**Order of Service April 27, 2025—Pastor Paul Heykes**

**Easter 2/ FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**Announcements, Concerns, Joys** *(Shirley)*

**Call to Worship** *(Shirley)*  **Psalm 150 (Read responsively)** pew Bible p.983

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism** (from Sundays & Seasons, copyright 2024, Augsburg Fortress)

*This is used during the season of Easter instead of the Confession*

P: In the name of +the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **C:** **Amen**.

P: baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism

*(Water may be poured before or during the Thanksgiving)*

P: Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that

restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: Make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One.

**C: Make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power. Baptized into you, O Living One.

**C: Make us one as you are one.**

P:Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

\***Gathering Hymn** *Now We Join in Celebration* LBW #203

 HP #1547

**\*Kyrie** (response: **Lord, have mercy**) LBW p.78

**\*Prayer of the Day: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Introduction of our First Communicant/Presentation of Certificate**

Dayton James Kraft Born: March 16, 2014 Baptized: June 22, 2014

*Parents: Russel & Brianna Kraft Sponsors: Ryan & Nichole Kraft, Dustin Johnson*

**Prayer for our First Communicant**

**Children’s Time** *Children will be dismissed to their classes*

**Sharing the Peace**  *(Spoken only, refrain from shaking hands)*

**Receiving our Offerings of Thanksgiving**

 **Offering Prayer**

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace, along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in this world**. C:** **Amen.**

**A reading from Acts, the 5th chapter (5:27-32)** *(Reader: Cindy)* pew Bible, p.1699

 (after each reading, “The word of the Lord.” **“Thanks be to God!”**

**A reading from Revelation, the 1st chapter (1:4-8)** *(Reader: Cindy)* pew Bible, p.1913

**Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia.* Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. *Alleluia.*** *(John 20:20)*

**\*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter (20:19-31)** pew Bible, p. 1686

 Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

 After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon/Homily**

**\*Hymn of the Day** *Let Us Break Bread Together* LBW #212

 HP #366

**\*The Creed** LBW, p. 85

**\*The Prayers of Intercession** (Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.)

**\*Communion** *(Assistant: Shirley)*

 The Great Thanksgiving LBW, p.88

 Holy, Holy, Holy LBW, p.89

 The Lord’s Prayer LBW, p. 91

 *Invite the family of the First Communicant forward*

*Distribution of bread and wine to the Kraft family*

*(Family kneels around the altar rail)*

 *Present First Communicant with their special chalice filled with wine*

 *Distribution to congregation, kneeling/standing as able at the rail, via individual cups.*

 Lamb of God LBW, p.92

**\*Blessing**

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, +Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

\***Sending Hymn** *This is The Day (Sing through twice)* printed on back

 CCLI Song #32754 Lic. #706169 HP #359

**\*Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C:** **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**