



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Fort Collins, Colorado

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28, 2024**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**10:30 am In-Person and Online**



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**Prelude**

*Now we ask the Holy Spirit*

D. Buxtehude

**Ringing of the Bell**

*All stand at the ringing of the bell as you are able.*

**Processional** *Sung by all*

Hymn 516

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these"

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## The Lessons

### 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 22:24-30 *(Refrain sung by cantor and repeated by all. Refrain is sung after every other verse.)* ajhill



24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gospel Processional** *Sung by all*

*Verse 1 before the Gospel*

**Hymn 187**

## **The Gospel**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

*People:* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

## **John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Gospel Processional** *Sung by all*

*Verse 2 & 3 after the Gospel*

**Hymn 187**

**Sermon**

The Reverend Krista Dias

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the Scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
    who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

*Lector:* That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection we pray to God.

**Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter we pray to God

**Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love we pray to God

**Hear our prayer.**

That God may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter we pray to God

**Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world we pray to God

**Hear our prayer.**

That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, we pray especially for those on our parish prayer list (the prayer list is now read out loud).

Comfort and strengthen them we pray to God.



*Celebrant:* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing.

## The Sanctus *Sung by all standing*

S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the text. The second and third staves each contain two lines of text. The fourth staff contains the final line of text. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes for 'heaven', 'san - na', and 'comes'.

*People stand or kneel.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is



and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Luke and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

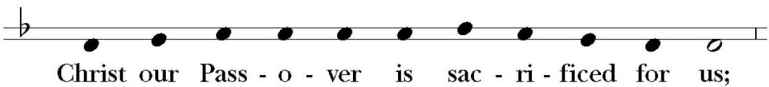
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

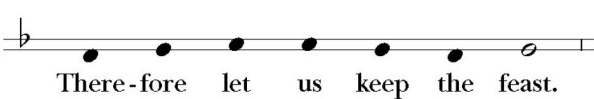
## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People:* **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:*   
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People:*   
There-fore let us keep the feast.

## The Invitation

*All who are worshipping from home or in-person are invited to receive communion together. You may come to the altar or receive from your pew. You may also receive a blessing from the altar. If you are worshipping from home and do not have Communion with you at home, we will use the Prayer of Spiritual Communion in the knowledge that God is with us always.*

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God. Behold who you are, become what you receive.

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord of the Feast; May we be reminded of the many times we have been fed at your table, always being drawn closer to you in the breaking of the bread. We acknowledge your presence among us, just as you were present with your disciples. May your Holy Spirit continue to strengthen us to live, learn, and love beyond our walls. For the sake of your love in our lives, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now let us join together in the Post Communion prayer.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

**Recessional** *Sung by all, standing*

Hymn 382

*The people turn as the procession passes in preparation to go, love and serve.*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia!

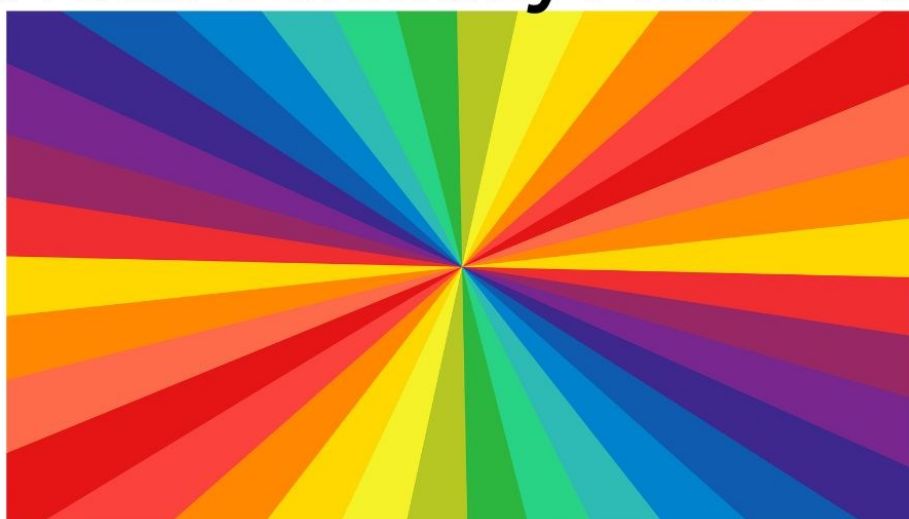
**Postlude**

*Fugue in G Major*

Matthew Camidge

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# St. Luke's Monthly Pride Social



**Thursday May 2, at 6pm at Starbucks  
1708 S. College Ave. For coffee & games!**



# MOTHER KRISTA'S SABBATICAL

A potluck send-off  
bash  
on Cinco de Mayo!

*Say Bon Voyage to Mother Krista at a world cuisine potluck in the Parish Hall.*

*Wish her well on her sabbatical, by bringing tempting treats based on your travels!*







# faith family hospitality

**Signup for next FFH hosting: May 5 - 19, 2024**

It's time to sign up to volunteer at our next FFH hosting. Once again, the guest families will be staying overnight at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Lemay, and St. Luke's members will be volunteering to provide food and services during their stay.

Go to the Sign Up Genius Site to volunteer for open slots:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449AEAA28A6FB6-faith>

Attend volunteer training - especially if you have not volunteered before, or have not attended training for 2 years.

Training in-person at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 28 from 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Training online via Zoom: Monday, April 29 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83108397394?  
pwd=jtmh34SUJSEI4SgRBWdkakWPOFkLd8.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83108397394?pwd=jtmh34SUJSEI4SgRBWdkakWPOFkLd8.1)

Training at Day Center on May 6 at 11:30 AM

Volunteer to do an Overnight Fire Watch at another church

There are six host weeks during 2024 when the host church requires an individual to provide fire watch from 10PM to 5AM each night, providing periodic site patrols to minimize fire risk to our family members. If you could volunteer for this, or are willing to do it for a small stipend, please call **Jodi at 970-371-5345**.

Please reach out to us with any questions about our FFH hosting and training, or anything about FHN: St. Luke's FFH Coordinators **Mary Lynn Jones 493-5487 and Annette Lynch 232-6744**

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