# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 15, 2022



Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

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### "Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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# If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



#### Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

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.

Opening Hymn

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

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.** 

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 Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

please be seated Children's Sermon

Paul Fuelling

please stand in body or spirit Gospel

John 13:31 - 35

The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

please be seated Sunday School Program

please stand in body or spirit Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Loves Me"

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(children will sing the first verse then the congregation will join in)

please be seated

Blessing of Graduates

Dear friends: Life presents us with various significant milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey. Graduating from high school is one of these milestones. Today we wish to honor those who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

Graduates, please come forward as your names are read: Sam Cash, Scott Cash, Francisco DeDurana, Zoey Gates, Mason Harms, Olivia Heimsoth, Matthew Luetjen, Jarrett Prince and Alisa Schlesselman.

At this time of celebration and transition, hear these words from Holy Scripture.

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

<sup>11</sup>For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup>I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Dear graduates: We are delighted to honor you as you graduate! We want you to know that, wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

We also know that you weren't alone in this journey, and so we invite your parents to come forward and join you in this time of blessing.

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young men and women. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever. **Amen.** 

Parents are invited to place a hand on their children's head or shoulder.

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.** 

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

*please be seated*Offering

please stand in body or spirit Offertory

"Let The Vineyard Be Fruitful"

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#### Offering Prayer

Let us pray......Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

The 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.** 

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us 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.

HOLY COMMUNION By Stations

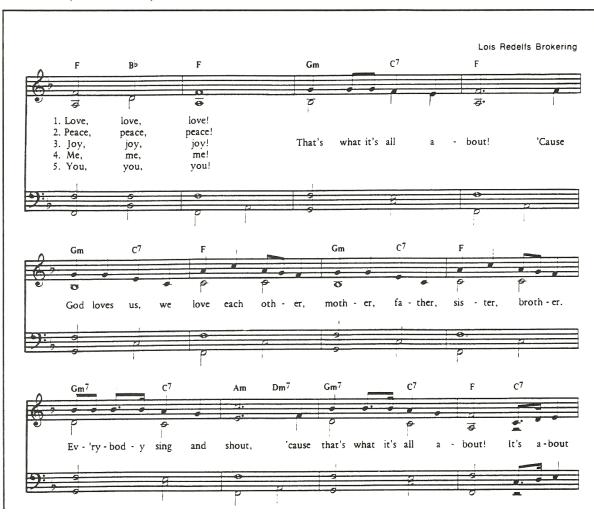
All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

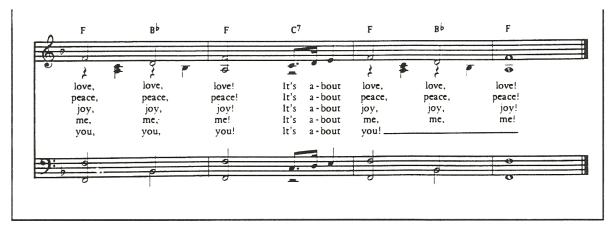
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

*please be seated*Communion Hymns

Love, Love, Love!

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"Children of the Heavenly Father"

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"Beautiful Savior"

#838

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen** 

#### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray......We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

#### **Blessing**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, 

→ bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

Sending Hymn

"Earth and All Starts"

#731

Dismissal

Alleluia. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

# "CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!"



**Welcome:** As we draw close to God in worship, let us also draw close to others in love and friendship. Pray earnestly, sing joyously, listen intently and greet one another sincerely.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

**In Our Prayers**: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Glen Webb, Elroy VonHolten, Taylor Prince, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.



Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Helena Marriott (grandmother of Tiffinay Nash), Lowell (Tiny) Viebrock, Phil Wellington, Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Russell (friend of Florence VonHolten), Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose.* Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC.* Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms.* 

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from Need Prayer? the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

**New Baby:** Congratulations to Jordan and Emily Kyle on the arrival of their son, Kolby Evan Kyle. He was born on Tuesday, May 10th. Kolby Evan is the brother of Jentry and Korbin and grandson to Bryan and Cindy Schlesselman and Susan Kyle.



The red rose on the baptismal font is in celebration of new life.



Children's Program: Today, our Sunday School and Preschool children will be presenting a program in celebration of the culmination of this year's Sunday School. Pastor Sandy will serve as presiding minister.

**Graduates:** Halleluiah! Let us rejoice with our members who are We are very proud of all of you and pray that God will, araduatina. continue to guide your way. We will be honoring our graduates during worship today. "One Stitch At A Time" will have quilts displayed to be given to our St. Paul's high school graduates. Our graduates for this year are......Sam Cash, Scott Cash, Francisco DeDurana, Zoey Gates, Mason Harms, Olivia Heimsoth, Matthew Luetjen, Jarrett Prince and Alisa Schlesselman.



