



Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

May 15, 2022

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Introduction

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 and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prelude “When In Our Music God Is Glorified” arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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.

.....silence for reflection.....

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.

C: Amen.

Hymn "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW # 367
Verses 1, 2, & 4 printed on page 10

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: **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.**

Readings

Assisting Minister

Acts 11:1-18

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.

¹Now 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."

Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

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 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

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.

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."

AM: Word of God, word of life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The holy gospel according to John the 13TH Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

P: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated)*

Sermon	"All You Need is Love"	Pastor Mitch
Hymn of the Day	"Give to Our God Immortal Praise" Verses 1-3, printed on page 11	ELW# 848

Apostle's Creed

All: 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

P: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Offering Music “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” arr. Austin C. Lovelace
Sunday Morning Choir

Offering Prayer

P: 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.
C: Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord’s Prayer

All: 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

Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

Organist/Pianist: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Pam Wiehe and Diane Allmendinger

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic

Worship Assistants

Usher: Florence Rasmusson

Hospitality: Diane Allmendinger and Mary Kowitz

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Our service today will be live streamed if anyone would like to view our new website or be connected to Facebook. From sundaysandseasons.com.

Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends: Dona Haberman, Jackie Staples, Dean Anderson, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Jerry Ekblad, Gary Winter, Betty Richter, Velta Krauze, Joanne Policone, Shirley Johnson, Margaret Cleary, MaryAnn Wistrom, John Lind, John Hollman, Deb Perry, Esther Hallgren, Jan Kowitz, Richard Edge, Jerry Schaber and Sharon Anderson.

May Birthdays

1 Priscilla Reeve

1 Dave Balfanz

1 Adam Ebert

4 Clara Rocco

4 DeeAnne Nelson

5 Tom Brockway

9 Tom Schaber

16 Wayne Blossey

16 Sharon Vicic

20 Eugene Karls

28 Gary Gray

30 Rebecca Swanson

31 Evan Peterson

May Anniversaries

Ken and Katie Wagner 54 years

Jon and Karen Helgason 52 years

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a final line of lyrics. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

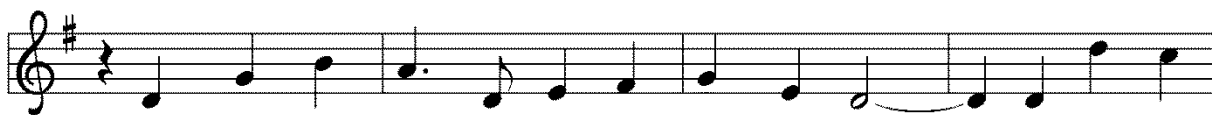
1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

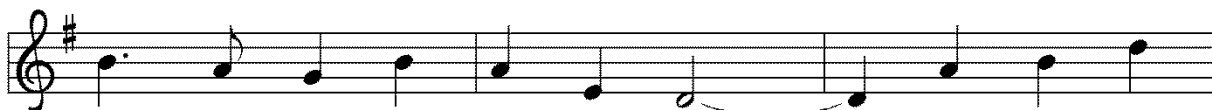
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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Graduation Time is fast approaching! If you would like to include a picture and information regarding someone in your family who is graduating from Kindergarten, High School, or College please submit that information to the church office by Friday May 20th.



Bring a Geranium for Sunday June 4th Pentecost Sunday
Again this year we would like to decorate the altar with geranium plants. If you like to bring a plant to have in the altar display, please bring it to church on Friday, June 2nd. They may be taken home after the service on June 4th. ***Please wear red on June 4th.***

Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 23 - Alley Shoppe visit – The East Side Collaborative churches have been invited to see the ministry of Alley Shoppe at our church. This is decades old ministry has converted their old Sunday School classrooms into storage and display areas for many things that they give away every week. From coats to shoes, dresses to pants much of the space is for free clothing. Other rooms have personal hygiene items, or kitchen supplies, or home décor, or books and toys. With families sent their way from social service agencies or walk-ins, they provide a great service to many in need. Come get a tour and a taste of the very good work by one of our neighbors on Monday, May 23 at 11:00.

July 24th - East Side Collaborative Worship Service - At Battle Creek Park (Band shell, just south of #94 on McKnight.) Watch the Lights From The Heights for more information.

August 14th - East Side Collaborative Worship Service – (annual picnic) – Lake Phalen Amphitheater (middle/west side of the lake) with a picnic meal to follow. Watch the “Lights from the Heights” for more information.



Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. in person or online and link on website.
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Office Volunteers are still needed. Thank to those who are already volunteering your help is appreciated. But we could still use a few more to help with coverage. If you'd like to volunteer a couple hours a week, or a month, please let Mary Kowitz or Pastor Mitch know if you are interested.