

ILCW Year-C Scripture Lessons for ✕ Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson

Acts 13:44-52 NIV On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 "For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.' " 48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Epistle

Revelation 21:1-5 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, 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 heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Gospel

John 13:31-35 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 "If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. 33 "Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. 34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Jesus washes the disciples' feet.
John 13:1-20



Our Savior Lutheran Church ▲ Lakeland, FL, USA
5th Sunday in Easter ✕ Cantaté Sunday – "Worship"
April 28th 2010 ✕ 9:30 am



Woodcut illustration from a 1695 Bible – Acts 10 (or John 15)

The Holy Spirit descends as a dove on the disciples (Peter) whilst preaching.

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April 28, 2013 Easter 5C *Cantate'* = "Worship!"

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. If you are seeking a church home, our pastor would be glad to share information about our church with you and discuss membership at your convenience. Come and worship with us again! Thank you.

ORDER OF SERVICE *(See insert.)*

PLEASE NOTE: The service folder insert has been written so that it may be used more than once. If you prefer to use the hymnal, see page 5. Please leave the service folder insert with an usher or on table after the service. Thank you. May the Lord bless your worship!

Service		
Opening Hymn	1 (5v)	Open Thou, Thy Gates of Beauty
Hymn of Day	429 (3v)	Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart
Sermon	John 16:12-22	"He makes All things NEW."
Offering Hymn	644 (1v)	Praise God from Whom All Blessings
Sending Hymn	657 (4v)	Beautiful Savior, King of Creation
Closing Hymn	341 (5v)	Crown Him With Many Crowns

INTROIT: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! The Lord has made known His Salvation, His righteousness He has openly showed in the sight of the heathen. His Right Hand and His holy Arm have gained Him the Victory. ...from **Psalm 98**

COLLECT: O God, You make the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant to Your people that they may love what You command, and desire what You promise; that, among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: J A- -men.**

GRADUAL: Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord's Right Hand is exalted, the Lord's Right Hand has done mighty things. Alleluia! Christ, being raised from the dead, is dead no more; death has no power over Him. Alleluia! ...from **Ps.118**

Here are **Congregation Responses** for the general **PRAYER of the CHURCH**

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in Your glorious Triumph.

C: Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for You.

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Madeline Beck	Patty & Buster Brewbaker
Richard Birkenmeier	(past member) Dan Elwing
Jonathan Jumper (grandson of Elaine Jones)	
Tyler Kirby (nephew of Andrea Sawyer)	Mariah Sawyer
George Wendt (brother of Steve Wendt)	Ann Wentz

Volunteers	This week	Next week
Greeter	Bev & Don Weinke	Orpha & John Weber
Usher	(Volunteer)	(Volunteer)
Treats	Sawyers	Robin Dux

COFFEE will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Everyone is invited to stay! We thank our volunteers for serving today. We are IN NEED OF SERVERS for future Sundays. If you can help, PLEASE SIGN UP. Thanks!

Statistics	Last week	Year to date (average)
Sunday Worship	45	42
Communion Attendance	37	31
Sunday Bible Class	8	8
Thursday Bible Class	11	9
Sunday Offering	\$	(YTD total) \$

Calendar of Events		
Sunday, 4/28	10:30 am 10:45 am	Discuss upcoming congregation events Fellowship
Thursday, 5/2	6:30 pm	Bible Study at Madeline Beck's
Saturday, 5/4	5 & 6 pm	Dinner, & Flying Tigers baseball game
Sunday, 5/5	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 ff...	Bible Study (or setup outdoor worship?) Special Outdoor Worship at Lake Park? Picnic at Lake Parker Park with Peace

Congregational Notes

Please contact our Elders with any concerns about church matters: **Jim Vanesky 644-7807, John Weber 853-5458, & Don Wienke 863-815-8892.**

Schedule Notes - Month of May

May 5: (Next) **Sunday** – We should decide today whether we worship in **Lake Parker Park** or (not &) worship here at church. **11:30 Picnic** is on with Peace.

May 10-11: (Friday night & Saturday) – **LYA Sleepover and Wet'N'Wild outing**

May 19th: (Sunday) **New Member Family Welcome Lunch** after church

May Month Calendar – *should be* available in email and paper by this printing.

