

Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00am – May 3, 2026



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GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE

Allegro

George F. Handel

Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

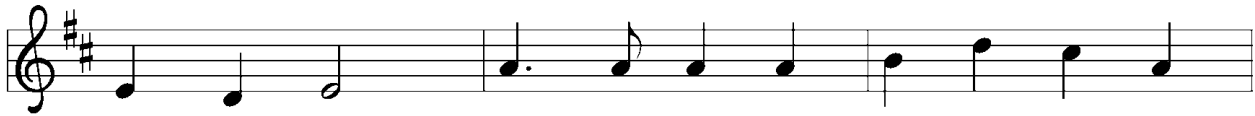
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

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.

Amen.

HYMN #845*Voices Raised to You*

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.***

HYMN OF PRAISE *This is the Feast*

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

R

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

*Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. **Amen. R***

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. **R***

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.**

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

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*After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

The refrain is sung by ALL at the beginning and where indicated (R).

Fine print verses sung by cantor; bold print sung by ALL.

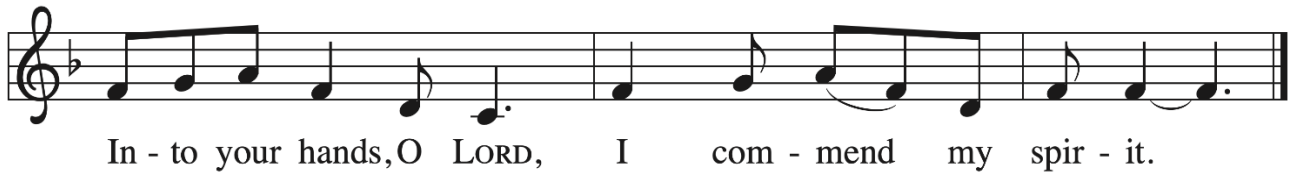
R



In - to your hands, **O LORD,** I com - mend my spir - it.

- ¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
 deliver me | in your righteousness.
- ² **Incline your | ear to me; make haste to de- | liver me.**
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
 for you are my tow- | er of strength. R**
- ⁵ Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
 for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.
- ¹⁵ **My times are | in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
 who | persecute me.**
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
 save me in your | steadfast love.” **R**

R



SECOND READING

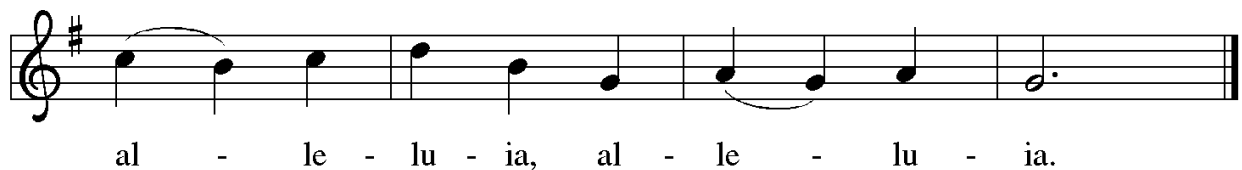
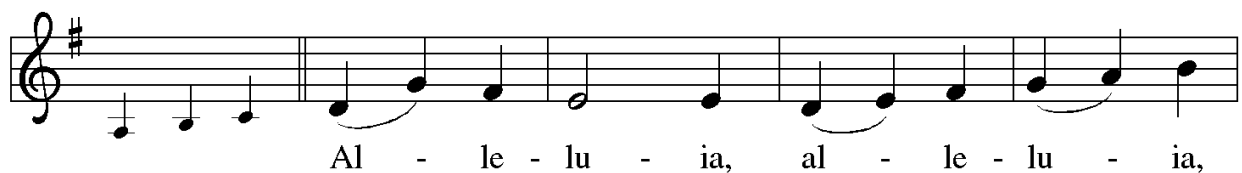
1 Peter 2:2-10

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After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

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After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

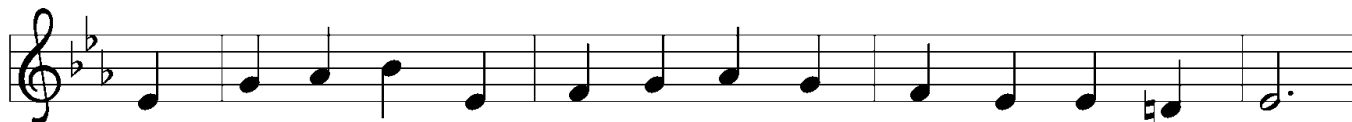
SERMON

Silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN #758

You Are the Way



- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
- 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

NICENE CREED

**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, was
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly**

human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 OF INTERCESSION

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

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "peace be with you" or similar words.

