

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 17 & 18

Gathering Hymn:

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
Vs. 1, 3 and 4

ELW #367

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴ Then 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. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But 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; ¹⁴ he 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 he gave us when we believed in the Lord 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.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Read responsively.

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
 praise God | in the heights.
- ² **Praise the LORD, | all you angels;**
 sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.
- ³ Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
 sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- ⁴ **Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,**
 and you waters a- | bove the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
 who commanded, and they | were created,
- ⁶ **who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
 giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R
- ⁷ Praise the LORD | from the earth,
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- ⁸ **fire and hail, | snow and fog,**
 tempestuous wind, do- | ing God’s will;
- ⁹ mountains | and all hills, fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹ **sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;**

¹² **young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. R**

¹³ **Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.**

¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I 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.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And 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.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Leader: The Gospel according to....

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader: The Gospel of Our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day:

God We Gather As Your People

ACS #1038 (see insert)

Order of Holy Baptism (6:00 pm)

Leader: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the Church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so, you may say, “I renounce them”.

People: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

People: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
People: **I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **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.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **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. Amen.**

The Washing of James Nicholas Chen

The Welcome

Leader: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
People: **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.**

Offering: 10 am Choir Anthem: "*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*" arr. Zebulon Highben, Julie Buzzelli, Harp

Communion: 10 am Choir Anthem: "*The Lord's My Shepherd*"

"I Giorni" by Ludovico Einaudi

Sending Hymn:

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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5:00pm-5:50pm -Family Dinner (with consideration for food allergy/special dietary preferences)

6:00pm-8:30pm -Elementary Programming (for kids entering grades 1-5)

6:00pm-7:30pm -PreK and Me Programming (for kids who have not yet completed Kindergarten, accompanied by their grown up)



All Ohio Youth Retreat

For youth entering 6th - 12th grade

HopeWood Pines (formerly Lutheran
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