Sewing: "One Stitch At A Time" will be sewing on Monday, May 16th at 9:00am in the church basement.

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, May 16th at 7:00pm at the home of Ellen Harms. Lois Viebrock will be the host.





LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, May 17th and Wednesday, May 18th from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, May 19th from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Bluegrass Sunday!! Worship on Sunday, May 22nd will be exciting! It will be a mix between traditional worship and bluegrass music. The group "The Potter's Wheel" will lead the pre-worship music beginning at 9:30 and will play during throughout the worship service. Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Dave Whetter will deliver the sermon. Pastor Whetter is the Bishop's Associate on the Bishop's staff. He was ordained in 2007 and has served two congregations in the Kansas City area. Prior to being ordained, he spent 20 years in the business sector.

Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **May 25th** at 3:00pm.

St. Paul's Son of the Congregation: Pastor Bryant Kaden will be our guest pastor on Saturday, May 28th and Sunday, May 29th. It will be a delight to have him with us for the S E R V I C E weekend! Following, there will be a barbecue, allowing for all to have an opportunity to visit with Bryant and meet his family. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the outdoors or seating will be available in the Fellowship hall. We will have burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, and dessert. There is a sign-up in the link for some of the food items. Come and enjoy!!

World Hunger Fish Fry: Fishermen, cast your lines! We need your fish for the World Hunger Fish Fry and Turkey Dinner on Sunday, **June 5th** 4 from 11:30am until 1:00pm. Please consider helping with the fish fry. You can contact Glenalee Dillon or Joyce Schlesselmann if you plan to volunteer Fish Fry or have questions. As you satisfy your hunger please remember those whose hunger is never satisfied.



**WELCA:** The Central States Women of the ELCA will be holding Women of the their annual convention (first time in-person since 2019) on Friday evening - Sunday morning, **July 22-24**. The convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park. The board has worked hard

to make this an exciting convention with break-out sessions addressing relevant topics pertinent to today's society. Pastor Stephen is leading one of the sessions on the topic of "Sabbath Rest". Also the key-note speaker for Friday evening is our own Pastor Kim. She will be addressing the theme of the convention "Rejoice in Hope".

Registration forms are on the ushers' stand (organ side). All women are invited to attend (one day registration is also available)!! It would be wonderful to have some of our younger ladies attending this year. **Registration deadline is June 1.** Any questions, see Janice Gerken.

**Retreats:** As we've been discussing sabbath, rest, and emptying, Communities of Calling would like to host some retreats for our community. However, we would like to gauge how much interest there might be in each kind of retreat before starting to plan. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Link and an online survey has been emailed out. Please let us know if any of the listed retreats would be of interest to you, or if you have another idea for something!

#### ~ \* ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ \* ~

Picnic 'n Picking' in the Park: A family friendly event (free admission) to be held in the Ezekial Williams Park on Sunday, May 22nd beginning on at 5:00pm with the Travis Inman dedication followed by music by the Hensley Boys and Lindley Creek. Enjoy concessions with food and drink in the park. Sponsored by State Fair Community College and Bothwell Regional Health Center. Inclement weather location at the Cole Camp R-I Cafeteria. Bring you lawn chair and enjoy!

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# May 22 Pastor Dave Whetter and "The Potters Wheel" May 22 Little Blessing Pre-School Moving Up Ceremony May 29 Pastor Bryant Kaden June 5 World Hunger Fish Fry June 9-11 Synod Assembly

#### Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers	The Whole Congregation
	Pastor Sandy Schlesselman
	Lois Viebrock
	Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild ·····	Shirley Cash & Norma Schlesselman
Ushers	Bruce Wienberg, Assistant Head Usher
·····Jim Gum	nbel, Mark Oelrichs, Justin Tinney & Kelly Viebrock



## Fifth Sunday of Sunday ∼ May 15, 2022

Assisting Minister	Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants	Luther League
Children's Sermon	·····Paul Fuelling
Reader	Logan Jackson
Acolytes	······ Grady Elliott & Kaelyn Keith
Flowers	·····Norma Schlesselman



## Sixth Sunday of Sunday ~ May 22, 2022

Assisting Minister	····· Melisa Balke
Communion Assistants	····· Virgil & Diann Holsten
Children's Sermon ·····	·····Pastor Dave Whetter
Reader	····· Glenalee Dillon
Acolytes ·····	······ Lauren Brown & Ethan Goosen
Flowers ·····	····· Wanda Viebrock