

May 6, 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Guide



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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We welcome all people to join us in worship and fellowship. Children are welcome in worship, we also have nursery care during our worship service. Please ask an usher to direct you. Please join us after the service in the Fireside Room for refreshments and time to visit.

Welcome to the family and friends of Lauren Shelly and Thomas Richards, parents of Finn Joseph Richards (baptized today) and also to the God Parents, Chase Scott and Amanda Hergs.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Our worship is participatory. This guide will help you. The text that follows is called “liturgy.” Some parts are spoken or sung by worship leaders. Other parts are spoken or sung by the whole assembly. The parts spoken or sung by the whole assembly are identified with **bold text**.

We will also sing some songs (or hymns). These songs are identified with a title and a song number. These songs may be found in one of three books or printed in this bulletin. These books are identified as follows:

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – the red book

With One Voice (WOV) – the blue book

Worship and Praise (WP) – the purple book

Other instructions (when to stand) are printed in *italic text* or will be provided by a worship lead.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

We continue to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord. The texts for today come from Acts 10 and John 15. Acts tells the story of when the Holy Spirit was recognized to be working among Gentiles, whom Peter then baptized. From John we hear Jesus instructing his followers to abide in him and love one another.

On this day we also celebrate the baptism of Finn Joseph Richards. We rejoice with his family that God has named him one of God's own children, welcome him into the body of Christ and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide him and his family forever.

HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING FOUR

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Before the prelude, speak to one other. During the prelude, speak to God. During the service, listen for God to speak to you. During the week, let God speak through you.

The Invitation of the Bell

Announcements:

Baptism of Finn Joseph Richards

Presentation

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Finn Joseph Richards for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your son baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do

P: When you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors:

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Finn in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Finn and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors. The assembly joins in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

Thanksgiving at the Font

Water is poured into the font before the thanksgiving.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for

Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

P: Finn Joseph Richards, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

**All: You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Alleluia.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of Finn, the minister prays:

P: Sustain Finn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of Finn. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: Finn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to a sponsor

AM: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.

AM: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Gathering Song:

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!

² Praise we Christ, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast--
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

⁷ Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

⁸ Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

Time with the Kid's

Pastor Peggy White

First Reading:

Acts 10:44-48

AM: ⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 98 (*read responsively*)

AM: ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C: ²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

AM: ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

AM: ⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

C: ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

AM: ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

C: ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

AM: ⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 151



Gospel Reading:

John 15:9-17

P: The holy gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I

chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

(please be seated)

Sermon:

Pastor Peggy White

Hymn of the Day:

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

(Usher will come by and pick up your Prayer cards)

Prayers of Intercession

AM: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Holy God, your voice calls us to worship. Where discord bellows within the church, unite us in harmony. Where we lack direction, guide us in singing your song with our unique voices. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Creative Lord, your melodies formed the earth and all that is in it. Receive the roar of the sea and the rhythmic clap of the rivers. Rejoice as the hills ring out in praise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Holy One, you hear all our moans and groans. Where lament and the blues resound, send us to listen. Send us to comfort. Send us to build relationships rooted in your justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Serenade the estranged and all who suffer alone. Accompany high-functioning addicts and the frightened who have no one to turn to. Give rest to overworked caregivers and people living with schizophrenia. Give healing to all in need. Today we pray especially for *(those we name silently or aloud)*. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Eternal Song, you call us to share our gifts for your glory. We thank you and praise you for our musicians and vocalists, choir directors and hymnwriters. Bless all who lead and all who sing in worship. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: Your goodness echoes through all time with the songs of the saints. Thank you for all the disciples who have mentored us through their gift of music. Keep your song within us this day and always. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

AM: This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Botswana and Zimbabwe. May they live in your peace and protection. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you.

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

C: 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: 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.**

Communion

All are invited and welcome at this table. We come together and kneel or stand as we desire. Gluten free bread is available upon request. Red wine or white grape juice is served in individual cups. If you choose not to receive the bread and wine you are invited to come for a blessing, or stay in your seat in silent prayer. (For those who cannot come to the table, we will come to you.

Communion Music:

(please stand as you are able)

Ian Langga

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Please join us for refreshments in the Choir Room after the service.

