

Service of Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	<i>Welcome, Happy Morning!</i>	- Camil Van Hulse
	<i>Chorale Fughetta on "O Filii et Filiae"</i>	- James Konkel
	<i>Praeludium et Fuga</i>	- Jozef Surzyński

WELCOME

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of baptism:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

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.**

GATHERING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Red Book #836

GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed.

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 138 in the front of the red book*

THIS IS THE FEAST *page 140 in the front of the red book*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to
the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as
well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the
Gentiles is officially authorized.*

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.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 *read responsively*

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

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

⁴**Praise 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 of the world;

**¹²young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

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!**

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

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;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

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 the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

Red Book #452

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of love and light,

By your love, you made us part of the body of Christ. Help us embrace the gift of community, with all of its joys and challenges. Through the relationships we share with one another help us grow more deeply in your love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Before you, we call to mind those who suffer the evils of war, especially the people of Ukraine, Afghanistan (and others). Do not leave them alone in their suffering. Bring about the peace that passes all understanding. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call people from all nations, cultures, and languages into the body of your Son. Teach us to be humble about our own culture and curious about those of others, rejoicing in everything that glorifies you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dwell with those in pain or distress, especially those with long covid, those with cancer, and those who suffer injury from war, and all others whom we remember now before you...*(silent prayer)*...God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hold in your heavenly arms those who have died and rest from their labors (especially)... Make us with them eager for the coming of the new Jerusalem. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Trio

- Alexandre-P.-F. Boëly

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy (*the presiding minister continues giving thanks*)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
 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 death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Finally, as Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of

communicants. *Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.*

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *led by the assisting minister*

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you have given the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Praise the Lord! O Heavens* Red Book #823

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Canzona* - Joh. Jacob Froberger

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Lois Trimbur	Assisting Minister
Tracy Gullickson	Reader
Signe Mitchell	Organist
Sue Morrow	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Jack Rudzki and Jan Nieto	Ushers

Jim and Jeanette Cunningham	Counters
Jim and Jeanette Cunningham	Social Hour

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Bill and Judy Vilcheck,
in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 5/16	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tues., 5/17	Election Day	Voting set up in Social Hall
Wed., 5/18	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thurs., 5/19	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 5/20		Pastor Kimberly's Day Off
Sat., 5/21	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: First English will serve as a polling place for the Primary Election this Tuesday, May 17th.

We mourn with the family of Mary Ellen Shanor, who died in resurrection hope on May 11, 2022. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Children ages 3 through confirmation age are invited to gather in the Social Hall after worship today for faith formation.

On Sunday, May 29 (the Sunday before Memorial Day) we will remember by name in the prayers of intercession those known to our congregation who died in service of our country. If you would like to have someone remembered in the prayers that day, please email the church office at officefelc@zoominternet.net or place their names on the list in the bulletin board in the social hall.

If you would like to be added to First English's email list, please send us an email to officefelc@zoominternet.net.

PRAYERS

Holly Schubert; Jeff Cunningham; the family of Mary Ellen Shanor; continued healing for John Negley; family of Don Hapeman (Jeanette Cunningham's stepfather); family of Jim Petsinger; Ellen Dodge; family of Jean Morrow; Jamie McPoyle & family; Andrea Dubler; Keith Morgan; Jan Nieto; family of Marlyn Dempsey; Michelle; baby Mac & family; family of Megan Gibson; Chrissy; family of Charlie Stitt; Jennifer Hartle Fink; family of Rob Huey; the people of Ukraine & others affected by the conflict; Tracy Steadman & family; Cassidy; Roberta; Cindy Regis & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Tad Sellers; Anne Ferguson; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson; Judy; Claudia; Karen; Anita

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 16:9-15

Lydia and her household are baptized by Paul

Psalm 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

The Lamb is the light of the city of God

John 14:23-29

The Father will send the Holy Spirit

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