

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022



## Worship Participants

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## Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.



## Romans 6:3-4

Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

## Gathering

Welcome

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 148)

Come, praise the eternal God!

All you in the heavens, angels above—**praise God!**

Sun, moon, and stars in the sky—**praise God!**

Dolphins and whales, fish in the sea—**praise God!**

Lightning and thunder, snow and rain—**praise God!**

Mountains and hills, desert and prairie—**praise God!**

Fruit trees and cedars, flowers and herbs—**praise God!**

Kings and presidents, prime ministers and judges—**praise God!**

Men and women, young and old—**praise God!**

**Let them all praise the name of God!**

\*Song of Praise: “Let All Creation’s Wonders”

LUYH 555

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LUYH 590: 1,2,4,8

## Reconciliation, Renewal, & Remembrance

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, hear this good news!

Though we are unworthy,

we are granted God’s favor in Jesus Christ,

and we are baptized into the church of his beloved Son.

Friends, believe this good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

God’s Invitation and the Promises in Baptism

Brothers and sisters, do you, the people of the Lord,

promise to receive Lincoln in love,

pray for him, help instruct him in the faith,

and encourage and sustain him in the fellowship of believers?

Brothers and sisters, what is your answer?

**We do, God helping us.**

## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: “We Know that Christ Is Raised ”

LUYH 795

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are located at the entrances to the sanctuary, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

*We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take them back to your seats to partake there.*

The Communion: "Gift of Finest Wheat"

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

**1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.**

*Chorus:*

**And I will trust in You alone. And I will trust in You alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.**

**2. He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights. (to chorus)**

**3. And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know. (to chorus)**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Baptism of Lincoln Fay Rylaarsdam

Song of Commitment: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" LUYH 802

Prayer of Blessing and Presentation of the Quilt

Children's Blessing: "Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand" LUYH 708 (*chorus*)

Leader & Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Kids & Helpers: And also with you.

Leader & Congregation: **God bless you as you worship.**

Kids & Helpers: God bless you as you worship.

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service. Parents, you are welcome to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.

Prayers for the Church and World

**Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1-18

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Message: "Repentance and Life-Long Conversion"

Pastor Joel Kok

\*Song of Response: "Spirit of the Living God"

LUYH 749

**Table**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**