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EASTER5C *Cantate'* John 16:12-22 “(JESUS) MAKES ALL NEW!” 04.28.13

INTRODUCTION: Fellow Redeemed in Christ, *“In a little while...”*

These are words that we sometimes associate with a **parent** telling a **child**. (Jesus is speaking to His “little children” = the disciples here.) They aren’t always the happiest words for a child to hear. Parents and children communicate in different ways - different words. Parents are the ones telling their kids “Be patient” or, “Just a minute” or, *“In a little while.” ...*

Kids: (↑) **“Wait up, hold up, keep up, (Mom) I’ll clean up, Let me stay up...”**

Parents:(↓) **“Calm down, slow down, come down here, sit down, put that down”**

Jesus has more things to say to His disciples in that upper room on the night He was betrayed to death to save the world. More than they could bear to hear. You can only take so much. Jesus is less than twelve hours from His Crucifixion, and yet He is in no hurry. No needs to cram their heads full of things, like a student cramming for a final. The Holy Spirit will take care of things, speaking what He hears, declaring the coming things, giving glory to Jesus by delivering all that Jesus has to give. What Jesus has, He receives from the Father, and what He has He gives to you by way of the Spirit. From Father to Son to Spirit to you, gathered here this morning.

He prepares them for His death and Resurrection, one last time. *“In a little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”* By the close of that day, Jesus will be **dead and buried**, tucked out of sight in the grave. And then, in a little while, Three Days, they would see Him again, and their sorrow would turn to joy.

Wouldn’t it be nice if all sorrows lasted only **Three Days?** Wouldn’t it be nice if all the pain and suffering of this life could be packed into a Friday and be over by Sunday? (even better: Tues.-to-Thurs. maybe, during the work/week) Jesus likens it to the birthing of a child. I’m told it’s always **risky for a man** to make comparisons about pregnancy and childbirth. *“You have no idea what it’s like,”* we are told. And it’s **true**. We **have no idea** what it’s like. But it’s the Lord who is speaking, and He does know what it’s like, even though He’s a man in His Incarnation. He’s the Word who spoke the amplified pain of childbirth to Eve in her (virgin) pregnancy.

Nora Ephron commented, *“If pregnancy were a book, they would cut the last two chapters.”* Nothing in the animal kingdom suffers quite like a human mother. It is a **sign of our sin**, and a **reminder that salvation comes through the birth of the promised Child**. **Pain and Promise** go together, as do **Law & Gospel**. “When a mother is giving birth,” Jesus says, “she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a child has been born into the world.” The pain is quickly forgotten, and good thing too, otherwise all those first-borns would be only-children (I wouldn’t be here ☺).

The joy of the birth wipes out the memory of the suffering. The pain of death, with all its attendant tears and grief is wiped out by the joy of the Resurrection, a new creation, the Church’s wedding day when she appears as

a bride for husband, the day when God and Man dwell together in blood reconciled peace, thanks to Jesus. The end of mourning, weeping, pain, sorrow. The former things are gone, the new has come. Death is swallowed up in the victory of Jesus. *“Behold, I am making all things new.”*

It is already done. *“It Is Finished,”* Jesus cried from the Cross on that “Good,” dark Friday at 3 pm when He died, and when in Him the whole world died in His flesh. **The work of salvation is accomplished.** “It is done,” He says in the vision to John. It happened in Him. The **old is gone** - crucified, dead, and buried. The old creation with its wars and terrors and disasters and doom. The **Old Adam** with his rebellion and self-centeredness and pride, wanting to be a god, killing all who get in his way. All are dead and buried and done with in the death of Jesus. The new has come - a new creation stepping out of the grave, blessing and breathing life into frightened disciples, proclaiming victory among the the gravestones. He is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega of the whole universe.

Did the disciples understand this in that upper room that night? (<- NOT) **Do we even** here today? Now we see only in part. A glimpse of glory at best. The whole creation groans as in labor pains, St. Paul says in the way of Jesus. Every **war**, every **bombing**, every **explosion**, every **mass murder**, every act of **terror** is a birth pang, a contraction of the birth of the New Creation. “The baby’s on the way, but not yet here.” We’d like to leave out the last two chapters on the book of pregnancy, but then we’d never get to the baby. We’d like to leave out those last two chapters of the world’s long history, the part about nations collapsing, and the environment collapsing, and the great institutions of men crumbling. We’d maybe also prefer to skip over Good Friday and head straight to Easter Sunday, go right from the upper room on Thursday to the upper room on Sunday evening and somehow bypass that hill outside Jerusalem with its bloody Cross.