Sit

MEAL

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

In My Father's House

*Choir Anthem
Matthew Armstrong*

In my Father's house are many mansions:

If it were not so, I would not have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you; So that where I am, you may also be.

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God.

Believe also in me. For you know where I go,

And you know the way.

Truly I say to you, I will come again, And receive you to myself.

I go to prepare a place for you; So that where I am, you may also be.

Stand

OFFERTORY

Lord of All Good

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;

use them your holy purpose to fulfill.

Tokens of love and pledges they shall be

that our whole life is offered to your will.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*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. Hosanna in the highest.*

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to this meal of new life. Receive the risen Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sit

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord's body and blood.

**Beginning from the front pews, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle. Return to your seat using the side aisle.*

**As you turn onto the side aisle, please leave your cup in the silver tray.*

**Let the pastor or communion assistant know you would prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread.*

**Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you in the pew.*

**If you prefer, you may use an individual cup-set in your pew, opening the bread section first, then the juice!*

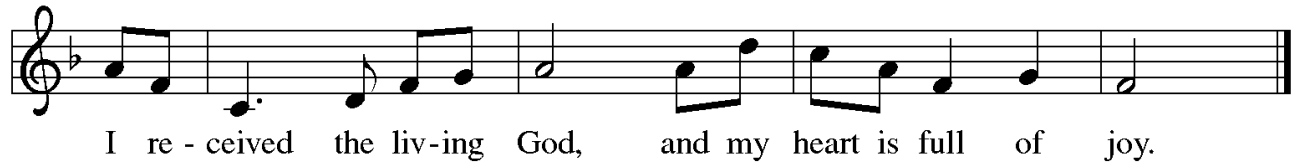
**Children who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.*

Sit

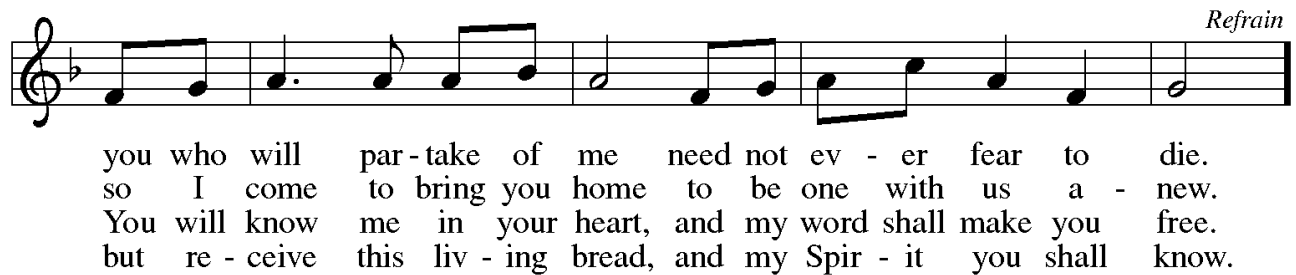
COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #477

I Received the Living God



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.*

But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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, **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN ELW #836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G

George F. Handel

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- 2) You can put your check in the **US postal** service to the church address.
- 3) Share your offering when the **plate** is passed during the service.



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Serving Today:

Greeters: Georgia Schmitt, Becky Smith

Ushers: TBA

Communion Assist: Jo Markham, Jean Weber

Reader: Jo Markham

Flower Delivery: Wanda & Greg Hoge

Communique: Thursday 9am May 28, Sue Berry, Martha Neil, Wanda & Greg Hoge, Buck Buchanan, Donna Buchanan

The Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God.

Please sign up on the Flower Chart located opposite the Preschool Office door or email Fiona in the church office. All Altar Flowers given in donations (\$65.00) from the members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church.

Children's Bulletins: Activity bulletins based on today's readings are found as you enter the Narthex when picking up service bulletin, emails sent out each week with the Children's bulletin attached.

Parlor for Parents & Infants/Preschoolers: Our Parlor has been set up as space for you to come during 11:00am worship time if you need to bring your child out for a while during the service. We have child-proofed the room and provided a basket with books & toys. Speakers are in the room so you can continue to follow the worship service. Please let the Ushers/Greeters know if you need assistance.

Worship Kits: These are age-appropriate activity kits for use during the service that are available next to the main doors in the Narthex. Tan colored kits are for pre-school children and brown kits are for early elementary.

Devotionals: for the 2nd Quarter 2026 April, May, and June are available in the Narthex.

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