

Fifth Sunday of easter
April 29, 2018 9:00am
First Lutheran Church, ELCA
Senior Choir sunday

God's Blessings...

Drew Bailey

Matthew Bignell

Tanner Frank

Riley Fritz

Katie Gilman

Nathan Haviland

Thomas Huettl

Tyler Johnson

Liv Kozlowski

Nathaniel Martin

Tyler Pribyl

Valya Urbach

Charlie White

Prelude "This is My Father's World" (arr. Penny Rodriguez)
"Praise to the Lord" (arr. John Carter)

Welcome/Announcements

Invocation

Song "Praise to the Lord, Almighty" #859

Opening Litany Based on Psalm 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills;

C: from where is my help to come?

L: My help comes from the Lord,

C: the maker of heaven and earth.

L: The Lord will not let your foot be moved

C: nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

L: The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,

C: from this time forth forevermore.

Call to Confession

L: Dear friends, let us confess together our separation from our truest selves, from our sisters and brothers, and from the Source of Life.

(silence)

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, you are like a weaver in our lives. Out of the expanding energy of creation you have spun each of us into a unique, colorful strand with our own special hue and texture; you have woven us together into a single family that blankets the globe. We confess the many things that we do to tear apart the fabric of your design.

Confessing our Journey

L: Let us remember where we've been these past years, confessing before God our failures and stumbling. (silence) We confess to you, O God.

C: Forgive us, O God, for the sins of our past.

- L: **Let us remember where we are now in God's presence, confessing** our failure to trust your promises to be with us each day. (silence)
We confess to you, O God.
- C: Renew us, O God, in our present.
- L: Let us remember where we are going, confessing our fears and uncertainties about the days to come. (silence) We confess to you, O God.
- C: Lead us, O God, into our future.

Assurance of Forgiveness

- L: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when **sons or daughters open themselves to the gift of forgiveness. God's** Spirit reaches out to assure us of our welcome in Christ. In the **name of Jesus Christ we are God's by grace. With great joy we are** made alive. Thanks be to God!
- C: Amen.

Song "Thy Holy Wings" #613

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Scripture Reading Acts 17:16-31

Message

A Gift of Song "Be Still and Know" Senior Choir

Quilt Wrapping and Blessing...

Sharing the Peace

Offering "Open Our Eyes" with "Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Mark Hayes)

Offertory Prayer

God's Giving Continues...

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal	"Great is Thy Faithfulness"	#733
	"This is My Father's World"	#824
	"Be Thou My Vision"	#793

Communion Blessing

Prayers

Song	"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"	#543
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Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks

Postlude	"This Little Light of Mine" (setting John Carter)
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Those who Shared Their Time & Talents

Reader: Mary Jane Rasmussen

Communion: Mary Jane Rasmussen, Becky Ehling, Deb Grimley-Bremer

Usher: Bob Johnson, Rick Janka, Jim Menting, Bill Otto

Greeter: Avis Swan, Mavis Hawkins

Coffee: Mavis Hawkins, Tami Ender, Confirmation

Altar: Mary Lee Stevens, Arlis Meincke

Sound/Screen: Jim Anderson

Video: Mark Bailey