



Shepherd
OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Caring For All God's Children

Saturday Evening Worship
May 14, 2022
5:00 p.m.

The Fifth Weekend of Easter

Prelude Welcome

(stand)

(based upon John 13)

Jesus spoke to his followers and gave them a new and important commandment.

"Love one another. In the same pattern that I have loved you, love one another."

"This is how everyone is going to know that you are my disciples; when they see how much love you have for one another."

We are a people who will love each other in the pattern given to us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We worship our God, our Three-in-One God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn "Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing" ELW 389

The Confession and Forgiveness

God, we admit that our human nature leads us in the opposite direction of actively sacrificing ourselves on behalf of someone else.

Our view of true love is confined by our limited imaginations. Our impulse to love one another is held captive by the sin of our human condition. It is our confession that we cannot love you and one another as we should. Forgive us.

Hymn “I Come with Joy” vv. 1-3 ELW 483

Living Christ, we give you thanks and praise for your agape love for all humankind that becomes clearly evident in your birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Let us pray together.

You lived love on our behalf, and now you call us to live love for others. This is both our calling and privilege, and we proclaim this good news in what we do and say in your name. Amen.

(sit)

Message John 13:31-35 Pastor Mark Boster

(stand)

Hymn “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” ELW 377

The Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

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.

The Prayers and Sharing of Peace

(sit)

Offering

(stand)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray for God's blessing on these gifts that have been received. God of grace and blessing, we are your people who offer these gifts in grateful response to the love you have first given to us. We recognize the many ways that we are changed and transformed by the many missions and ministries that impact us and our community in many ways. Bless these gifts and multiply their use in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Table

Holy are you, Creator of the universe, whose love is poured out on all humankind in Jesus Christ.

O risen Christ, you are truly present in bread and wine.

Your agape love is shared in this meal, in the cup of love and the bread of life.

Lead us in the way of sacrificial love for one another.

Words of Institution

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Come, Holy Spirit, and equip us for the mission ahead. Come, Holy Spirit, and empower us to be proclaimers of your good news. Come, Holy Spirit, and authorize us to bring healing in your name.

Lord's Prayer (*prayed together*)

(sit)

The Distribution

Blessing

Hymn "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" 1-4, 8 ELW 619

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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