

**Order of Worship
Setting Seven**

Prelude

Announcements

Time for Silent Meditation

Gathering

Acknowledgement

Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty,
or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults and release us
from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by
name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit,
you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn... # 846... 'Amen, We Praise Your Name' (3X)

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.

Kyrie* ... page 175

**Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy on us; O Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy on us; O Lord, have mercy**

Canticle of Praise* ... page 176 ... 'Gloria, gloria..'

**Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!
Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!
And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.
And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.**

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

Almighty God,
**your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your
presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for
all the world, and in the end bring everything into
your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

Word

First Reading ... Acts 1:1-11

Jesus sends the apostles

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm ... Psalm 47 ... *read responsively by whole verse*
"God has gone up with a shout" (Psalm 47:5)

Second Reading ... Ephesians 1:15-23

Eyes to see the risen and ascended Christ

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel ... Luke 24:44-53

Christ present in all times and in all places.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Sunday, June 1, 2025

Ascension of Our Lord

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Hymn of the Day ... # 393... 'A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing'

The Apostles' Creed ... *found inside back cover of hymnal*

Prayers of Intercession

An assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.

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

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude with these or similar words.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **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.

Offering Song ... # 185 ... 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

Offertory Prayer*

The congregation joins in the offertory prayer.

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving* ... page 180

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 181 ... 'Holy, holy, holy Lord.'

Holy, holy, holy Lord God. God of might and power; Holy is the Lord. Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God. God of might and power; Holy is the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer...page 133

...**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

... **Come, Holy Spirit ... Come, Holy Spirit ... Amen**

Lord's Prayer...*SUNG*

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*

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.
Thanks be to God.

Everyone is welcome to commune at the Lord's table

Agnus Dei* ... page 183 ... 'O Lamb of God'

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn ...# 752 ...'Lord, Listen to Your Children'

Table Blessing

Post Communion Cantic ... # 205...'Thankful Hearts...'

Prayer after Communion*

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

Sending

Blessing*

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
Amen.

Sending Song...# 671...'Shine, Jesus, Shine'

Dismissal*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 1 – Ascension of Our Lord

- Sunday School 10:55 AM

- Announcements

- Holy Communion Worship Pr Kevin Powell 11:00 AM

- Villa Annual Meeting

- Coffee Hour

Thursday, June 5 – NO Bible Study till Fall

Sunday, June 8 – Day of Pentecost

- Sunday School 10:55 AM

- Announcements

- Holy Communion Worship Pr Julio Romero 11:00 AM

- Coffee Hour

Villa Annual Reports are available in the narthex.

Villa Annual Meeting immediately after Service

Ladies, Save the date - The Women of Faith invite all the women to join them for lunch at The Mandarin on Bunting Road on **Wednesday June 11, 2025, at 12:00 noon.**

Bring a Friend. Sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Domino Challenge for Community Care,

June 1 – September 14 We are collecting boxes of Cereal until September 14th when we will have a Welcome Back Luncheon and set up for a “Domino Effect” with the cereal boxes. The cereal will then be delivered to Community Care Food Bank. How long will the Domino Effect line be?

Sunday, June 22 – Annual Picnic at Heartland Forest, NF

Faith has invited the other ELCIC churches in the Niagara Area to join us. Service begins at **11:00 AM. Bring a lawn chair.** Carpooling can be arranged. Sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex. Last day to sign-up is **June 8.** There will be **NO** Service at Faith that Sunday.

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 – Let us continue to remember the less fortunate by donating nonperishable items 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.

Spring Cleaning – First Lutheran Church, Port Colborne

Looking for donations of household items, clothing and books
Drop Off date: **June 14, 12 PM - 3 PM** More info is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Workshops – Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre led by

Anna Racine, **Saturday, June 14, 9:30 – 3:30.** Growing in Faith, Hope, and Charity: A Recipe for Life : **\$70** includes buffet lunch.

Register: 905-356-4113 or at www.carmelniagara.com More information is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.