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PRELUDE: *I Come With Joy (ELW 482), Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd (William J. Kirkpatrick arr. by Connie Stauffer), We'll Bring the World His Truth (Janice Kapp Perry arr. by Justin K. Reeve);* played by Mayuko Takagi

WELCOME & GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God, gathering in the building and online.

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

And also with you.

HYMN: *Awake O Sleeper, Rise from Death!* (ELW 452)

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.
2. To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.
3. There is one body and one hope,
one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
one God who made us all.
4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.
5. For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

PSALM: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and
heaven.

¹⁴**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!**

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you O Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN: *With High Delight Let Us Unite* (ELW 368)

1. With high delight let us unite
in songs of sweet 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.
2. True God, he first from death has burst
forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy now vanquished see;
his death has been death's undoing.
“And yours shall be like victory
o'er death and grave,” says he, who gave
his life for us, life renewing.

3. 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.

CREED

Let us confess our faith, in the Triune God:

We believe that Jesus took the form of a slave, so we commit ourselves to serve others.

We believe that God is love, so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.

We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit, so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.

We believe that God is the light of life, so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world.

We believe that the Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of abundant life in the world God loves.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. Today we pray for children and youth ministry in the Ottawa Area of Lutheran churches, especially those led by Ben Lukenchuk at St Peter's and St John. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us, especially in the Ottawa River Valley. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or exercise violence in gaining more power. We pray for peace in Ukraine. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress, especially Sylvia, Lyndon, Yvonne, Jennifer and Cindy, Bowen, Bettina, Luke, Cecily, Eleanor, Marie, Henry, Ken and Engel. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this season of resurrection, we give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays this coming week, among them: Inge Meier, Sebastian Santry and David Quast. Give them joy in the gift of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS *(For those gathering in person, a basket/offering plate is left near the doors of the sanctuary for you to offer your gift as you leave; for those watching online, you are welcome to support the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church by clicking on the 'donate' button at our website or mailing your cheque to the church address. Thank you.)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (ELW p. 190)
God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come. These are the gifts of God for the whole people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (ELW 359)

1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.
3. Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.
4. Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.
5. Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor † and give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Spring Song* (Felix Mendelssohn), played by Mayuko Takagi

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