble. Weekly fees of \$10.00 per player would include golf and cart. Please let Paul Fisher (330) 878-7337 know of your desire to join no later than Wednesday, May 6th.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 5/10—5/17)

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| Sunday | <u>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> (Mother's Day)
9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations)
10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |
| Monday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Tuesday | 7 PM—Church Council (Library) |
| Wednesday | 10 AM— <i>Divine Drama</i> |
| Thursday | 7 PM— <i>Divine Drama</i> |
| Friday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Saturday | Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly (Knight Center, Akron)
9 AM – Finance Committee |
| Sunday | <u>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> (Norwegian Independence Day!!)
9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations)
10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |

Pastor Steven, serving part-time (75% time or 30 hours), office hours for this week

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| Sunday | Worship |
| Monday | OFF |
| Tuesday | 12-9 |
| Wednesday | 9-5 |
| Thursday | 12-9 (includes <i>The Divine Drama</i>) |
| Friday | OFF |
| Saturday | 8-5 |

*These hours include sermon/worship preparation, meetings, and visitation. **Of course these hours do not apply if a pastoral emergency occurs.***