

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019



Area Churches Together ACT Parish

DeGraff/Murdock Area

Bethesda Lutheran
Buffalo Lake Lutheran

Pennock Area

Mamrelund Lutheran
St. John's Lutheran

Sunburg Area

Hope Lutheran
Monson Lake Lutheran

Order of Service

Gathering Hymn

LBW 520 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then 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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If 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?” ¹⁸When 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

LBW 315 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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 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.

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

LBW 370 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Remember in Prayer

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Let's Catch Up from Winter

We are having a "Catch Up Sunday." No, we did not say Ketchup, like you put on your hot dog or hamburger. This catch-up is a special offering for the winter worship services that were lost to bad weather or low attendance because of cold, ice or snow.

Summer is finally coming, but like many congregations we are feeling the loss of offerings from a difficult winter. That means ministries we support are suffering. You can help! **Today, Sunday 19th is the last Sunday we'll be having "Catch Up Sunday."** You are asked to pray about your offering for **Catch Up Sunday**. We invite you to help us receive or exceed an average Sunday offering in this special appeal. Your offerings make ministry happen in Jesus' name! Thanks for giving generously!

**CATCH-UP
-OFFERING-
SUNDAY**



Today, Sunday, May 19

11am-1:30pm - 3rd Annual Syttende Mai Quilt Show at Hope

3:30pm – 15th Annual Sunburg Syttende Mai Grand Day Parade

Monday, May 20

7pm - The City of Sunburg was recently awarded a \$8,000.00 grant from the Willmar Area Community Foundation "to develop programs that support community engagement and healthy development for all ages using the Sunburg Community Center." There will be a meeting at the Sunburg Community Center to discuss this grant and all the activities planned for youth and adults. We need everyone's input as we plan these exciting, fun activities for all ages. Please join us at the meeting to learn more.
Thanks, Nancy Feldman, Sunburg City Clerk

Tuesday, May 21

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

Thursday, May 23

2pm – Bethesda's Sara Circle at the home of Sandy Thielke

Sunday, May 26 – Joint Sunday Services

8:15am – ACT Parish worship at Monson Lake

10am – ACT Parish worship at Hope

Tuesday, May 28

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope