Worship Service ~ May 15, 2022, 9:00 Fifth Sunday of Easter

VISION: Be the body of Christ: welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith. MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Mary and Tony Buck in honor of son Kevin's birthday!

PRELUDE Pastorale on a Celtic Alleluia (ELW #174) by Richard Proulx

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BAPTISM OF HUGH KATORSKI

SHARING OF THE PEACE P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OPENING SONG ELW #835 ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING stz 1, 3

All creatures worship God most high!

Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky; Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;

drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVOCATION L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

L: In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock, and our redeemer. God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

~Silence for reflection~

L: Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

L: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, our sins are \pm forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, O Lord God,

C: 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.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC Dennis Sanders and Daniel Pederson

R: A reading from Revelation

Revelation 21:1-6

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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;

⁴he 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."

⁵And 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." ⁶Then 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."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174 CELTIC ALLELUIA

R: A Gospel reading from the 13th chapter of John. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

SONG OF THE DAY ELW #804 COME DOWN O LOVE DIVINE stz 1, 4 Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out-pass the pow'r of human telling; no soul can guess Love's grace till it become the place where-in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

MUSICAL OFFERING *"The Gift of Love"* by Hal Hopson Faith Choir, Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. God of abundance,

C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L: God, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #368 WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE stz 1, 3 With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation.

With high delight let us unite in songs of great jubilation. You pure in heart, all bear your part, sing Jesus Christ, our salvation. To set us free forever, he is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends good news to save ev'ry nation.

Let praises ring; give thanks, and bring to Christ our Lord adoration. His honor speed by word and deed to ev'ry land, ev'ry nation. So shall his love give us above, from misery and death set free, all joy and full consolation.

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE on Lasst uns Erfreuen (ELW #835) by John Behnke

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2007 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #30622. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Used by permission. CCLI License #806083 CCS Worshipcast License #10638.

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA, Forest Lake, MN

Pastor John Klawiter, Senior Pastor; johnk@faithfl.org Pastor Steve Melander, Visitation Pastor; stevem@faithfl.org Deacon Nina Joygaard, Adult Ministry; ninaj@faithfl.org Cathy Nelson, Children, Youth & Family, cathyn@faithfl.org

www.faithfl.org 651-464-3323 9:00 Worship is Broadcast on FM 95.9 livestreaming at faithfl.org