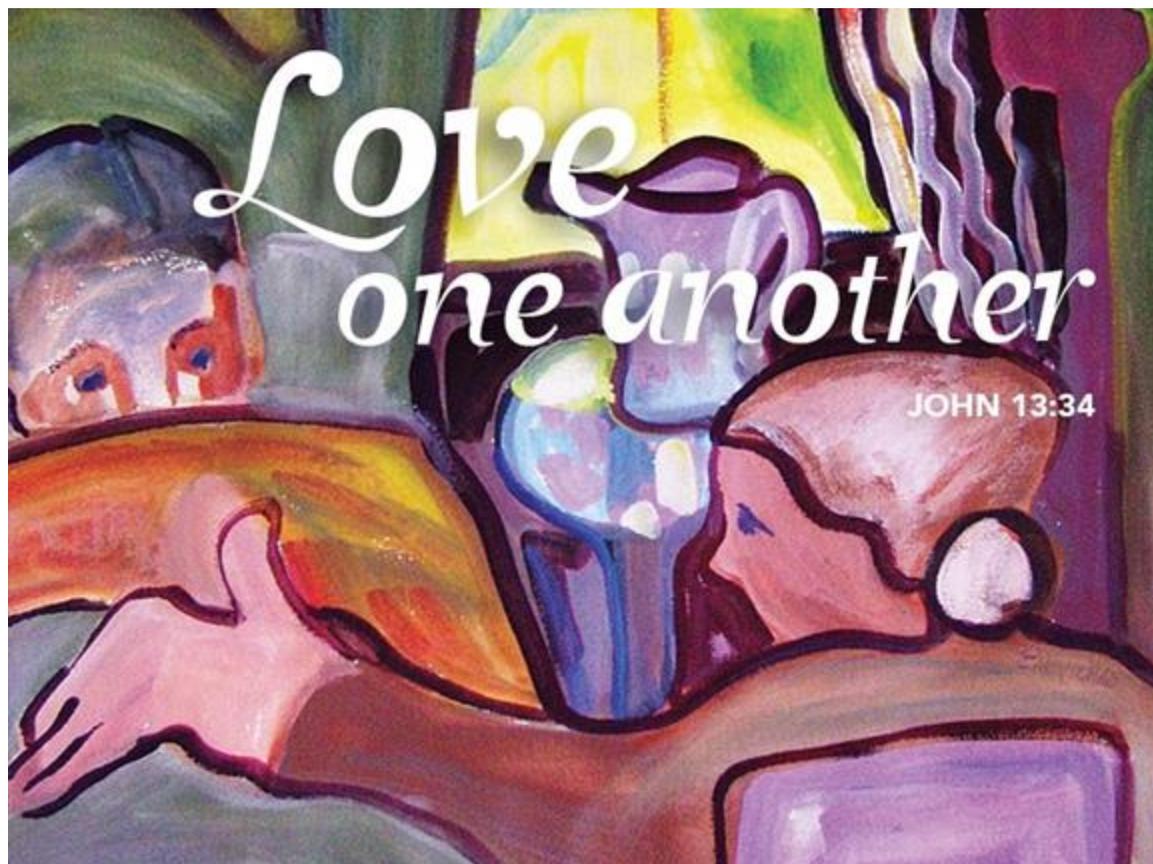


## Fifth Sunday of Easter



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 19, 2019

Holy Communion

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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*Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.*

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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Renee Evans, Organist

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**EASTER GREETING**

**GATHERING SONG** *Baptized and Set Free*

**ELW 453**

**GREETING**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**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.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

*In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of

the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>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.' <sup>17</sup>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?' <sup>18</sup>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: Psalm 148**

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.
- <sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;  
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- <sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,
- <sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**
- <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- <sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- <sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- <sup>10</sup>**wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**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!**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

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

<sup>4</sup>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.”

<sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6</sup>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**

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## **GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>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**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**ELW 631**

## **CREED**

## **REMEMBRANCE OF FALLEN POLICE OFFICERS**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Send your Holy Spirit upon your church, especially the congregations of the Southeast Michigan Synod. Awaken in us a renewed commitment to our baptismal promises: to build community, to worship together, to share our faith, to serve others, and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Forgive us for the ways we have caused creation to suffer. Inspire creativity as we explore new ways of reducing our consumption of earth's resources. Restore forests and waterways. Replenish the habitats of all endangered and threatened species. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Call all nations to the repentance that leads to life. Empower legislators to craft laws reflecting your commandments to love and serve. Bless police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and first responders who put themselves at risk to care for others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Make your home among us and shelter us from storms of death, mourning, crying, and pain. Draw near to those who weep and to those who are lonely. Restore health and wholeness to those who suffer, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for those who carry out the ministry of hospitality: greeters, ushers, those who serve refreshments, those who care for children, and all who extend a hand of peace to neighbors. Guide us as we welcome all to know and love Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You promise new life for all the faithful departed. Renew us in faith and hope until the day death is no more, when you will dwell with us in the new heaven and earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**DIALOGUE**

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**PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

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**COMMUNION**

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG** -V.1,2,4,5,8 *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!*

**ELW 619**

**DISMISSAL**

**SERVING TODAY:** Greeter: Jon Jones; Ushers: Del and Carl Vogel; Scripture Reader: Mark Fisher; Communion Assistant: Katy Emerich; Projectionist: Chris Ritter; Money Counters: Dick & Theresa Eisen

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 28; Sunday 137

<b>ANNIVERSARY:</b>	5/20	Shannon & Mike Furtah	14 years
	5/20	Christine & Alan Ritter	19 years
	5/23	Cynthia & Thomas Duemling	32 years
	5/25	Kris & Eric McDonald	

**WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Pastors ' day off	Evening Worship, Communion 5 pm	Worship, 9:30 am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken or Pastor Joyce. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

There will be a special day of recognition for graduates at the 9:30 am service on Sunday, June 2, along with acknowledgement of our Community Education Scholarship recipients for 2019. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

On June 1st, St. Peter will be hosting a Drug Take Back Day from 9 AM - 1 PM. Bring any unused or expired prescriptions to the church and a St. Clair police officer will be here to collect them and dispose of them properly.

On Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 am we will meet at Grieg Park for worship, with music led by the Bluegrass group. Following worship we will have a blessing of bicycles, a bicycle safety lesson from a St. Clair police officer, and a potluck lunch. After lunch we will take a ride to play a game of kickball. Chicken will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dish to pass. Please also bring your own chairs, table service and drinks. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to let us know you are coming and what you will be bringing. This promises to be a fun day for all as we kick off the summer. (In case of inclement weather, worship and lunch will be at St. Peter's).

We are looking for players to join our church slow pitch softball league. There will be 8-10 games, a few practices and lots of fun! There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Alan Freed, Jack & Char Boulter, Dennis Angus, Marlene Eisen, Family of Len Rose, Bill Mau.

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