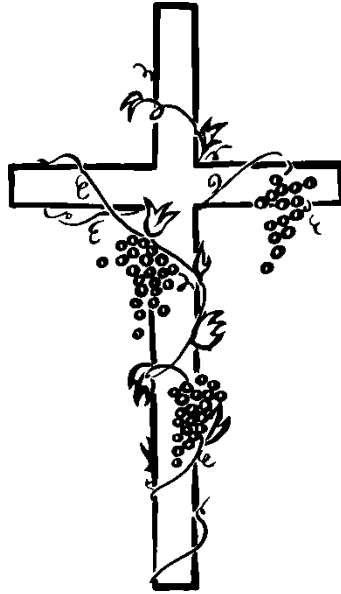


## Order of Worship Setting Eight



Sunday, April 28, 2024

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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Prelude

Time for Silent Meditation

**Gathering\***

Confession and Forgiveness\*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honour and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn... # 798... 'Will You Come and Follow Me'

Greeting\*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Kyrie ... page 184

Canticle of Praise ... page 187... This is the feast...

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day\*

*The congregation joins in the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer*

O God,

**you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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 8:26-40

*Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian*

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm...Psalm 22:25-31...*read responsively by whole verse*  
*"All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord." (Psalm 22:27)*

Second Reading ... 1 John 4:7 - 21

*God's love perfected in love for one another*

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation ... page 188...Alleluia

Gospel ... John 15:1-8

*Christ the vine*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn of the Day ... # 592... 'Just As I Am'

The Apostle's Creed... *found inside the back cover of your hymnal*

Let us confess our faith according to the Apostle's Creed:

Prayers of Intercession

*An assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.*

*Each portion of the prayer ends with these or similar words.*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these or similar words.*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

### **Meal**

Offering

*The gifts are brought forward as the Offertory is sung.*

Offertory ... **# 185** ... 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

Offertory Prayer\*

*The congregation joins in the offertory prayer.*

Risen One,  
**you call us to believe and bear fruit.**  
**May the gifts that we offer here**  
**be signs of your abiding love.**  
**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus...page 190 ...'Holy, holy, holy Lord.'

Eucharistic Prayer ... page 133 *in hymnal*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
**Come, Holy Spirit...Come, Holy Spirit**  
**Amen.**

Lord's Prayer...*Sung*

Invitation to Communion\*

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone is welcome to commune at the Lord's table*

Agnus Dei ... page 191 ... 'Lamb of God'

Communion Hymn ...**# 814** ...'Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am'

### **Table Blessing**

Post Communion Canticle ...**# 205**...'Thankful Hearts'

Prayer after Communion\*

Shepherding God,  
**you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with**  
**your love. Send us forth from this banquet**  
**to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy**  
**of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

### **Sending**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

Sending Song ... **# 881**...'Let All Things Now Living'

Dismissal\*  
Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

### **Announcements**

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Tech Manager.....	Steven Ingram
Altar .....	Susan Rutledge
Sunday School.....	Darlene Ingram
Coffee Hour.....	Lynda Neville, Shirley Gauthier

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sunday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- Sunday School 10:55 AM
- Holy Communion Worship Pr Doreen McFarlane 11:00 AM
- Announcements
- Birthday Sunday Coffee Hour

### **Thursday, May 2 - Bible Study 10:30 AM – 12 noon**

### **Sunday, May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- Sunday School 10:55 AM
- Holy Communion Worship Pr Julio Romero 11:00 AM
- Announcements
- Coffee Hour

### **Wednesday, May 8 – WoF Meeting 1:30 – 3:00 PM**

### **Thursday, May 9 - Bible Study 10:30 AM – 12 noon**

**Sunday, May 5 – Walter Haldorson Trivia Afternoon, right after service** Cost: **Freewill Offering** to cover the cost of the pizza and refreshments. First prize: Bragging rights. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please speak to Cheryl Smart if you have any questions.

**Let's Help Eigil, our delegate to Synod Convention, June 20-24** – A new Eastern Synod Bishop and other officers will be elected at this convention. The candidates' profiles will be posted on the Eastern Synod website by May 20. Eigil would like input on who you feel would be the best candidates.

**Sunday, June 9 – Niagara Ministry Area Leadership Team is planning** an all parish event at First Lutheran Church, Port Colborne, **11:00 AM**. Worship service will be followed by a BBQ so bring your lawn chair. Carpooling will be arranged. More information is posted on the bulletin boards in the narthex and the fellowship hall. Questions? Speak to Dave Smart.

**Pastoral care** – If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church and leave a message (messages will be checked daily), or, in an emergency, call Pr. Julio on his cell phone 289-407-3993. If it is not an emergency please keep in mind that Saturday and Monday are his days off.

**Community Care** – Dave and Cheryl Smart delivered **36 lbs** of items to Community Care this past week. Thanks to all those who donated. Let us continue to remember the less fortunate by donating to the Food Bank. Community Care also needs other items such as hygiene products like travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, diapers and gently used clothing.