



*"I give you a new commandment."*

## **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May 15, 2022

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## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00 AM**

Please stand.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*A brief 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.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives* Hymn # 380

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

### **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.*

A: A reading from Acts—

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.

<sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

<sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"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.

<sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.

<sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

<sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

<sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'

<sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

<sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

<sup>12</sup>The 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.

<sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;

<sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

<sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

<sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>17</sup>If 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?"

<sup>18</sup>When 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 God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 148**

*"The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven."*

A: <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

A: <sup>3</sup>Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

A: <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

**C: <sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

A: <sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**C: <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

A: <sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and cedars;

**C: <sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

A: <sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**C: <sup>12</sup>young men and maidens, old and young together.**

A: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**C: <sup>14</sup>The 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.*

A: A reading from Revelation—

<sup>1</sup>I 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.

<sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And 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;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as we welcome the Gospel.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

### **SERMON**

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Please join us in honoring our dedicated Church groups and volunteers.

### **MEDITATION**

*Sing a Joyful Song* by Jim Farrell (Featuring the Adult Choir)

Please stand.

### **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 OF INTERCESSION**

Petition Response to “God, in your mercy:” **Hear our prayer.**

### **PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

### **OFFERING**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the Church, including the care of those in need.

### **OFFERTORY**

*Thine Be the Glory* Hymn # 376 (Flute & Piano)

Please stand.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**C: Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Pastor)**

Please remain standing.

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

The assembly is seated.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time, you are welcome to remain seated.

### **COMMUNION**

#### **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

*We Are Marching in the Light of God (Spiritual)* (Flute & Piano)

Please stand.

#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* Hymn # 618

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## *We Welcome All Visitors to our Services!*

Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary.

*Parents with Restless Children* may wish to move to the library, where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.



## Today's Altar Flowers Are Given

In Loving Memory of Emilie Koch and John Geestmann

*by Claudia & John Gross*

## Serving Today

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Altar Guild: Regina Coons, Joan Drake, Norma Mantay, Doris Ohlander

Counters: Doris & Roger Ohlander, Barbara & Bob Rath

Usher: John Gross

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Nicole Nicholson: Director of Music

Kamelija Galijan-Curry: Organist

Roxanne Toomey: Deacon

Della Rao: Parish Administrator, Christian Education Coordinator

Dana Antonette: Nursery School Director

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## Weekly Announcements

*CLC Welcomes Rev. John Backe. Thank you for leading our worship today!*

Today is Recognition Sunday. Our congregation has a proud, enduring legacy of service; to each other, to the community, to the world, and to God. Our groups and volunteers are committed to making our ministry thrive, and to living out God's earthly mission. We thank you for all that you do.

*You are what makes Christ Lutheran a true spiritual home!*

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bishop Egensteiner will lead us in worship and bless our remodeled parsonage. All are invited afterwards for an open house and continental breakfast, hosted by Council. We will also be celebrating the retirements of Pastor Nale and Elaine DiChiara. **If you would like to attend this special day, please submit an RSVP form no later than this Wednesday. The RSVP form can be found enclosed in your bulletin.**

CLC is looking forward to several exciting summer events, including the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. **We welcome decorators and marchers.** Please contact the Church office as soon as possible if you would like to be involved.

All ladies are invited to WELCA's Anniversary Luncheon, to be held on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Villa D'Aqua. If you would like to attend, please submit the RSVP form on page ten of your bulletin by **May 27<sup>th</sup>**.

The Lutheran Schools Association (LSA) is holding a baseball fundraiser. **Yankees vs. Red Sox tickets** are available! If interested, please visit <https://www.lsanewyork.org/events-lsa> or contact the Church office.

Registration is underway! Vacation Bible School will be held from **June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**. Our theme this year is Making Waves. If you would like to be involved in this special week, please reach out to Jess or John Heron at (516) 633-9518, or email [jheron423@yahoo.com](mailto:jheron423@yahoo.com).

### St. John's Food Pantry

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Apple Juice or Cranberry Blend, 64 oz. - Canned Peaches - Canned Peas  
Canned Pears - Campbell's Cream of Mushroom of Soup - Cooking Oil  
Egg Noodles - Ketchup - Mustard - Pancake Mix - Shampoo - Syrup  
Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

**CLC This Week: May 15<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Spire Submission Deadline: Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Bell Choir: Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Adult Choir: Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM

**Thrift Shop: Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-3:00PM**

***Spring Celebration: Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Beginning at 9:00 AM***

For a complete list of activities this month, please visit our website,  
or check your latest copy of the Spire.

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*WELCA's Anniversary Luncheon*

*Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 1:00 PM*

Please join us for our Anniversary Luncheon. We will gather at:

Villa D'Aqua - 2565 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore  
(Approximately a mile south of Merrick Road, on the left)

Phone: 516-308-4900

The cost per person is \$27. You will have a selection of:

Soup or Salad

Chicken, Veal, Seafood, or Pasta Special

Dessert and Coffee

If you plan to attend, please submit this form with your payment by **May 27<sup>th</sup>**.  
Please make all checks out to WELCA. You may send these to the Church office,  
or give them directly to Claudia Gross or Lilly Ann Munnich. Hope to see you there!

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Yes, I plan on attending WELCA's Anniversary Luncheon.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check for \$27 made out to WELCA.



## **We Remember Especially Those On Our Prayer List**

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart

Danielle Chillemi - Donna Chillemi - Regina Coons - Sal Costanzo

Marge Dahlberg - Mike Dauth - Joan Drake - Charlie Fisher

Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser - Joe Hanna

Barbara Hess - Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea - William McShea

Bill Miller - James Pallas - Roberta Pfister - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce

Bob Rath - Sheila Reeves - Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer

Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan

Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Laura Vogel

*To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Church office.*

*Names remain on the list for a period of six weeks per request.*



## **Christ Lutheran Church, Wantagh, New York**

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### **Congregational Council**

Mr. Hans Vogel, President - Mrs. Nancy Pisani, Vice President

Mrs. Barbara Stone, Treasurer - Mrs. Kirsten Duprez, Secretary

The Rev. Dr. John Krahn - Mrs. Regina Coons - Mrs. Claudia Gross

Ms. Jeri Hallgren - Mr. Bill Henderson - Mr. James Sheridan

Mr. James Spiegle - Mrs. Roxanne Toomey

### **Pastoral Call Committee**

Eric Juergens, Chair - Dee Bloomfield - Eileen Colton

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