

**ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**GRAND ISLAND, NY**

**May 15, 2022**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**PRELUDE**

**SERVICE OF GATHERING**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

P: Celebrate God in this sacred space and everywhere under heaven!

C: **Praise God's mighty deeds, God's resurrecting power!**

P: Let all creation give praise to God!

C: **Let everything that is praise God!**

P: Rejoice and be glad:

C: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: 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.

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

P: Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

C: **Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OPENING HYMN**

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death

**ELW 452**

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light; so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.

2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release, to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.

3 There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.

4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save; with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.

5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife. Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

## GREETING

P: 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.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen, amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

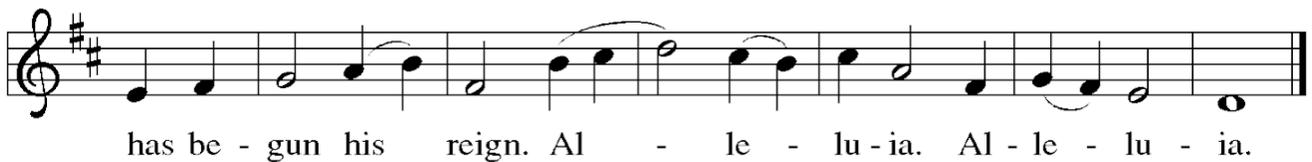
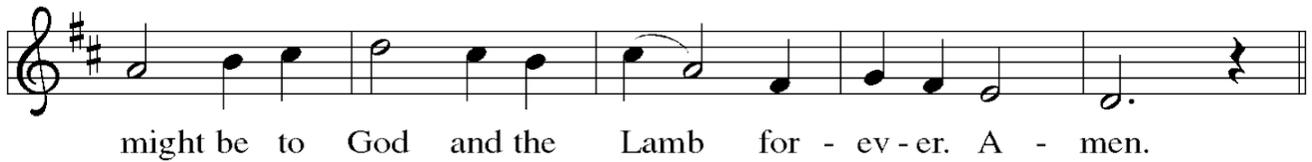


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If 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?" <sup>18</sup>When 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."

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup>**Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.**  
<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**  
<sup>3</sup>**Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.**  
<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup>**Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,  
<sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup>**Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;  
<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;  
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**  
<sup>13</sup>**Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted,  
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.**  
<sup>14</sup>**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!**

## SECOND LESSON

## Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And 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;  
<sup>4</sup>he 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.”

<sup>5</sup>And 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.” <sup>6</sup>Then 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.”

R: Word of God, word of life.           **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL READING

**John 13:31-35**

R. The holy gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.  
**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

R: The Gospel of our Lord.           **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated.*

### SERMON

**The Rev. Charles Biegner**

*Please stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## SERVICE OF DEDICATION

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition ends with the words, "God, in your mercy" we respond, "**hear our prayer.**"

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING & PRESENTATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray. **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.**

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

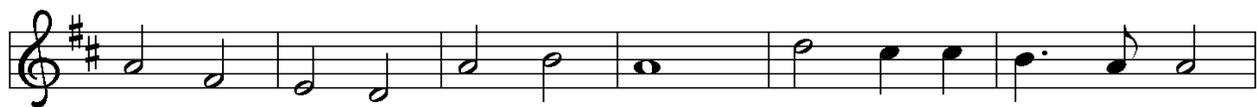
*Please stand.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.                      C. **And also with you.**  
P. Lift up your hearts.                        C. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THE PROPER PREFACE

P. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and the whole company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.



## SHARING OF THE HOLY FEAST

*We invite all to partake in the Lord's supper. Please pick up a Communion packet at the entrance to the Sanctuary and deposit the used packaging in the small containers at the ends of the pews.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. 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.**

## SERVICE OF SENDING

### BLESSING

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

### CLOSING HYMN

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

**ELW 389**

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

3 In ev'ry insult, rift and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

### DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

***Welcome to St. Timothy!*** St. Timothy Lutheran Church opens its doors and its arms in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and we bid you welcome.

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### **Worship Leaders:**

<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	9:30	Rev. Charles Biegner
<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	9:30	Ms. Bonnie Peete
<b>Usher:</b>		Mr. Scott Webb
<b>Counters:</b>		Mr. Scott Webb, Mr. Paul Yaeger
<b>Altar Guild:</b>		Ms. Liz Barker

### **This Week's Calendar:**

<b>TODAY 5/15</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Faith Foundations</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Monday 5/16</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday 5/19</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Music Meeting</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday 5/22</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Faith Foundations</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A warm welcome to Rev. Charles Biegner, who is leading us in worship this morning.
- Please let the office know if you are interested in being on the usher or counter schedule - we would appreciate more volunteers so our current volunteers don't have to be on as often. Thank you!
- Thank you to everyone who helped out at the spring clean-up day, we truly appreciate all your help keeping our property welcoming!

- Please hold the following people in your prayers: the family of Rena Fraser; the family of Mark Brakke; Barb Shepherd; Randy; Betty; Riley; Ted Korkuc; Barbara Dow; Dan, Lucy, and child; Carolyn Lokken; Ted; Joe Morley; Richard E; Isla and Eleanor; Edna; Gloria; Jeannette Tate; Brian Volo; Margaret Miller; Jack Skinner; Marianne Carroll; Danny Penque; Linda Piechowiak; Robin Bengaglio Richard; Joanne M.; Joyce Zimmerman; Dottie Roehrig; Sylvia and Joe Smith; Lorraine Pfohl; and Cheryl Rosati.