

Black Forest Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter/May 2, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn *In Christ Alone*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
3. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Kyrie P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon *Children please stay with parents.* Jacob Oglesby

First Reading Acts 8:26-40

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-11

***Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

**Congregation please stand.*

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Gospel

John 15:1-8

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Get up and Go Bear Fruit

Pastor Ken

***Hymn of the Day**

The Harvest is Plentiful

1. The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few;
the wages are sensible, there's so much to do.
So pray that the Lord above will one day provide
some gifted young people who will work by our side.

Refrain: If we love one another, if we care for each other, will our sons and our daughters hear the call?

2. The harvest is plentiful, the moment is now;
the Lord is dependable, the Spirit endows.
The work will go better with a common accord,
so stay close together in the love of the Lord. **Refrain**
3. The harvest is plentiful, the work has begun;
we're not indispensable, the Lord gets it done.
But think of the happiness in living your faith;
and think of the tenderness of Jesus' embrace. **Refrain**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-

ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution Hymns *See communion instructions.*

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***Prayer after Communion**

Benediction

***Sending Song** *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

It's so good to be able to see one another. Remember to remain 6 feet apart and as hard as it is, do not congregate. Please wear your mask.

Holy Communion Instructions- Holy Communion Instructions-Please keep your mask on as you approach for Holy Communion. Come down the center aisle and receive a piece of bread (whole wheat or gluten free) with open hands. Then an assisting minister will place a prefilled glass (wine or grape juice) on the altar rail in front of you. Remove your mask there and have communion. Replace your mask as you return to your seat.

Offering-the offering box is located by the Baptismal font.

Visitors-If you are a visitor please sign the visitor sheet at the table at the entrance, tear off and place in basket. Thank you and welcome!

Wiggle Worship at 10:30a-After the children's sermon, kiddos (out of diapers) can follow a teacher for wiggle worship. They will return to their parents following the sermon to participate in communion with their families. The nursery is now open starting today. We are taking the ages of 6 weeks to 3 years old for the 8:00a and 10:30a services. A nursing chair with a retractable privacy screen for mothers is available.

Flowers are given today in the Glory of God.