



CHURCH ON THE AVENUE

St. Luke's, Hampden

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

WELCOME & INSTRUCTION

Participants are invited to respond with the text in bold type.

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

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

ASPERGES | *The assembly may make the sign of the cross as water is sprinkled.*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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.

FIRST READING | Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

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."

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
praise God¹ in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD,¹ all you angels;
sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD,¹ sun and moon;

sing praise, all you | shining stars.
⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,**
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.
⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
 who commanded, and they | were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R
⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
⁹mountains | and all hills,
 fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,**
creeping things and | flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹²**young | men and maidens,**
old and | young together. R
¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
¹⁴**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! R

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Alleluia

No. 175

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

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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, you lead us to follow your Spirit. Bless the work done by the Delaware-Maryland Synod assembly this weekend that it may bear fruit in your name. Empower the ministry of Bishop Gohl and the synod staff as they begin a second term. Empower us all to speak boldly of the work you are doing in and among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Awaken us to the oasis of our local parks, Wyman, Roosevelt, Druid Lake, and Lake Roland. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. Motivate us to invest in clean energy and

empower us with resources to update our facility to reflect our values for sustainability. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Turn their attention toward the suffering and cause them to respond with justice and mercy. End the senseless wars of arcane imperialism and from their ashes raise up a just society prioritizing the habitability of our planet, instead of the borders of our countries. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. We pray for Bob and Jeanette, Rob and Scott, Ron and Beryl, Justin, Zach and Rae, Buddy, Katie, Noah, Roman, Terrance, Jon, Pam, Jim, Quinn, Charles, Joe, Htet (Tet), and all else whom we name now.... As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring justice and healing in the Sierra Pacific Synod, for Pastor Nelson Rabell and Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria Peregrina, Bishop Megan Rohrer, and the ELCA church body. 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,
hear our prayer.

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. Open us to new ways of being inclusive of marginalized communities, and alert our ignorance to the barriers and walls we knowingly and unknowingly maintain. Transform our fears into the hope of your expansive beloved community. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Offering may be made electronically on the church's website at www.churchontheavenuehampden.org. You can also sign up for automated giving.

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION

The assembly is invited to stand in body or spirit.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical score is written on a single staff in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of seven lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: [P] The Lord is here; [A] God's Spirit is with us; [P] Let us lift up our hearts; [A] We lift them to our God; [P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God; [A] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right that we should always and everywhere give thanks and praise to you, O God, our Father and Mother, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Spirit on us, O God, and saturate these gifts of bread and wine in the presence of Christ, that as we await his return, we may grow to love one another. Let us be nourished by this sacrament, this visible sign of your + invisible grace, to live in your abundance.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty God, forever and ever. **Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

And so we have this meal. Simplicity and mystery bound together. And though we cannot fully comprehend its meaning, we share, we remember and we trust in the promise of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

Blessed be God forever!

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be served in both "kinds." Please use the hand sanitizer as you come forward. Extend your hands and the minister will drop the wafer in your hand using tongues. If you wish to receive the cup, carefully dip the wafer into the cup to receive the wine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council will meet NEXT SUNDAY, May 22nd following the service.

LVC Hike-a-Thon, Sunday May 22nd, 4:00pm at Druid Lake Park. Join the event and help raise funds for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. You can sign up and set up a donate profile by clicking the link [here](#).

WE'RE CHANGING OUR ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM

We are currently transitioning online giving to "Tithe.ly" and need members to register on the new site to complete this task. You can do so by clicking the updated GIVE link on the church website. Donors will be able to set up recurring/automated giving. If you have questions or challenges, please check in with Pastor Jim. We hope to complete the transition by June 1st.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for sustaining our ministry during this strange and difficult time! You can provide offering or make a special gift at anytime through the church's giving

portal. Links can be found in the e-newsletter and on the church website at <http://www.churchontheavenuehampden.org>.

SPROCKET'S INDOOR PLAYGROUND

The Playspace is open. Sprocket is offering various packages for families, including birthday parties and toy sharing. Take a peak after the service!

The Hampden Food Pantry at Hampden United Methodist Church is adapting to the changing scale of their operation. As a result they will no longer be receiving the shipment of food provided by the government and moving to local donations only. Therefore, we are seeking a congregational coordinator to help encourage regular donations of non-perishables and canned goods to be delivered to Hampden UMC. See Pastor Jim if you can help.

MOTION COLLECTIVE ON THE AVENUE

Visit motioncollectiveontheavenue.com to discover the many opportunities for renewal, rejuvenation, and community held here at St. Luke's.

BENEDICTION

God is with you! **And also with you!**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you;

May he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm;

May he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has done for you;

May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.

And may God bless you, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN | Christ is alive! Let Christians Sing

No. 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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