



*We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others.”*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*We gather for worship as Easter people in the name of the Triune God
– Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.***

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

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**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray

O Lord Christ,

good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

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 word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-21

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired man is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when the hired man sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired man. He does not care about the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me. ¹⁵ They know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I give my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this sheep pen. I must bring them in too. They also will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I give up my life. But I will take it back again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me. I give it up myself. I have the authority to give it up. And I have the authority to take it back again. I received this command from my Father.”

¹⁹ The Jews who heard these words could not agree with one another. ²⁰ Many of them said, “He is controlled by a demon. He has gone crazy! Why should we listen to him?”

²¹ But others said, “A person controlled by a demon does not say things like this. Can a demon open the eyes of someone who is blind?”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“You Mean We’re Not the Only Ones?”*

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 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, 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 THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love,

you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* #389

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.

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

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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We Lift in Prayer...

****Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Jeremy Nye (friend of Donavon Main); Terri Roberts (sister of Chelle Schefcik); Kay Wieland (former co-worker of Pastor Deb)**

****Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Ron Fry; Ruth Henriksen; Bob Anderson; Ashley James; Carmen Lakner; Audra (daughter of Ron Wagner); Pastor Art Weitschat; Arliss Alberts (friend of Pastor Deb)**

****Those with on-going health concerns, including Sandy Anderson, Linda (friend of Cathy Dahl); Dennis Wilkerson; Kitty Aman; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue); Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson); Aldean (Cousin of Deann Hagen)**

****For those in long-term care facilities**

****For our leaders at every level**

****For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.**



COMPANION SYNODS

The ELCA Companion Synod Program forges relationships between the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and companion churches around the world, fellow members of the Lutheran World Federation. The SD Synod is in companionship with two churches: **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon** and **The Lutheran Church, Faith and Hope of Nicaragua**. We have missionaries in these synods as we work to develop strong relationships between the SD Synod and the church body in Cameroon and in Nicaragua. Our financial contributions not only help sponsor these missionaries as well as our SD Companion Synod Coordinator, Nathalie Fida Lassang, they also help to raise church roofs in Cameroon, assist children in getting education, train pastors in those countries, build youth leaders and help farmers through education, seeds and resources in Nicaragua. Pastor Deb had the opportunity to travel to Cameroon several years ago to experience the importance of our Companion Synod Partnership. Through our financial contributions and prayer, we are truly helping to spread the Gospel to our siblings in Christ in Cameroon and Nicaragua. More information can be found on the SD ELCA website. *Contributions can be placed in the Globe offering, the offering plate, mailed to OSL or given to the Mission of the Month using Tithely. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your support.*

WE HAVE CHOCOLATE!

The OSL Community Youth Group and the 2021 Bible Campers are selling chocolate bars to raise money for their summer faith opportunities. The regular bars are \$1.00 each and the large bars and boxes of chocolate are \$2.00 each.

Interested in a chocolate bouquet for a birthday, Mother's Day, thank you, end of the school year or Father's Day gift! Visit with Pastor Deb about putting something together! Delivery options available!

Thank you so much for your support!!!



Here's what's happening this
week

Sunday, May 2nd

9:30am Worship/Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

10:30am Church Council & Worship Committee Joint Meeting

6:30-8pm HS Youth Group

Monday, May 3rd

Church Office Closed

*Pastor Deb will be in

*Newsletter will be emailed and mailed

Tuesday, May 4th

Church Office Closed

*Pastor Deb in during the morning

Wednesday, May 5th

Church Office Closed

*Pastor Deb will be in

Thursday, May 6th

Church Office Closed

*Pastor Deb will be out

Friday, May 7th

10:30-11:30am Feeding SD Truck- Box Drop off- OSL Parking Lot

*Pastor Deb off

Sunday, May 9th

Happy Mother's Day

9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube with Blessing of current Confirmation students

10:30am Mission Committee Meeting (Pastor Deb's office)

10:30am Confirmation (large fellowship hall)

6:30-8pm HS Youth Group

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