

until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth. 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG *"To Be Your Presence"* #546

BLESSING

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

EASTER PROCLAMATION AND DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 15, 2022

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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.**

GATHERING SONG *"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"* #452

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kathy Houzner & Pastor Karen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

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.

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."

SERMON

Pastor Karen Hofstad

SERMON SONG

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" #377

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of healing and new life, we pray for the renewal and wellbeing of the church, the world, and all of creation

A brief silence.

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. Awaken in us renewed commitment to our baptismal promises: to build community, to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, and to work for justice and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Forgive us for the ways we have caused creation to suffer. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Call all nations to the repentance that leads to life. Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor and power. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk to care for others. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress, those for whom death draws near, those who are ill or recovering from sickness or surgery (*especially the family and friends of Beverly Wimmer and Millie Peterson; Carol, Kevin, Nancy, John, Sue, Rene, Laurie, Bev, Mark, Cheri, Rita, Loretta, Ruth, Gary, Phil, Joan, Janet, Renee, Rhonda, and those we name now—aloud or in the silence of our hearts*). 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 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. Renew us in faith and hope