

THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



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Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music Ministries

Karl Dietmeyer, COS Brass and Joyful Noise Ringers Conductor

**P** = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*  
↑ Please stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE: New Day Fanfare**

*Joyful Noise Ringers and The COS Brass*

Anthem inscription: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning: great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven."*

*We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Fritz

↑ **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

↑ **GATHERING HYMN: When in Our Music God Is Glorified**

*ELW Hymn 851*

- 1 **When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**
- 2 **How oft, in making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**
- 3 **So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia!**
- 5 **Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise; let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;  
and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

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↑ **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.**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

**READING: Psalm 150**

- L** Today's reading is from Psalm 150; please read responsively with me.  
**L** Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!  
**C** **<sup>2</sup>Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! ▶**

- L Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!  
 C <sup>4</sup>Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!  
 L <sup>5</sup>Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!  
 C <sup>6</sup>Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!  
 L Word of God, Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Voices Raised to You*

*ELW Hymn 845*

- 1** Voices raised to you we offer; tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
 Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days.  
 ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! Triune God, to you we sing!  
**2** All creation joins to praise you; earth and sky your works display.  
 Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to you today.  
 ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! God, creator, source of life

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↑ **GOSPEL:** John 14:1-14

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.  
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**[J**esus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.  
<sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”  
<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

- P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Earth and All Stars*

*ELW Hymn 731*

- 1** Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

*Refrain:* God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

- 2** Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

- 4** Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain* ▶

4  
5 **Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!**  
**Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

*Refrain: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!*

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## THE INSTALLATION of LARRY PETERSON

### PRESENTATION

Ⓛ After prayerful deliberation, we, Congregational Council of Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, with appreciation of our Search Team and Personnel Team, have appointed Larry Peterson to serve in the position of Director of Worship and Music Ministries.

### ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

Ⓟ Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love an good works.

Larry Peterson, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Ⓟ Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Ⓟ Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Ⓟ Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Ⓟ Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Ⓞ **Amen.**

Ⓟ People of God, will you receive Larry into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

Ⓞ **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Ⓟ Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

Ⓞ **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Ⓟ Larry, I now declare you installed as Christ Our Shepherd Director of Worship and Music Ministries.

Ⓟ Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

Ⓞ **Amen.**

### PRAYER

Ⓟ Let us pray. O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Strengthen and bless your servant Larry, who, through your gift of worship, music and the arts, seeks to enliven our praises and proclaim your word with power. Through this ministry give us new awareness of your beauty and grace, and join our voices with all the choirs of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Ⓞ **Amen.**

- P** People of God, I present to you Larry Peterson, your Director of Worship and Music Ministries.  
Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes “Risen Lord, in your mercy” please respond, “hear our prayer.”  
The prayers are ended with these words, “Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.”  
Please respond, “Amen.”*



## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.

## OFFERING MUSIC: *Prayer for Peace (11:00)*

Sanctuary Choir

Let us pray for peace, for the healing of creation.  
May God’s truth and justice mend ev’ry breach; may we learn to live as one.  
Let us pray for love, for the grace to offer mercy.  
May compassion guide our way in the world; may forgiveness heal division. May forgiveness heal us all.  
We pray for peace; we pray for understanding. Pray that hatred cease, and God’s reign is known on earth.  
Hear our prayer for peace. Hear our prayer for love. Hear our voices, Lord, this day, we pray.  
Let us pray for peace, for the healing of creation.  
May God’s truth and justice mend ev’ry breach; may we learn to live as one.  
You know our hearts; you know our selfish struggles.  
Take away our pride, and fill us all with you.  
Fill us with your peace; fill us with your love; fill us all this day, O Lord, we pray.  
May your will be done here on earth as is in heaven.  
May your reign of love be known in our lives; may your will be done among us. May we do your will. Amen.

