

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
May 18, 2025-10:00am  
**Lakeside Community Lutheran Church**  
Webster, Wisconsin

**Introduction**

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

**GATHERING**

*We gather as God's People*  
*\* Please Stand if you are able*

**PRELUDE**      **Partita on All Are Welcome**      *Charles Lentz*  
**WELCOME**

**WELCOME HOME LITANY**

Jesus tells us in the parable of the prodigal son that we celebrate and rejoice in who has gone but now returned. what was lost has now been found.

**We rejoice and celebrate your return!**

Last October, we prayed for safe journeys to your second places of belonging; your homes in warm climates, your winter friends, and your winter interests.

**We rejoice and celebrate that you have returned to us!**

We have missed your presence; your smiles, your energy, and your creative gifts of the Spirit.

**We rejoice and celebrate the unique gifts that you bring to our congregation!**

Help us to fulfil our mission in the great Northwoods of Wisconsin, to be the presence of Christ in our community, a beacon of light for those in need, and a source of strength to the weary.

**We rejoice and celebrate your return!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

**All Are Welcome**

**ELW 641**

**\*GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is The Feast**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Alleluia! He is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

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.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

Rose Messiah

Linda Shute

## WORD

*We hear God's word*

## First Reading: 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.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 148: Let All Praise the Name of the Lord**

LET ALL PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD

Psalm 148:1-4, 9-12, 13

Joseph B. Smith

Let all praise the name of the  
Lord. Let all praise the name of the Lord.

**SECOND READING 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;  
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.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Our hearts burn within us\* while you open to us the scriptures*

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**


John 13:31-35

When he 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.”


The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON Pastor Peter Johnson  
HYMN OF THE DAY    God We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

*Refrain*



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS


Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

**Gordon Young**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

**Let The Vineyards**

**ELW 182**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
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.**

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of grace.  
Receive the gift of new life.  
All are welcome at God’s Table

**COMMUNION**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

**TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you until  
everlasting. Life.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**



**SENDING**  
*We are sent into mission*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SENDING SONG

My Life Is In You, Lord

My life is in You, Lord.— My strength is in You, Lord.— My hope is in You, Lord.— In You,—— it's in— You. My You.—— I will praise You— with all of— my life.—— I will praise You— with all of— my strength.—— With all of— my life, with all of— my strength, all of my hope is in You.—— You,—— it's in— You, In You.——

## BLESSING

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION SONG

## May the Lord Bless You

May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,  
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.  
May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,  
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

## A Trumpet Call

**Gilbert Martin**

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**Thank you to today's participants:** **Pastor:** *Peter Johnson*; **Music Director** *Pat Barnett*; **Lakeside Lutheran Church Choir**; **Producer:** *Cindy Paulson*; **Counters:** *Ken & Norma Olson*; **Altar Guild:** *Sandie Fisher*; **Conveners:** *Marilyne & Steve Gallman*; **May Shepherds:** *Pat & Daryl Sulander, Ann & Ron Peterson, Bonnie Warren, Dawn Straub, Carol Aakhus, Marilyn Gallman*

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Marilyn Anderson, Elaine Davis, Clint Erickson, Anne Gelein, Hitomi Henderson, Diane Roberts, Faith Snyder, Mark Snyder, Barb Umholtz, and Dorothy VanPykeren. Those fighting addictions; people in crisis; deployed military and families; leaders, children, and areas of conflict throughout the world.

**Altar Flowers were provided by Donna Devic in memory of Bill Devic.**

Beginning April 6<sup>th</sup> all our church services can be viewed live on our YouTube channel. To access this go to:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@lakesidecommunitylutheranc4937> at 10am each Sunday and click on the "Live" icon. Don't log in more than 5 minutes early or it may not work without refreshing your screen. Or go to our church website and follow the instructions there. All services will still be archived for later viewing.

Please note that our Communion Bread is now Gluten free, so those with Celiac disease and gluten sensitivities can also participate.

**Save The Date:** On July 2nd Lakeside will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive. More information to follow. Any questions talk to Mick Peterson.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Saturday May 31st we will be hosting our Let's Reconnect 2025 celebration! Once again, it's time to connect with old friends and new friends. Please join us for a Fried Chicken Dinner complete with sides

and beverages. Adult Tickets: \$15.00 Children under 10: \$8.00. No refunds will be given after May 25th. Invite your friends and family. Tickets will be sold at Lakeside Lutheran Church after the 10am service on Sundays in May through Sunday, May 25th. Deadline for purchasing tickets is May 25th. Checks should be payable to Lakeside Lutheran Church with a note that indicates "For Church Dinner" and the names of the attendees and whether they are adults or children. We will be looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up. For those that want to linger after dinner, we are offering a game night. Either bring a favorite game or partake in games provided by others. If you have questions, please contact Linda Dobson at 612-209-8697 or [linda@lindadobsonevents.com](mailto:linda@lindadobsonevents.com)

**Please sign up to have photos taken for the church directory.** Kayla Chastek will be taking photos June 9, 11, 12 and 13 from 9AM – 5PM, and June 15 afterservices from Noon to 3PM in the fellowship hall. Single, couple or group photos may be taken. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex along with a form to complete to assist with obtaining up-to-date contact information. You will have the option of purchasing digital files of your photos for just \$20. We all want to put faces to names and celebrate the beautiful community we share. Questions? Contact Kayla 715-416-0472

**JOIN US FOR 2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** We're excited to announce that this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place July 7–11, and we can't wait to welcome our students for a fun-filled week of faith, learning, and adventure! Student registration is now open! Forms are available in the Narthex or online here: <https://forms.gle/2evSPWemsAPNJRyj6> We're also looking for volunteers to help make this week a success. Please email [lakesidelutheranyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:lakesidelutheranyouthministry@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering this year.

If you have announcements for the bulletin or to add anything to the monthly calendar, please contact Jen Hammond at the church office:  
aandhlclc@gmail.com or 715-635-7791. Please have them submitted by Monday the following week to be included in the next bulletin.

**Church Office Hours:**

Bookkeeping - Tuesdays - 9 am – 1 pm

**This week at Lakeside:**

Monday, 5-19	11 am - ADRC 6 pm - Yoga
Tuesday, 5-20	9 am - Mission Quilters 11 am - ADRC 7 pm- AA/Alanon
Wednesday, 5-21	9 am - Yoga 9:30 am - Bible Study 5:00 pm - Choir Practice
Thursday 5-22	Fellowship at JoMama’s 8 am - Men’s Breakfast 9 am - Women’s Coffee 12:30 pm - Gather Bible Study 11 am - ADRC
Friday, 5-23	11 am - ADRC
Sunday, 5-25	9 am - Sunday School 9:30 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Worship with Pastor Peter Johnson

**“Luther Park is looking for Monthly Mowers!** Do you enjoy spending time outdoors and helping out with a meaningful mission? We’re looking for volunteers to help mow the camp grounds once or twice a month. If you're interested or would like more details, please contact Leah Pletscher at 715-200-7025 or email [leah@lutherpark.com](mailto:leah@lutherpark.com). Thank you for supporting Luther Park in this hands-on way!”



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