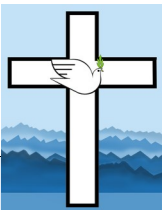


# Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 15, 2022



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Peace First Lutheran Mission Statement:

*Rooted in Christ and led by the Spirit,  
We love and serve together.*

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# GATHERING

(+ = Stand as you are able)

## Prelude & Welcome

**+Gathering Hymn (ELW 367) *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds***

## **+Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**+Hymn of Praise (ELW 864) *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* (vs. 1)**

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

## +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.**

## Children's Time

Choir (8:30)

*Clair Benediction*

**WORD**

## First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord



## Prayers of the Church *(We pray responsively)*

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. 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, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. We pray especially for those who have requested prayers from this congregation, whose names are listed below. 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.**

We ask that your creative love move hearts and peoples at war to seek ways toward peace and reconciliation. Be with the men and women of our military forces and all who serve in times of armed conflict. Be with those from this congregation who are giving themselves in service to country and surround their families with your loving and abiding presence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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.**

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

*The following people have requested to be in our prayers:*

Betty & Bill Cunningham, Betty Jo Heiner, Melvin Lampi, Mike & Chris Holmstedt, Suzanne & Hal Nauman, Kera Hoagland (Pat Whitten's granddaughter), Gayle Svendsen, Audrey Gentry, Dora Swanson & family, Lynn Ure, Pamela Jones, LaNell Chaterje, Tischer family at the loss of Mark's sister Mabel Schmidt and her husband, Gordon, who is in hospice, Kaye Weimer, Sarah Hauke and family at the loss of her husband Skip, the family and friends of Donna Holmstedt at her passing, Trish Walters and family at the loss of her husband Jon Hissner, the family of Del Sarkie at his passing, Rebecca Graham and her family at the loss of her husband Russell, Greta Josephson, Jane Luoma and family at the passing of her husband Allen, Al & Marcy Gillie at the loss of his brother-in-law Steve, Diane Kinney, Dave Ramos, Emily Smith, Missy Maise, Ron McClintock, Ruth Benner and family at the passing of her aunt Teria Horner.

Dan Clark, USCG  
Sean MacKenzie, USCG  
Mike Harris, Navy  
Samuel Brown, USCG  
Nathan Loppnow, USCG  
Nevada Martin, USAF  
Micah Cenci, Army Nat'l Guard  
Hanna Hale, USN

Eric Chesnut, Army Nat'l Guard  
Ian Miller, USCG  
Ben Holland, Navy  
David Pearson, USCG  
Josh Schauermaun, Army  
Clairisa Jensen, Army  
Neesen Bristow, USAF  
Bill Pie, USCG

Andrew Fleischmann, USCG  
Paul Wiedenhoeft, USCG  
Brian Perez, Army  
Timothy Soto, US Army Res  
Shannon McGregor, USCG  
Makayla Weimer Armstrong, USAF  
Morgan Hale, USN

## Sharing the Peace

### MEAL

#### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: **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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

#### +Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **+Words of Institution**

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.

## **+Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Communion Hymns**

ELW 359 Where Charity and Love Prevail  
ELW 744 Lord, Be Glorified

## **Prayer after Communion**

P: Let us pray: **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.**

## **+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 (ELW 389)     *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

## +Bells & Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Organist: Laurie Drage

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A list of today's worship helpers can be found in the Narthex.*

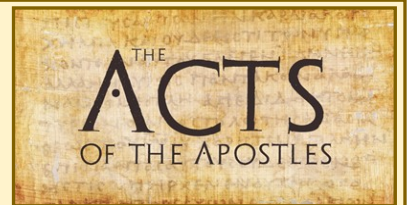
## **Sunday Attendance for May 8, 2022 was 85**

We welcome you here today to worship. Please take a moment to fill out a WELCOME Card, found in each pew rack to let us know you are here, and to share any prayer requests. On your way out, please place it in the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary. To our guests, we invite you to also sign our Guest Book located in the narthex. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. God's Peace!

### ***Bible Study***

Join us Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. downtown & 6:00 p.m. at the uppertown campus for a GOOD HOUR OF Bible study as we continue our look at the Acts of the Apostles, spending the rest of May looking at the remaining few sessions, about 2 weeks for each.

6. A Riot in Ephesus (Acts 19:1-41)
7. On Trial for the Resurrection (Acts 24:1-27)
8. And So We Came to Rome (Acts 28:1-31)



It's been several years since we've hosted touring bicyclists groups, but this coming Saturday night it is our privilege to have a group from Fuller Center Bicycle Adventures here. They begin in Seaside and this will be their first stop on a 4000 mile journey to the east coast! Our Peace First Care Team will be feeding and housing approximately 25-30 cyclists the evening of May 21. They will be joining us at the 8:30am service on the 22nd, and provide a short announcement about their group. Make sure to take a moment to introduce yourself to someone from the group and wish them well!



**FULLER CENTER  
BIKE ADVENTURE**



June 20-24, 2022, 9:00 am to Noon, Peace First Lutheran downtown campus, corner of 12th & Exchange. Ages 3 through 5th grade. Last day to register online is June 17th. No on-site registration. COST: The cost is \$15 for one student or \$25 per family.

We are also in need of props and decorations with a nautical theme: life vests, life preservers, oars, inflatables boats.....

## Job Opening

Our Savior's Lutheran church in Seaside is looking for a part-time parish assistant.

Details are on their website: <https://www.oslc-seaside.org/jobs>

Our PFL community is growing! We're elated to welcome more families with young children, and *we kindly ask that the nursery only be used by children 5 and under.* Here at Peace First we have no qualms about wiggles and whispers during service, it's wonderful to see children enjoying the worship service with their families! Our childcare attendant is happy to play with and read to the littlest Lutherans if they get too squirmy for you to enjoy the service. Should your older children need a break, we suggest utilizing the downstairs youth room (with an adult of course) where there is a ping pong and air hockey table along with couches, board games.

Today			FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday	May 15	8:30 am	Holy Communion
		9:45 am	Sunday School
		11:00 am	Holy Communion
Monday	May 16	6:30 pm	Scouts BSA (UFR)
Tuesday	May 17	9:30 am	Stewardship Sewing (DFH)
		7:00 pm	AI-Anon
Wednesday	May 18	10:30 am	Bible Study
		12:00 pm	Noontime Prayer (Sanctuary)
		6:00 pm	Bible Study (UFR)
		6:15 pm	Cub Scouts (FSR)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thursday	May 19	4:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop 11924 (FSR)
		6:30 pm	Church Council (UFR)
		7:00 pm	Rainland Fly Casters (SR)
Friday	May 20		
Saturday	May 21	3:00 pm	Fuller Center Cyclist's Group (dinner & stay the night)
Sunday	May 22		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Blue = Uppertown campus    Red = Downtown campus**

**Church Council:** Congregational President—Natalie Osburn, Congregational Vice President—Jim Randall, Secretary—Carol Smith, Financial Secretary—Phyllis Taylor, Treasurer—Karen Haines, Non-Officers: Jon Burpee, Rick Balkins, Sylvia Stephens, Lowell Benner.