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## ↑ THE 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 to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** —*ELW page 108*

## ↑ 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.

## ↑ THE 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.

## SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.  
 You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.  
 You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.  
 At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:  
 "The body of Christ for you." and "The blood of Christ for you."*

## COMMUNION HYMN: *Hallelujah! Sing to Our God* Tune: *LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN* (ELW Hymn 287)

- 1 **Hallelujah! Sing to our God a new and lovely song!  
 Join in the praise of all the saints, to whom we now belong, to whom we now belong.**
- 2 **Let creatures formed by God be glad. Our maker brings a smile,  
 and causes us to dance for joy and play the harp with style, and play the harp with style.**
- 3 **Our God can't take his eyes off us! We are the Lord's delight.  
 Let all take heart, and bask in this. Sing hymns both day and night!  
 Sing hymns both day and night!**
- 4 **May praise of God be in your mouth, God's thought be in your mind,  
 the love of God reign in your heart, and may your hands be kind, and may your hands be kind.**

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## COMMUNION HYMN: *How Can I Keep from Singing*

*ELW Hymn 763*

- 1 **My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
 I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**
- Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*
- 2 **Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
 It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***
  - 3 **What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
 What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain***
  - 4 **The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

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## ↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☩** The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- ☩** Amen.

↑ **SENDING HYMN:** *Now Thank We All Our God*

- 1** Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2** Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- 3** All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

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↑ **SENDING**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
Announce to all the possibilities of Jesus' joy and life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **POSTLUDE:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Joyful Noise Ringers; Rita DeNell, flute*

*CWM RHONDDA* (Welsh Tune) by John Hughes (1907), arranged by Ron Mallory, © 2018 Candela Works Music/Jubilate Music Group

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*Altar Guild: Jan and Jim Christopher*

*Tech crew: David Kilgore, Dakota Atkins (8:30)*

*Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert (11:00)*

*Ushers: Tor Brunso and Buddy Troy (8:30)*

*Mike and Pat Oliver (11:00)*

*Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by The O'Clair family  
in celebration of Ava's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 4.*





## We Welcome LARRY PETERSON!

Larry Peterson officially joined the staff May 1 as Director of Worship and Music Ministries. His installation today is the culmination of a year's work by a dedicated team chaired by Karl Dietmeyer and Ben McCumber. Other team members included: Jennifer Archer, Rick Burnett, James Callison, Lauri Gambrel, Richard King, Don and Miki Stork, David and Sara Turk, Linda Volckmann, and Pastors Miriam and Fritz.

He comes to us from St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Urbandale, Iowa, where he was Director of Worship. Before that he was Director of Music at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, from 2018 to 2020, where members of his choir were Evan and Laura Dietmeyer Ferree! He was Director of Music at Grace Lutheran Church of Rock Hill, South Carolina, from 2016 to 2018. And for nearly fifteen years he was Director of Music for Campus Ministries and Instructor of Organ at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois (2001-2016).

Larry earned a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester in 1984. His undergraduate degree was from Augustana College, *cum laude*, class of 1982. He has studied with distinguished organist/professors Russell Saunders, Paul Manz, Tom Robin Harris, H. Joseph Butler, Harald Vogel, Delbert Disselhorst, Greg Hand, and Jan Thompson.

Before beginning his formal college study, Larry started taking organ lessons at age 6 and held his first church position as organist at 13. He has served parishes as a full-time director of music in Brenham, Texas; Albert Lea, Minnesota; and Davenport, Iowa.

Larry is one of the founding members of the first board of directors for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. He has been invited to lead worship services and workshops for various Lutheran events sponsored through ALCM and other ELCA synodical bodies.

Larry has been dean of the Blackhawk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (Iowa) and served as the convention chair the year that chapter hosted a regional convention. He has also been invited to Europe to give a series of organ concerts.



He was the founding director of RiverBend Bronze, an auditioned community handbell choir in the Quad City area. Within three years of their founding, they were invited to perform at two regional conventions of the Handbell Musicians of America and appeared as featured soloists for the Quad Cities Pops Christmas concert.

Larry also enjoys composing, especially for the church setting, and has pieces published by Kjos Music Publishers. He has also arranged several works for advanced handbell choirs for the concert setting.



Larry is married to April Peterson and enjoys woodworking, home improvement projects, riding his motorcycle, and spending time with his menagerie of cats and dogs.

We are grateful for all who helped Larry and April move into their new home in Jonesboro.

*Much of the material quoted here is from the website of the Watertown Historical Society and from the website of St. Stephen Lutheran Church.*