IMPORTANT

**PLEASE, IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE ON SUNDAY,
BE SURE THAT ALL DOORS ARE CLOSED TIGHT. THEY WILL
ALREADY BE LOCKED.**

Those in service today

Pastor:	Pastor Peggy White
Organist:	Ian Langga
Ushers:	Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Lector:	Jim White
Altar Care	Linda Perez
Flowers:	Joanne Peronto in memory of Eva Woodall
Refreshments:	Julie Veltmann

Prayer List

Jim White	Mario Chissesi
Les Grundy	Dottie Chissesi
Thelma Spaziani	Sharon Biller
Eunice Phillips	Nathan Crall
Doris Wacker	Alice Abbing
Marie Hughes	Family of Marilyn Friesen on her death (Relative of the Balcomb's

Financials/Attendance for April 29 2018

Attendance: 23

Offering: \$835.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May Social Concern of the Month is the Lord's Pantry

“A generous person will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

In Silicon Valley, a region famed for its foodie culture where you can dine on gold-flecked steaks, \$500 tasting menus, and \$29 loaves of bread, hunger is alarmingly widespread, according to new research conducted by the Health Trust.

One in four people in Silicon Valley are at risk of hunger, researchers at the Second Harvest Food Bank have found. Using hundreds of community interviews and data modeling, a new study suggests that 26.8% of the population—almost 720,000 people—qualify as “food insecure” based on risk factors such as missing meals, relying on food banks or food stamps, borrowing money for food, or neglecting bills and rent in order to buy groceries. Nearly a quarter are families with children.

Food insecurity often accompanies other poverty indicators, such as homelessness. San Jose, Silicon Valley's largest city, had a homeless population of more than 4,000 people during a recent count. They are hungry, too: research conducted by the Health Trust, a local not-for-profit, found food resources available to them are scattered and inadequate.

Because poverty is often shrouded in shame, the clients' situations can come as a surprise. Often we think of somebody visibly hungry, the traditional homeless person, but the study is putting light on the non-traditional homeless: people living in their car or a garage, working people who have to choose between rent and food, people without access to a kitchen.”

We are not thinking when we pick up our shirts from the dry cleaners, get our landscaping done, go to a restaurant, or get our child cared for, is that person hungry? It is very easy to assume they are fine. Thank you for helping us care for those in need with your generous donations and time! Mary DeHart, Director of Lord's Pantry

Stats for the months of: MARCH of people served by Lord's Pantry

Adults 1515

Children 287

Seniors 981

Homeless 300

Total served: 3080 individuals 991 families

Layettes given out: 8

Faith Lutheran's Hospitality Credo

Mission: By the Power of God: Caring, Sharing, Praying, Growing

Caring & Growing

1. All are welcome
We are inclusive
We value you being here

Caring & Praying

2. We expect to meet Jesus
Every Sunday when we gather
Communion/ Lord's Supper is open to everyone without restrictions

Praying & Sharing

3. Service
Worship on Sunday is when we gather to receive God's service to us, and to thank and praise God.
Serving our neighbor and the stranger is what we are sent out to do.
4. Grateful and Thankful
We know all of life is a gift and blessing from God.
We are sent out to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

Sharing

5. Sharing our resources
Financial: One of God's many blessings is our financial gifts
FLC shares 15% of all our offerings, plus the social concern of the month offerings with:
The broader Lutheran church
The world
Our neighbors
Energy: We give our time and passion to 6 local community charities

Praying & Growing

6. We are human
We struggle with our lack of faith & human condition
We confess our sins
We repent – that is turn around to Jesus
We accept forgiveness, sometimes
We are blessed with God's love and forgiveness
As Lutherans, we live daily as both saint and forgiven sinner.
Which means we are human.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle – This Week
May 6, 2018

Pray for: Botswana and Zimbabwe

We Pray for:

- The leaders of government and their success in bringing economic progress, education and health care to their people.
- Landowners and the land workers, and those who are displaced by land reform.
- Reconciliation between the races in Zimbabwe, leading to a society of equality and respect.
- AIDS orphans.
- Hope for those who have little to hope for.