



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our

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Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Welcome to Worship this morning. We will be sharing Holy Communion.

Communion will be given two ways, you can either come up front and receive from Pastor, or you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.

Reminder; we are videoing “live”.

For Worship today,

“Let Us Enter In” (yellow booklet)

Prelude 9:15-9:30 am

First Word

I Come with Joy

Red Worship Book 482

1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

All Are Welcome

Red Worship Book 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **Refrain**

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Refrain**

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain**

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain**

The Trumpet Sounds, the Angels Sing

Red Worship Book 531

The trumpets sound, the angels sing The feast is ready to begin The gates of heav'n are open wide
And Jesus welcomes you inside

Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight Come and revel in heaven's love and light

Take your place at the table of the King The feast is ready to begin The feast is ready to begin

Tables are laden with good things Oh, taste the peace and joy he brings He'll fill you up with love divine
He'll turn your water into wine

Refrain

The hungry heart he satisfies Offers the poor his paradise Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

"Here I Am to Worship"

1 Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

2 King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

Refrain: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

3 And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross. And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross.

Refrain: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

Seek Ye First

See ye first the kingdom of God And its righteousness And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you Seek and ye shall find Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia

We do not live by bread alone But by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God Allelu, alleluia

Welcome and Announcements

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Ring of the Bell and Lighting of Candles

Confession of Sins

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Invocation "In the name of God our Maker" on pg. 1

"Let Us Enter In"

Opening Song: "Come let us worship our God" pg. 1

"Let Us Enter In"

Kyrie on pg. 2

"Let Us Enter In"

Song of Praise on page 2

"Let Us Enter In"

Prayer of Day

L: 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.

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.

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Now 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.”

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

¹I 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; 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.”

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

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.

Lord, Listen to Your Children

Red Worship Book 752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**Children's Chat
Sermon**

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We Are Called

Red Worship Book 720

Come Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called_____ to be light for the kingdom To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice We are called to love tenderly We are called to serve one another To walk humbly with God

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called_____ to be hope for the hopeless So all hatred and blindness will be no more

Refrain

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign_____ and we'll walk with each other As sisters and brothers united in love

Prayer of Intercession

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L: 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.

L; 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,

C: hear our prayer.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: 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.

L: 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.

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

Prayers for the People of God on page 5

“Let Us Enter In”

Offering

Offering Song

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Offering Prayer on page 6

“Let Us Enter In”

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“Let Us Enter In”

Holy, Holy, Holy on page 7

Let Us Enter In”

Invitation and Words of Institution on page 8 and 9

“Let Us Enter In”

Song “ We Come to the Hungry Feast”

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The Prayer of Christ (Lord's Prayer) on page 9

“Let Us Enter In”

Distribution of Communion (songs)

“Lamb of God” on pg. 10

“Let Us Enter In”

Communion Hymn “You Are Mine”

Red Worship Book 581

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.

Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!

Waterlife

Red Worship Book 457

1 Before I can remember the covenant was sealed with Father, Son, and Spirit, in water was revealed. The cleansing was for certain, with water and the Word; gentle words were spoken, in heaven they were heard.

Refrain: They were singing waterlife, beginning life, waterlife all my life, waterlife, Spirit life, waterlife.

2 A simple sweet beginning, a loving place to start: Christ began the singing that swells within my heart. his love became my calling, his life my ministry. His name is my adoption into his family. ***Refrain***

3 My hope and expectation for true community begins with resurrection, his death and life in me. His Spirit fills the Body: his church through water sees promise for tomorrow, his waterlife in me. ***Refrain***

Communion Blessing (when distribution is completed) on page 10

“Let Us Enter In”

Post-Communion Canticle (All Sing) on page 10 and 11

“Let Us Enter In”

Closing Prayer on page 11

“Let Us Enter In”

Blessing and Dismissal on page 11

“Let Us Enter In”

Sending Music "Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

Red Worship Book 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

****The Noisy offering for this month is for ELCA World Hunger, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.****



Next Week's Readings and Psalm

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm

Psalm 67

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Announcements/Calendar

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am First Word Worship/HC; Church Council after Worship; Twins game after Worship.

Mon. June Newsletter Deadline; Pastor at Continuing Education (Mon-Sat.).

Tues. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study.

Wed. 5-7 pm Party Night Activity; 7 pm Garage Sale.

Thurs. 8 am Men's Text Study; 9-5 Garage Sale; Out to Lunch Bunch-Mom's Parkside Café, Pine City.

Fri. "9-5 Garage Sale.

Sat. 8 pm AA mtg.

Sun. 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship with Ann Mans Preaching.



Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~ Lana Jensen, Wally Guptill, Connie Odendahl, Jacob Roubinek, Rev. Mike Pancoast, Rev. Ericka Foss, Karen Johnson (mother of Jamie and Amy Johnson), Leigha Ness, Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth), Yvonne Guptill, Drew (Mindy's brother), Reverend Norm Belland, Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny) and Alysa McFadden (daughter of Robert and Pat Anderson).

For our members in care facilities ~ Ruta Kalnins and Dorothy Svendsen.

For Health Care Workers, Firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke

Free Community Dinner



Community Meal will be the 1st Wednesday of the month, 5:30- 6:30 pm June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd and September 7th, with Worship at 6:30 pm.



NEW FOOD PANTRY OPEN IN HINCKLEY EMPOWER HOUR FOOD PANTRY

Open to the Public:

Mondays & Fridays 12:00 pm-3:30 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursdays 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

206 Main Street East, Hinckley

320-384-6132 and ask for Empower.

Empower Learning Center has opened Empower Hour, a food pantry of no-perishable items for the greater Hinckley area. This is a collaborative effort between Family Pathways, Hinckley-Finlayson School District's Wellness Committee, Essentia Health Sandstone, Pine County Public Health and University of MN Extension.



Pizza, Paint and Praise (devotions)

Wednesday, May 18th from 5-7 pm.

Tutorial style for adults/teens.

Sign-up on table in Narthex.



Youth Mission Trip Rummage Sale

May 19th and 20th

9am – 5pm

Set up will be 7 pm on May 18th –please bring in larger donations that night.



Eat, drink and have some fun while raising money to support the food access, domestic violence, aging programs, and core mission of Family Pathways. The social reception will include live music, fun photo booth with props, games, and a silent auction. The program, will be emceed by KARE 11 Meteorologist and Chisago City native, Ben Dery; and features speakers, a live auction, and a spirited Fund-a-Need with auctioneer Karen Sorbo.

Wednesday, May 25

5:00 – Social Reception 6:30 – 8:00 pm Dinner and Program

Early bird registration is \$65 until May 1; after May 1, \$75

Tickets can be purchased online at FamilyPathways.org/BarnBash

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