

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 15, 2022 10:00 a.m.

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COVID-19 Guidelines:

Masks are welcome and optional inside St. Luke's while the COVID-19 rate remains at a low level according to Wisconsin DHS.

Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Children's Time

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 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. 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; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 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.' 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?" 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars:
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
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."

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." 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 13:31-35

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have

loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Seth Raymond

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 the People

Please respond to the bidding 'we pray to the Father' with 'hear our prayer.'

The Peace All stand.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

Please Stand.

Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people remain standing.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts . . . All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN*.

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.

If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.

Post-communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Prelude

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher. Always feel free to call or email Fr. Seth at 414-379-2228 or seth@hospitality-center.org

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYE: Marshall Cushman

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SECOND READER: Marshall Cushman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Cindy Ganzel

SUPPLY ORGANIST: James Sodke

CANTOR: Isabelle Esquivel

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Judy Panyk

USHERS: Amber Beth, Becky Turk

COFFEE HOUR: Men of the Church

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Doris, Madelyn, Debbie, Bethany, Tony, Christi, Chris, Ron, Bob, Ernie and family, Jane and John, Neil, Judy, Olivia **Homebound**: Jeanne, Bill, Barbara

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee
Hospitality Center
Racine Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center

In the Diocese of Milwaukee: St. Dunstan's, Madison

Almighty God, we pray for the faithful people of St. Dunstan's, Madison. May they deepen their lives of faith, growing in leadership, hospitality, care for the environment, and above all, growing ever closer to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

For the Church: In the World

The Scottish Episcopal Church
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti
Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

For Recent Immigrants to Racine

Khalid, Christiana, Ayo, Ako, and those arrived from Afghanistan

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Racine Vocational Ministries.** Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Thanksgiving for Birthdays and Anniversary

Kathy, Neil Leah and Naoki Nakamura

Today's Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the member's of St. Monica's Guild

Re-introducing The Summer Quiet Retreat at DeKoven Center Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14, 2022

- Contemplate the presence of God within us
- Explore the interior spiritual journey that silent prayer nurtures
- Look at how we might participate in the larger movement of meditative prayer
- Search for a personal spiritual path

Discover the quiet place within, to take back with you into your busy life.

- ✓ Presented by: Rev. Geoff Ward & Rev. Brian Hastings.
- ✓ Cost: \$350 per person (same as 2019 retreat). All meals, materials and lodging included.

Retreat begins Monday starting with a luncheon and closes after breakfast and Holy Eucharist on Thursday. To Register: Please complete the information and return no later than June 3, 2022 via email or mail. Email: lkancian@dekovencenter.org. | Mail: The DeKoven Center, Attn: Lynn Kancian, 600 Caron Butler Drive, Racine, WI 53403.

Check out the retreat details at dekovencenter.org/sponsored-events. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Kancian at lkancian@dekovencenter.org or call 262-633-6401 ext. 104. Flyers are available ask an usher. Thank you

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