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7. SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023

Gathering

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements –

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.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
in every age you have made water a sign of your presence. In the beginning,
your Spirit brooded over the waters, and so they became the source of all life.
Your chosen people passed through the waters to freedom. By water, made
holy by Christ in the Jordan, we are baptized into him who transformed death to
life. Let your Spirit descend once again on all of us gathered for worship today.
Amen

Gathering Hymn *A Hymn of Glory let us Sing # 393, 1-5*

Prayer of the Day

Here we are Lord,
Your people, your Church, meeting together in your presence. We are here to
pause and listen. Be the focus of our thoughts, the inspiration of our words and
make yourself known to us as we worship you, pray and hear the Good News.
Amen

Word

First Reading *Acts 1:6-14*

“Word of God, Word of Life” Response: **“Thanks be to God”**

Gospel Acclamation *Be Not Afraid # 388 (3x)*

Gospel *John 17:1-11*

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *Thomas Mertz*

Hymn of the Day *Crown Him with Many Crowns # 855, 1-5*

Apostles Creed p. 127

Prayers of Intercession

Response to “Lord in your mercy” is **hear our prayer**

Offertory “At this time we sing *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring # 691 as we praise God with our offering. We sing verses 1-3*

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And Also with you.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

Sending Blessing Song *To Be Your Presence* # 546, 1-4

Dismissal -

Go in Peace, we learn from Christ. **Thanks be to God**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CALL MEETING

SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023, immediately after the 10:30 am service

“Congregational meeting to call Bethan Riehle-Johns as Pastor of Faith Lutheran Brantford as of July 1, 2023.

TODAY’S DUTY ELDER is Ginny Byron

COFFEE HOURS:

Sunday May 28 after the Congregational meeting

No Coffee Hour in June.

Beginning Sunday July 2 through Sunday September 3, there will be a Coffee Hour each Sunday after the service provided someone has signed up to host. Sign-up sheet will be posted in the back hallway.

TODAY WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Luke Splettstoesser

Patty Davis

Stephen Kovacs

Eberhard Poelzl

The Ibrahim Family

Grace Mueller

Jennifer Cherewka

Gladys Souliere

Adam Brown

Pastor Stephen Scheidt

Otto Philipp

Scott Hagglund

Florence Smith

Marlene Sams and Ruby