

Salem Lutheran Church 401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fifth Sunday of Easter Affirmation of Baptism May 15, 2022 – 9:00am



OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven.

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Organist: Ruth Sheldon Reader: Ruth Sheldon Liturgical Choir: open Sound: Shannon Bruhns Acolytes: Shannon Bruhns

Ushers: Shannon Bruhns **Communion Servers:** open

Altar Guild for May: Doris Tweed,

Sharon Johnson, Pat Thorson

Sunday--9:00am Worship Service Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Organist: Ruth Sheldon Readers: Sondra Nelson

Liturgical Choir: Bruce Adams, Al & Willie Skellenger, Darlene Anderson, Sue Myli, Nancy Guttormson

Sound: Al Skellenger

Live Stream: Brad Evenson **Acolytes:** Lyle Thomson

Ushers: Lyle and Orloue Thomson

Communion Servers: Becky Helgeson, Al Sterrenberg,

Dolly Gregor, Gary Heimdal

Altar Guild for May:

Doris Tweed, Sharon Johnson, Pat Thorson

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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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign 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.

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Borning Cry

ELW #732



- "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- of your life, not too old, no lon ger young, "In the mid-dle a - ges



re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." a blaze to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise." I'll be there



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

GREETING

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.

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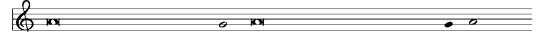
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,







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.

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18

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.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But 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.

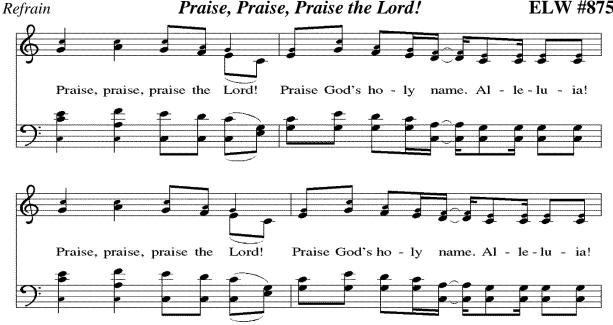
PSALMODY Psalm 148

The psalm is read responsively beginning with the lector the refrain is sung after verses 6,12,14

Refrain

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

ELW #875



¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights. ²Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

Refrain:

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

⁴Praise 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, ⁶who 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;

⁸fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers ¹ of the world; ¹²young men and maidens, old and young together.

Refrain:

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴The 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! *Refrain:*

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

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; 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."

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.

We stand for the reading of the gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John,

Glory to you, O Lord.

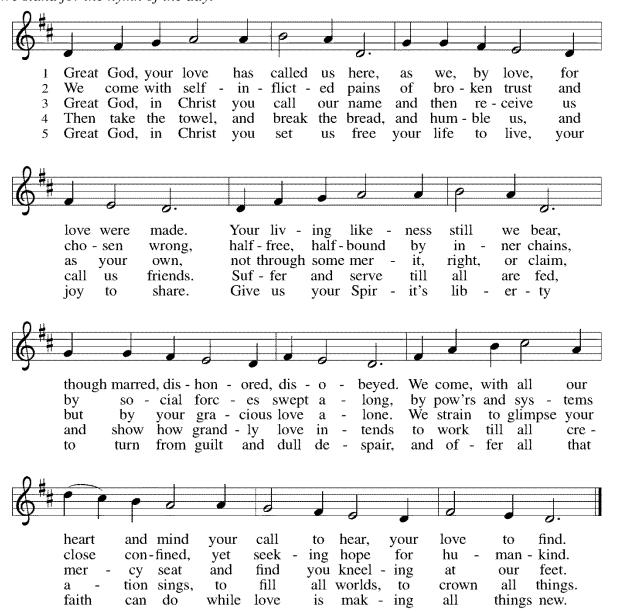
When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said 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 our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us* ELW #358 We stand for the hymn of the day.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Each confirmand making affirmation of their baptism are invited to stand as parents and sponsors each in turn present their child

We present...Abby Beaty, Jersey Budach, Landyn Christian, Sam Grothe, Avah Klebsch, Austin Mannes, Gracie Pederson, Zach Stene, Dakota White...who *desires* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

The family and sponsors are invited to be seated as the confirmands remain standing. Abby, Jersey, Landyn, Sam, Avah, Austin, Gracie, Zach, and Dakota I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Each confirmand with their family and sponsors may kneel as pastor, parents and sponsors lay on hands and prays...

