



Celebration Lutheran Church

May 6, 2018

10:30am

Our worship theme for the season of Easter focuses on how we find our place in this resurrected life to which God is calling us. It is not always in complete faith that we move forward. We doubt, we disbelieve. But God calls us to our place nonetheless -- and welcomes us.

Easter 6

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE **My Jesus I Love Thee** arr. C. Tornquist

WELCOME *We greet one another in the name of God.*

GATHERING SONG **Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness** (ELW#843)

GREETING

KYRIE p. 120

Hymn of Praise p. 122

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We gather and center our hearts through prayer.*

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

READING Acts 10:44-48
After the reading:
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION *We stand to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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GOSPEL READING John 15:9-17
The gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After the reading:
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN ACTION, PRAYER, AND PEACE.

NICENE CREED (p. 126)

WORD SONG **You Are the Way** (ELW#758)

PRAYER UPDATES

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *The Lay Assistant will offer a "bid" to direct your prayer, followed by a time of silence. You are free to pray as you will.*

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a word and/or gesture of Christ's peace with your worshiping neighbor. "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and other words are appropriate. Hand shakes, hugs, and the kiss of peace is also appropriate.

OFFERING *Tithes and offerings are collected during this time. When all is gathered, gifts of wine, bread and resources are brought to the altar. A prayer is offered.*

THE MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (p. 129)
Holy, Holy (p.130)
Eucharistic Prayer, with sung acclamations (p. 130-131)
The Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *All who are seeking Jesus as their Savior and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness are welcome to the Table.*

DISTRIBUTION *We are communing by gathering around the altar. As the Spirit prompts you, find an empty space at the altar. Receive the bread and dip it in the cup. When you are ready, return to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available.*

BLESSING *After all have communed, the congregation receives a blessing.*

PRAYER *We give thanks for God's presence and ask for God to send us as witnesses into the world.*

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Opportunities for deepening discipleship are shared.*

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG **A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing** (ELW#393)

STOW *We "stow" God's Word in our heart for the week.*
God sets right all who welcome his action and enter into it...
But by shifting our focus from what we do to what God does, don't we cancel out all our careful keeping of the rules and ways God commanded?
Not at all.
What happens, in fact, is that by putting that entire way of life in its proper place, we confirm it.
Romans 3:30a, 31

DISMISSAL Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE **Lead On, O King Eternal** arr. A. Jordan

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TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Altar Care: Elaine Cressman
Communion Assistants: Deb and Oliva Shelton
Counters: Kathy Hanson
Greeter: Drew Cressman
Reader: Kathryn Ickes
Refreshments: Monica Saggio
Ushers: Noah Ickes and Drew Cressman

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