



Sunday, April 28, 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m.



“What About Uncle Charlie?”

Pastor Steve Albertin

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** (indicates please stand)*

Call to Worship

We Will Glorify

Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God.... in the name of the Father, and of the W Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

* Greeting & Passing of Peace

Song

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Prayer of the Day

Song

Ancient Words

please be seated

Lesson

I John 4:7-21

Pew Bible pg 1112

Gospel

John 14:1-14

Pew Bible pg 982

P: Word of God.

C: **Word of Life.**

Children's Message

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Sermon

“What About Uncle Charlie”

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- Today's Gospel claims that Jesus is the only way to God. This is a troubling claim in a world where “Uncle Charlie” and other good folks never get to know or trust in Jesus. It doesn't seem fair.
- We often complain that if God and life were only fair, then all would be well. Of course, it is only fair when God's sense of fairness agrees with ours. As a result, we try to play God. That is dangerous!
- We deserve expulsion but God will not give up on us loving us all the way to the cross and the empty tomb.
- Trusting Christ we get to let go of our trying to be God and let God be God. Therefore, the fate of the “Uncle Charlies” of this world is God's problem and not ours.
- When Jesus insists, “no one comes to the Father except through me,” He is simply reminding us that there is no other place in the world to receive good news like this.
- Therefore, we have a God we can trust, a future we can embrace and Uncle Charlies for whom we can pray.

* Song

Build Your Church Into My Heart

please be seated

The Offering

* Offertory

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

* The Apostles' Creed

ELW pg 105

Prayers of the Church : *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Members:

Lee & Wes, Ruth, Carole, Vickie, John, Bill

Family & Friends

Ann, Mark, Bob, Jan, Carol, Chris, Susan, Gene & Sylvia, Tracy, Ken, Linda, David,
Jeannie, Joyce, Jackie, Randall & Mary, Ross

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Ruth Hahn on the loss of Wayne
(a memorial service will be here on May 11 at 2:00 pm)

Bob and Gayle, Ryan, Bradley and Nick Carlson and their entire family
on the loss of Will

and to

the family of Kay Munholland, (a private service will be held on May 4)

Communion

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...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!**

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Benediction

* **Sending Song** We Declare the Kingdom of God is Here

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**