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**Fifth Sunday in Easter † May 3, 2026**

P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

**ELW**-Evangelical Lutheran Worship-Red ♦ **WOV**-With One Voice-Blue

**PRELUDE** *Gather Us In*

by Mark Hayes

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Down in the Valley to Pray* by Jay Althouse

~Choir

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**C Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one  
who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank  
you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank  
you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN ELW# 532 *Gather Us In*

### 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.**

### KYRIE

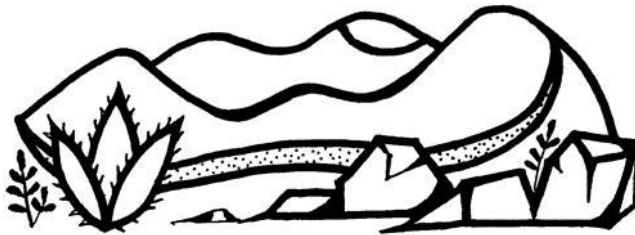
*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.


1. For peace in the world, for the health of the Church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*




## HYMN OF PRAISE


*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the




Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



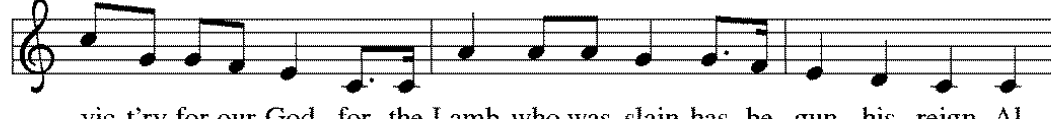
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



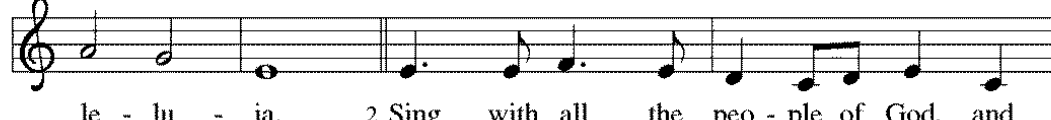
peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



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hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

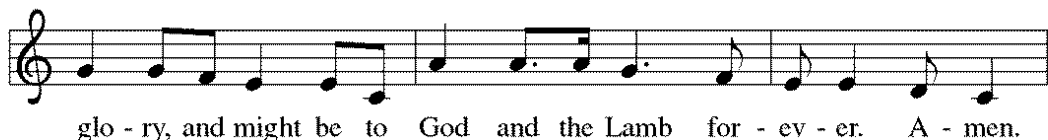
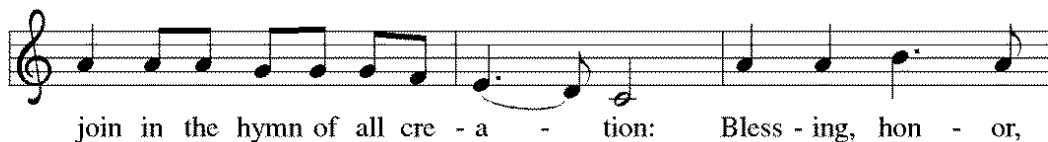


vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

(continued)



### Prayer of the Day

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.

**Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

- A The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

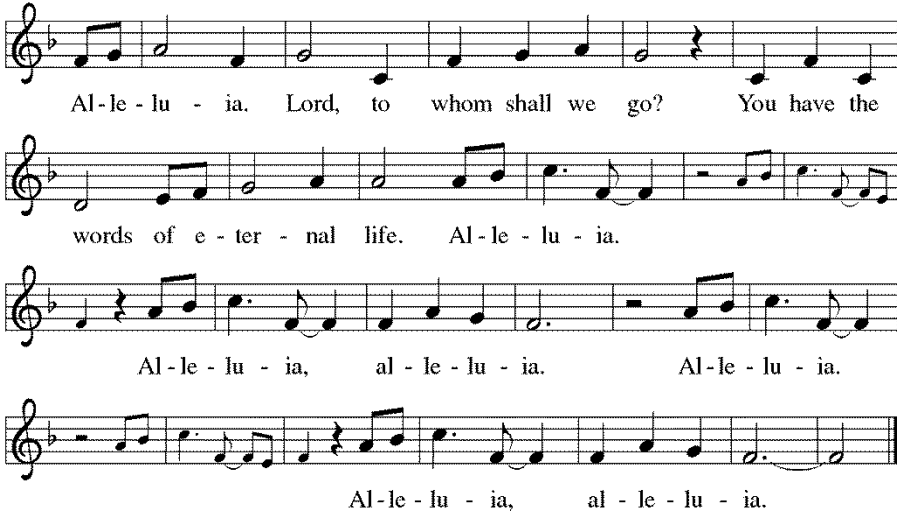
“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup> and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- A The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please rise in body or spirit)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

