



## Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 2, 2021

**Prelude**                      *Chorale: Good Christian Friends – John Ferguson*      Dr. Steven Gray

### Gathering Hymn

#### ***Every Morning is Easter Morning***

*Refrain: Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!*

*Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!*

Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance! Hello, Lord, Hello, sun!  
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!    *Refrain*

Daily news is so bad it seems the Good News seldom gets heard.  
Get it straight from the Easter People! God's in charge spread the word!    *Refrain*

Yesterday I was bored and lonely; But today look and see!  
I belong to the Easter People! Life's exciting to me!    *Refrain*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

#### **C Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.    **C Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

***Now Behold the Lamb - ELW 341***

Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God,  
who bore all my sin, that I may live again: the precious Lamb of God.

Holy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.  
Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know; the precious Lamb of God.

Thank you for the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.  
Because of your grace I can finish the race; the precious Lamb of God.

**Prayer of The Day**

P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.

**The Lessons**

1 John 4:7-21

Psalm 22:25-31

**Gospel Acclamation**

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah - ELW 172***

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

**Gospel** John 15:1-8

**Sermon** Pastor Jonathan Doolittle

**Hymn of the Day**

***Now the Green Blade Rises – ELW 379 (vs. 1-3)***

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

## **Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. 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**

## **Prayers**

**P** Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Song of Prayer**

***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying - ELW 752***

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## **The Peace**

*While we cannot share the peace in person,  
we live each day knowing the gift of God's great peace is with us always.*

## **Musical Offering**

*Down by the Riverside – arr. Mary McDonald*

Katy Lundeen

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Blessing and Dismissal

**P** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Sending Hymn *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright – ELW 384*

That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord!

O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.

O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!

### Postlude

*Toccata in E Major – Johann Pachelbel*

Dr. Steven Gray

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### Serving Us Today

Pastor Jonathan Doolittle & Pastor Cyndi Jones

Dr. Steven Gray, Organist & Director of Music

Katy Lundeen, Vocalist

Karen Creusere, Reader

Eddie McCoven & Lewis TenHulzen, AV Team

Shirley Kaltenborn, Gary Lange, Sandra Logan, Check-in & Ushers

Emilie Lauchmen, Communion Assistant

Lorri Carlsen, Slides Creator

**Remember in prayer:** Bev Covey, Myra Brandt, Bill Reed, Merle Flattum, Nadine Anderson, Jack Volkmann, Gary Slaughter, Gaby Oregon, Barb Kanneman, Lindsay Bailey, Elsie Haake, Drew Shearin, and Elsie Brady.

**A Celebration of Life for Larry & June Asfazadour** will be held this Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. here at church. Cookies and coffee will be served afterwards on the patio.

**A Celebration of Life for Margaret Volkmann** will be held Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. here at Clairemont Lutheran Church.

## **Racial Justice.**

Do those words strike a chord in you? Perhaps they scare you, or maybe they create hope in you. Either way, this is important work! Why do we need to do this? The integrity of the biblical faith we claim must match the faith we live in our daily interactions. The future of our country and the world are dependent on the success of this important work. Angela Jackson will be leading an 8-week discussion about this topic beginning **Monday, May 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** at church, in person. The series is called "Dialogues on Race" and the study book will be available at our first meeting for \$12.00. We will meet in Room 1 or the Fellowship Hall **in person** as there is a lot of shared work in this study that really isn't meant to happen on Zoom. We will be socially distanced and use other precautions as well. If you are interested in participating, please let Angela know.



**The Rev. Laurie Line Scholarship:** Pastor Laurie Line was ordained in 2001 and spent her entire ordained ministry in the Pacifica Synod. She served several congregations as an interim and others as settled pastor. (She was a member here in her youth, and returned as a pastor to serve CLC/ILC for 3 years) Pastor Laurie retired in 2016. She died in 2020 from complications of a rare form of dementia.

This new scholarship, created by a generous donation in Pastor Laurie's name, is intended for women seeking ordination as a Rostered Minister of Word and Sacrament. Pastor Laurie knew firsthand of the struggles that women encounter in leadership and was always very encouraging and proud of women who went through seminary. She always cried tears of joy when she saw Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton because she was so proud to have a woman serving as the national leader of the ELCA. We are accepting donations on her behalf to send to the synod to help fund this scholarship. If you would like to contribute, please note "Line Memorial" on the memo line of your check. Thank you for being a part of her journey.

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