



Traditional Worship Service  
Saturday, May 16, 2020  
5:00 P.M.

**PRELUDE**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Charles Callahan

**GATHERING**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.  
In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.  
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.  
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.  
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING – 1 Peter 3:13-22**

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

<sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL – John 14:15-21**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

The gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“Since you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees the Advocate nor knows the Advocate. You know the Spirit of truth, because the spirit abides with you, and the spirit will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Christina Garrett Klein*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection and welcoming God into the sanctuaries of our homes, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Abiding God, come into all the homes around the globe from which your people offer their prayer and reveal yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Bless leaders – pastors, councils, and staff - as they guide the faith communities through this pandemic. Grant your grace and show your kindness to all who search for you, whether within or outside the church. Embolden your church to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You call all people of the world your children. Instill in all the leaders of nations a desire for justice and the will to serve the oppressed. Guide our nation's governors in their difficult pathway between the threat of disease and the dangers of scarcity and isolation. Bring our legislators into agreement about how to assist those in need. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who are in great need, those who suffer from the coronavirus, those living in loneliness and fear, those without jobs, and those who mourn their dead. Uphold those whose futures have been taken away from them. We pray for health care workers and for the residents in care homes, prisons, and refugee camps. For the countless persons who carry heavy burdens on their back and we call out to you these names, whether aloud with our lips, or silently in our hearts... We pray with hope for a vaccine: Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God our parent, embrace all orphans. Support the agencies that attend to the world's orphans. Shield orphaned children from traffickers. Give to all nations wisdom concerning the refugees who are children. Watch over all children whose usual care-givers are absent. Form us into your children who love all your whom you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us, especially those who have died of Covid-19, sickness, or old age. Unite us forever in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty and merciful God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

## **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING**

#### **BENEDICTION**

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead, raise you to new life,  
fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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Paul Manz

***See you next week for worship live-streamed  
at 5pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday!***



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*Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.*

*We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. Please check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council ([council@edgebrooklutheran.org](mailto:council@edgebrooklutheran.org)) with any concerns.*

*Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!*