#### C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“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 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**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 810** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**NICENE CREED** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Thy Will Be Done* by Joyce Elaine Eilers ~Choir

**THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING**  (please rise in body or spirit)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**PEACE**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

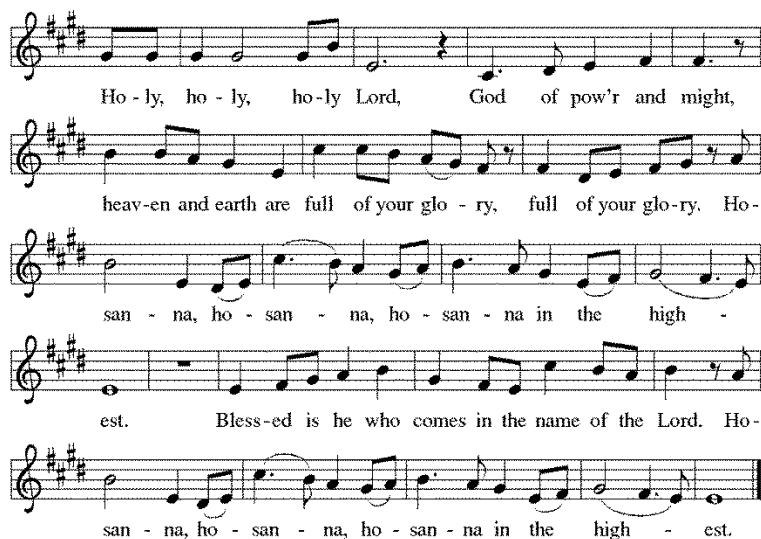
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 and salutary...

C 



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER (please rise in body or spirit)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

*This is God's table. All are welcome here!*

### COMMUNION HYMN *ELW # 494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *I Am the Way* by Richard W. Gieseke

~Choir

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**C Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### SENDING HYMN *ELW #ELW 377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

### POSTLUDE *A Litany of Joy* by Alfred V. Fedak

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### **Altar Flowers**

In honor of Stella Smith's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday by Steve and Phyl Kloos.

**This week please hold in prayer:** Mary Lou Zwiebel, Paul & Connie Long, Ed Panning, Lee Weirauch, Bob Lulfs, Ken Lange, Oneta Wiechers, Matt Von Seggern, Jude Gerken, Linda Hill, Scott Vasher, Terry Roehl, Joanne Neu, Natalie Long, Nancy Bressler, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

### **A Special Thank You from the Family of Janis Dachenhaus.**

Our family sincerely thanks you for honoring our mom with such a beautiful service and for sharing our mom's service on Facebook. Doing so allowed our family and friends to be a part of such a meaningful time no matter the distance. Thank you for sharing your gift of music, playing the bells, in honor of our mom! It was truly touching and made the service even more special. A big thank you for the gracious meal afterwards. Your acts of kindness were a reflection of Christ's love and brought us peace and comfort.

God's Blessings, Lisa, Ann, Rodney, & Ryan

**May and June Caring Corner** will be collecting food for local food pantries. Many local children home from school for the summer may not be getting the proper meals at home so providing food for them is very important. When donating please consider food items that kids would like eating as well as foods that are good for them. You may consider complete meals or food staples such as peanut butter, snack bars, and cereal, etc. You can also consider a monetary donation, this can be placed in an envelope labeled Caring Corner and place in the offering plate.

**Celebrate our Graduates!** On Thursday May 14th and Sunday May 17th we will celebrate any graduates in our lives. High school graduates that are present will receive gifts. All graduates will be included in the bulletin and celebrated with a cake reception following worship on Sunday. Please fill out the form on our facebook page or contact the office to share your graduate's information (school, degree, next steps, any other info).

**The Laundry Soap Fundraiser** is underway!!! Order forms can be picked up at the front or back of the church, in the church office, or you can ask one of our

youth. **All orders and payment should be turned in to the office by May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** All proceeds will benefit the youth.

**Old Hymnals** We have many of our old green hymnals that we no longer need. You are welcome to take as many as you like for free. They will be located at the front and the back entrances of the church. Any questions please see Peggy Snyder.

**Emanuel Office Hours** Are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30am-9am and 12:30pm to 5pm, and Tuesday and Thursday 7:30am-2pm.

**Church Attendance** 4/23/26 **35**, 4/26/26 **161**, online **165**.

**This Week**

Wednesday	5/6/26	1-2:30 5pm 6pm	Open Office Hours Soul Food Brass Ensemble
Thursday	5/7/26	9:30am 12:30pm 7pm	Bible Study Staff Meeting Worship
Sunday	5/10/26	9am 10am 10:15 11am	Worship Sunday School Adult Bells Youth Bells



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