

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

BURLINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to worship! In your bulletin there is a Connect Card. Please fill it out if you'd like to sign up for our weekly informational emails and/or communicate with our office or Pastor. For those who would rather not come forward for communion, ushers will provide single-serve communion (grape juice or wine) and a bulletin. All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Welcome & Announcements

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Upper Skagit. We are grateful for their stewardship of our shared land and waterways since time immemorial. May we live consciously and respectfully, honoring treaties and our Coast Salish neighbors.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we gather to worship with the Spirit!
As we celebrate the Spirit's Expansive Love,
the ways we are learning compassion is celebrated.
As we express gratitude for the Spirit's Faithfulness,
the ways we show up in life's struggles is honored.
As we come to the Spirit with more questions than answers,
the Spirit lives with us in the unknown.
Alleluia, God is with us and within us!
Let us worship God.

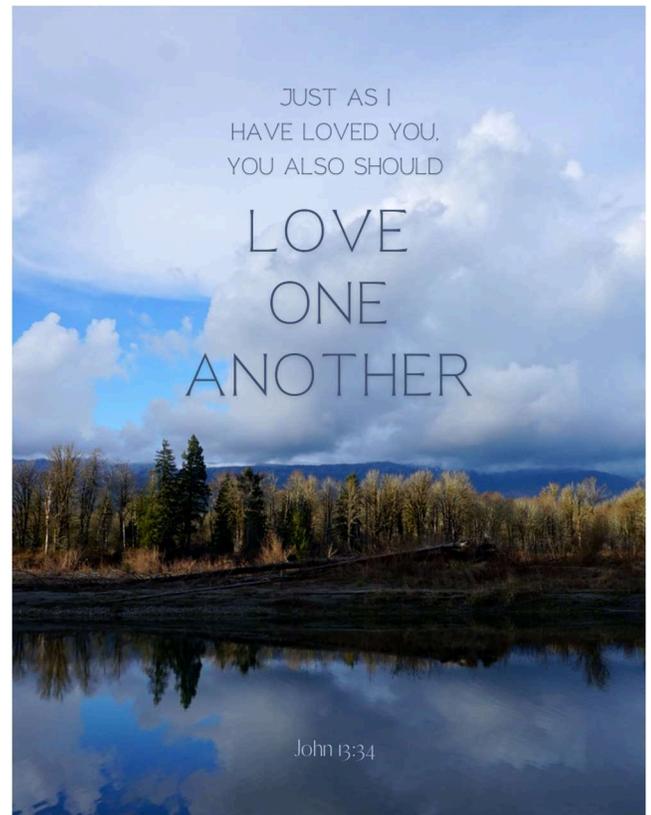
OPENING SONG: "Kyrie/Hymn of Praise"

KYRIE:

Leader: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord have mercy.

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.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

O Lamb of God, you take away all the sin of the world:

Have mercy, mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, Most High,

Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you have raised up Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE READINGS

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever

entered my mouth.’⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.¹² 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.¹³ 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; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ 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.’¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that was given to us when we believed in Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”¹⁸ 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.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Revelation 22:1-6

¹I 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.² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

God will dwell with them;

they will be God's peoples,

and God will be with them;

⁴every tear will be wiped from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And 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.”⁶ 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.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: “Easter Alleluia”

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen, praise the Lord!

Gospel: John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Humanity has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself.

³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Guest Preacher Chris Hoke

SONG OF THE DAY: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One

O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to light a candle during the prayers.

When the reader says, "Receive this prayer, gracious God," the congregation sings:

*The Spirit intercedes for us
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh.
The Spirit intercedes for us
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

OFFERING

Online giving is also available at burlingtonlutheran.org or the Vanco Mobile app (same company just a new app, please use this instead of Give+) or by texting 360-727-0807.

MUSIC DURING OFFERING: "A New Commandment"

**A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall people know you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another;
by this shall people know you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.**

Offering 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. Receive these gifts, and reach out to us through this meal, showing us the resurrected body of Jesus in each of us here, in our neighbors. Nourish us today so that we

may have courage to walk in the ways of Christ this week, as peacemakers, hope bearers, love givers, and justice seekers, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION

At Burlington Lutheran Church we celebrate open table communion which means the table is open to ALL, no exceptions. At this time, please locate the communion elements you received upon entering. If you do not have communion elements, please alert the usher. Come, taste and see that God is good!

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 our thanks and praise.

Holy Communion

The Prayer of Jesus

Our loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Music During Communion: "Ubi Caritas Et Amor" ELW 641

Prayer after Communion

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.**

BENEDICTION

Almighty God,

motherly, majestic, and mighty,

✠ bless you this day and always. Amen.

SENDING SONG: “Love the Lord”

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength
(REPEAT)

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

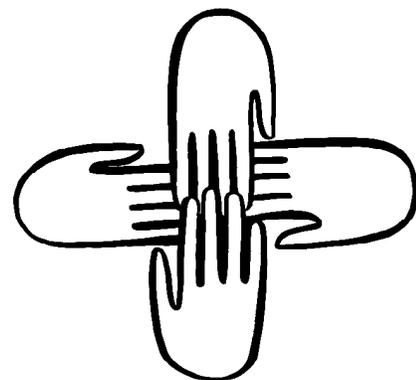
I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
(REPEAT)

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength
(REPEAT 2X)



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Worship Leaders: Guest Preacher Chris Hoke & Musician Sean Bendickson

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We are all God's beloved children and are recipients of God's radical love and grace.

All are welcome in this church community. You are welcome here if you have ever felt excluded or judged because of your gender, ethnicity, race, religion, status, ability, sexual orientation, doubts or questions. We are a community committed to racial equity, and we believe in Jesus' commandments to love God and love neighbor. Join us!

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