“You will be sorrowful,” Jesus told His disciples. The sword would pierce them too. Peter would feel the sorrow of denying His Lord, of failing to speak when given the chance, of failing to stand up and be counted as one of Jesus’ disciples. They all would fall away, in their own way, running, hiding, fearful, sorrowful. **You bet** there were **tears of grief at sundown of Good Friday and the Sabbath day** that followed. Don’t think for a moment that the disciples went back to business as usual on Saturday as Jesus’ body lay in the tomb. There was sorrow, the kind of sorrow that only death can bring, tearing those you love away from you.

Jesus looks **beyond the sorrow**. “You will have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.” Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. Imagine the joy of the first day of the resurrection, that day Jesus stepped out of the tomb and appeared to His grieving disciples. Can you begin to imagine the shock and awe of seeing crucified Jesus **Risen from the dead?!** To hear Him, see Him, touch Him, eat with Him. The joy must have been so great “it almost hurt.”

Most joys in life are temporary, fleeting. A sports team (TB Rays) wins a thrilling championship and then it's back to practice the following day. You ace the **final exam** and get an A in that difficult course, and then a new semester begins. The joy of a **wedding day** and the **honeymoon** gets swamped by the day to day reality of being married for life. Imagine the thrill of Pentecost - the Holy Spirit poured out on the Church like a fire; the disciples speaking in tongues; three thousand people come to faith in Christ and are baptized in a single day. They were literally baptizing people that whole Sunday.

Then the reality of life under the Cross sets in. It's painful to let go of the old, familiar ways and all those cherished prejudices. But that's what happens with the One who makes all things new. All things really are new.

No, it wouldn't be good to write a book about pregnancy and leave out the last two chapters. (Because,) **What would be the point** of that? If it doesn't end with **birth**, in spite of all the pain and patient endurance, what was the point of it all? With pregnancy, as with life itself, it's the whole thing or nothing. You have to embrace all of it. And so it is also with the Christian life of faith - it has one foot in Good Friday, the other in Easter Sunday. The cross and resurrection are together. The early church wrestled a bit with the book of the Revelation. Not all the churches recognized or used it. But in the end, the last book of the last chapters had to be there, to give us something to look toward and to remind us the Death gives way to Life in the "Lion-Lamb" named Jesus.

CONCLUSION John saw a new heaven and a new earth, a New Creation. The old had passed away. (The Earth had) Died. The sea, a symbol of Death and hell and the chaotic forces of evil, was no more. Jerusalem looked like she never looked in this life - a beautiful and radiant city looking like a bride on her wedding day coming down the aisle to meet her groom. John heard a voice declaring God's dwelling with man. What is now true in Christ is then true to the nth degree, and all the tears shed in this life, and all the death with its weeping and pain and mourning are gone.

This is written **for you**, for your blessing, to assure you that this time of sorrow and patient endurance is short, and it gives way to a joy that has no end, a joy that no one can take from you. The apostle Paul wrote in the book of **Romans**, "*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*" Because really, Jesus has already done all the real hard suffering. He's done the hard-yards. So now (Paul), **and we**, have something to look forward to: the **Redemption** and **Resurrection** of our bodies. The whole creation longs for it with eager expectation like an expectant mother. There is **JOY** to come, dear baptized believer. Now there may be sorrow, but **there is joy to come**. There may be trials and testing, but **there is joy to come**. There may be suffering and pain and tears, but **there is joy to come**. Wait patiently, wait hopefully, wait expectantly, wait faithfully. There is joy to come in Jesus, and **no one can take that joy from you**.

IJ'N, **Amen. SDG** Behold, I make all things **new**." A new heavens, a new earth, a new creation, a new **you!**

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1695 Bible woodcut of John 20: Mary Magdalene reports to the disciples that she has seen the risen Jesus ... the "**Sorrow is turned to Joy!**"

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