

# *Welcome home!* **BAY VIEW** **LUTHERAN CHURCH** ELCA



Parking Lot Worship  
Sunday 9:00 AM  
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

**PRELUDE:** Jason Palmer

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP: LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

*written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on **Outside the Box**.*

Jesus offers a new-old commandment, that we should love each other.

With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us

we can we must love one another.

And it is in this our love for one another that the world will know whom and what we worship.

Come, children of God, let us love one another. We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*written by John van de Laar, and posted on his excellent **Sacredise** website.*

How deeply you have loved us, Jesus;  
how willingly you stepped into our experience,  
how completely you empathised with all that we endure.

**Teach us to love as you have loved us.**

How sacrificially you have loved us, Jesus;  
how completely you gave yourself for us,  
how courageously you suffered for our sakes.

**Teach us to love as you have loved us.**

How restoratively you have loved us, Jesus;  
how generously you share your life,  
how extravagantly you make yourself available to us.

**Teach us to love as you have loved us.**

**We praise you for your love  
which is given so freely and so unconditionally.**

**And we thank you for believing  
that we could learn to offer such love  
to each other.**

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION:

### Call to Reconciliation

written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog

There come those moments when we stand exposed, our failings, our hurtful words, our harmful ways open for all to see. But God takes these moments, and these sins, redeeming them through compassion are love, making us new people, children of the Living God. Let us come, in these moments, with our prayers to the One who waits to forgive us and make us whole. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**We carry our fears around with us like so much pocket lint, Compassionate Heart, when you would take them and toss them aside, spent and useless. You invite us to sit and chat with someone who wants to know more about you, but we are busy running errands. You give us a simple command—to love—and we complicate it with rules, worries, and doubts.**

**Forgive us, Vine Grower. You have planted those seeds of mercy, of hope, of grace deep within us, so we might bear rich and nourishing fruit for others. May we not get in the way of your Gardener, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who will use the Holy Spirit to bring forth an abundant crop.**

*Silence is kept*

### Assurance of Pardon

God abides in you! God is breathing, living, forgiving, restoring you in this moment, and in the days to come. This is the good news for us!

**As God is in us, so we can live, work, care for others, so that love, hope and joy might touch all people. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.  
 teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex-press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where!



*Refrain*  
 Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

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 Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God,

**you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

## READING: Acts 8:26-40

A reading from Acts.

<sup>26</sup>Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
 Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from

the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: 1 John 4:7-21**

The holy gospel according to 1 John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those

who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Jeff Greathouse

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling vs 1 & 2*



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## **CREED**

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

**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.**

**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**

*Remembering in our prayers:*

**Paul** (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zingrave), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **David** (Slamka), **Rusty** (Feld), **Shelby** (Swiggum), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Marlene** (Zeller), **Carl** (Scholz), **Dan** (Reichel), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Gen** (Joyce), **Dale** (Lyndahl).

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

The Body of Christ Given for you  
The Blood of Christ Shed for you

*Please consume your elements*

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## SENDING SONG: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing vs 1 & 4*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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## BLESSING

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Go now, and love one another,  
because love is from God.  
Proclaim God's salvation to every generation.  
Remain in Jesus Christ,  
and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.



And may God the vine grower tend you and make you fruitful;  
May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life;  
And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's  
love.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
...**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:** Jason Palmer

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