

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2013**

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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The flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God by Ed and Trish Perry in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am | S.S. | Thu. 5/2 | 9:15am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:30pm | NO Bible Study |
| Tue. 4/30 | 9:15am | WCS | Sun. 5/5 | 9:15am | S.S |
| Wed. 5/1 | 1:00pm | OWLS LHNH | | 10:30am | Worship |
| | 7:00pm | Confirmation | | 6:30pm | Girl Scouts |

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Announcements

If you would like to be a delegate to this year's Synod Assembly, please let the Pastor know. Assembly will be held June 7-9, 2013 in Ft. Wayne, IN. We are allowed one male and one female lay delegate for our congregation size. We need to make reservations before May 21, 2013.

The 15th Annual Lutheran Family Services golf scramble will be held this year on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Valley View Golf Course in Floyds Knobs, IN.

12:00noon

Lunch/Registration

1:00pm

Tee Off

Anyone interested may contact LFSK at (502) 899-5991 for information.

Plan to join the OWLS as they celebrate May Day with the residents of Lincoln Hills Nursing Home at 1:00pm on May 1.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,
**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Make us alive in Christ, O God.
Make us new as you make all things new.
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!
The light of the risen Christ
puts to flight all evil deeds,
washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace,
and humbles earthly pride.
Jesus Christ loves you
and + frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *I Know that My Redeemer* (ELW 619) v 1-4

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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, ⁵I 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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

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

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name^l of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing 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.**

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!**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1–6

Then 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. 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.

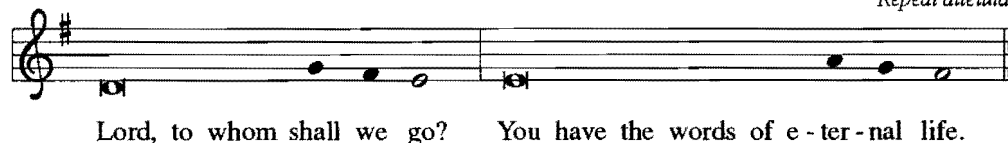
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

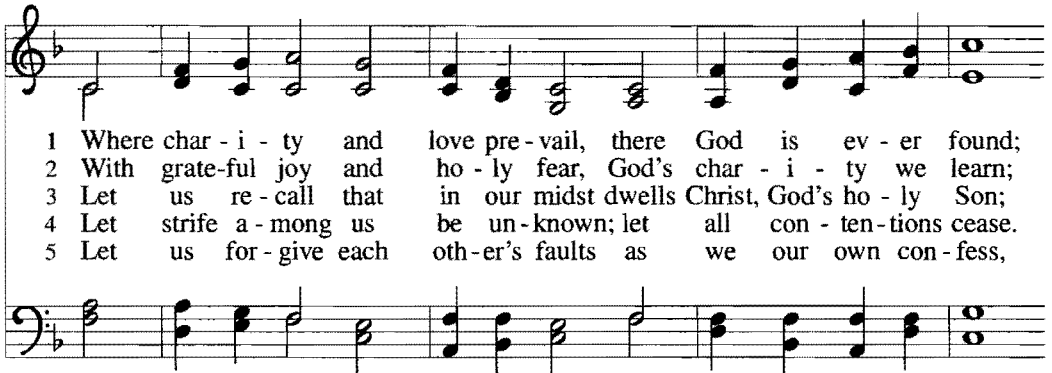
this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

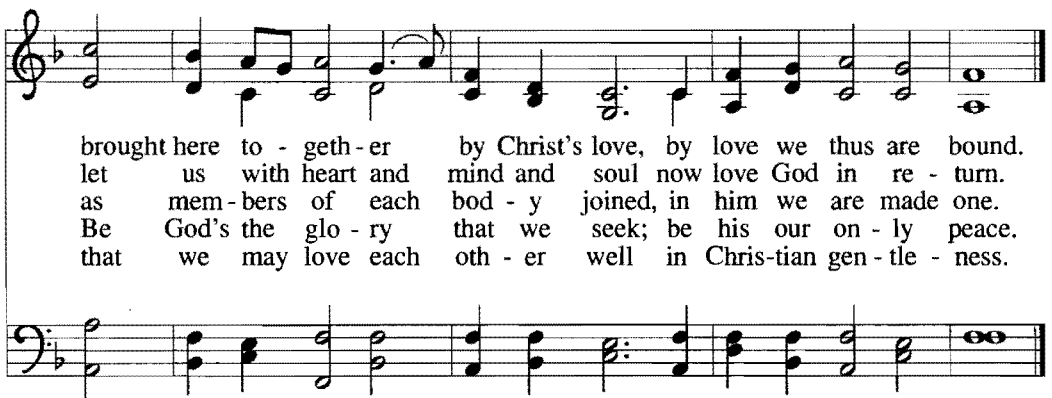
The assembly is seated.

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (ELW 359)



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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 INTERCESSION

Rejoicing with all the witnesses of the resurrection, let us pray in confidence for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire your church to embody the love you reveal in grace through acts of kindness, generosity, and care for each other, the community, and the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renew the face of the earth and heal the wrongs we have done to your creation. Keep us from squandering the abundant resources you provide. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant visions of justice and peace to leaders of the nations of the world. Put an end to the divisions that cause violence and hatred. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renew the spirits of those who suffer in mind or body. Grant hope in the midst of despair, companionship to those who are alone, and healing to those who are sick *especially* Amy Holaday, Fred Steaban, John Taylor, Marcella Denton, Gwen Doering, Kathy Gilmore, Pat Hudson, Phil Lakes, Dick Martin, Grace McBride, Alyssa Paro, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Karen Sackstader, Gil Schell, Bonnie Walker, Ken Walker, Tonya Woods.. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Break down the barriers that prohibit us from reaching out in love to all God's children. Move us beyond economic, racial, and class distinctions in our service to those in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially Chris Holman and Kirsten McCoy with birthdays and Carrie and Matt McCoy with an anniversary this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your promise of a new heaven and a new earth in times of mourning and death. Comfort us who mourn the loss of Vivian Smith with the joy of Christ's resurrection and renew in us the hope of everlasting life.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

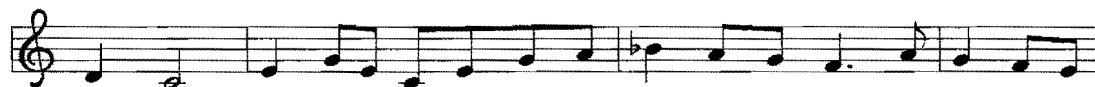
Amen.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister leads the following prayer.

Let us pray....Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.

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 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Amy Holaday, recovering from eye surgery

Fred Steaban, recovering from surgery

John Taylor, recovering from back surgery

Family & Friends

Marcella Denton, intestinal illness

Gwen Doering, stage 4 cancer chemo treatment

Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia

Phil Lakes, recovering from stroke and heart condition

Dick Martin, recovering from heart surgery

Grace McBride, heart surgery on April 10

Alyssa Paro, treatment for breast cancer

J C Richardson, health concerns

Angela Rutledge, heart attack

Karen Sacksteder, health concerns

Gil Schell,

Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue

Bonnie Walker, health issues

Tonya Woods, breast cancer surgery

*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

Shut-in

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods

Norma Boehme, Westminster Village

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center

Walter Clive, at home

Ken Steward, Westminster Village

Service agencies/programs/special needs

Veronica Rife, deployed by Corp of Engineers to Afghanistan

CLM

Eric Hall Foundation

Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad

Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment

Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Families affected by Hurricane Sandy

This Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$2,751.40 | Worship attendance | 66 |
| Other Offering | 50.00 | Nursery attendance | 1 |
| Total Offering | \$2,801.40 | Total attendance | 67 |

We need \$3,596 in current each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? | Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for God's blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Worship Leader | Virginia Klemens |
| Assistant | Patti Smith |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Kate Blough |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Aliyah Vogler/ C. Peter |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire/Jane Lakes |
| Greeters | Dennis/Arllys Johnson |
| Ushers | S. Rife/R Barr |
| Audio | Bill Holman |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | |
| Financial Assistant | Scott Rife |
| Ambassador | Lyle Gernand |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Worship Leader | Dan Diekhoff |
| Assistant | |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Kristina Peter |
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| Greeters | |
| Ushers | |
| Audio | |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | PLOT Picnic |
| Financial Assistant | |
| Ambassador | |

Scripture Readings for next week: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5 John 14: 23-29