Stir up in Abby, Jersey, Landyn, Sam, Avah, Austin, Gracie, Zach, Dakota, the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, 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. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us; the fields planted in the hopes of a bountiful harvest. Rivers and lakes that provide recreation and habitat for fish and water fowl. Habitat for deer and pheasants wild animals. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, we pray especially for the people of Ukraine and the war with Russia; turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power as we seek peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. 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. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered as the pastor concludes the prayers.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING

The offering is being collected at the beginning of the service as you walk in. The usher will bring the offering forward for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need at the time of the offering song and prayer.

MUSICAL OFFERING

The noisy offering will be received for the people of Ukraine from April 15 – May 15. Coins and other offerings of cash or checks can be brought up to the metal cans during the musical offering



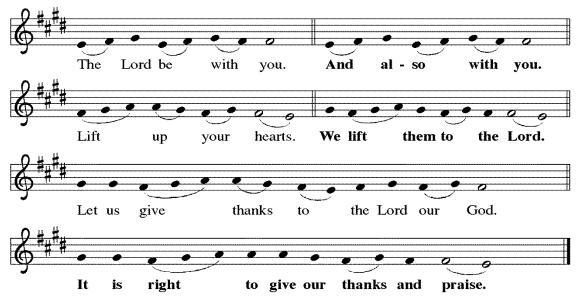
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

THE 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

DISTRIBUTION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho san-na! Cel e-brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won-der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed. Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare. Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown. Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend. Tell its grim, de-mon-ic chor-us: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un - known. Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end. God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Affirmation of Baptism

Abby JoRae Beaty

Born 3-28-08

Date of Baptism: 11-30-08

Parents: Jaclyn & Jacob Koeppen and Steven Beaty

Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do,

everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track."

Jersey Justine Budach

Born 2-28-08

Date of Baptism: 4-5-08

Baptismal Sponsors: Brian & Jill Budach, John Budach, Jill Gustafson

Parents: Christine & Chris Budach

Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and Courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you, he will never leave you or formula you?"

leave you or forsake you."

Landyn Duane Christian

Born 1-21-08

Date of Baptism: 6-8-08

Baptismal Sponsors: Hans Hengesteg and Emily Christian

Parents: Kallie & Cory Christian

Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you home and a future."

Samuel Palmer Grothe

Born 10-10-07

Date of Baptism: 11-4-07

Baptismal Sponsors: Tim & Mary Draheim, Chalsea Roder, Derek Harmon

Parents: Christi & Randy Grothe

Verse: Phillipians 4:13"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Avah Nevaeh Klebsch

Born 4-14-08

Date of Baptism: 6-8-08

Baptismal Sponsors: Stephanie Steffens, Kristina Neubauer, Leslie Fishbein

Parents: Rebecca & Darren Levorson, Bob & Samantha Klebsch

Verse: Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Austin Kyle Mannes

Born 1-25-08

Date of Baptism: 2-24-08

Baptismal Sponsors: Brittani & Brent Bjelland, Scott Fjelstad, Jennifer Schueller

Parents: LuAnn & Kyle Mannes

Verse: Psalm 46:1"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Gracie Mae Pederson

Born 2-24-07

Date of Baptism: 3-18-07

Baptismal Sponsors: Laura & Aaron Lester

Parents: Erin & Jeff Pederson

Verse: Joshua 23:14 "You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled."

Zachary Andrew Stene

Born 7-13-07

Date of Baptism: 8-26-07

Baptismal Sponsors: Kris Vaught and John Pearson

Parents: Kendra & Andrew Stene

Verse: Hebrews 6:10-11 "Everything you do in your journey of self-improvement, including serving others in love, matters to God. He wants you to be dilligent in meeting others needs as well as mangaging your own. God doesn't want you focusing on yourself but growing in Cristlikeness as you give back to others"

Dakota Rose-Marie White

Born 1-7-08

Date of Baptism:

Baptismal Sponsors: Karla Rogstad Parents: Denise & Daniel White

Verse: Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the

evidence of things not seen."





OF BAPTISM