

# Welcome!

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 8:30am**

**To Our Guests:** We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

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**Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online.** Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here: →



**We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes,** from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

<b>Summer Sunday School</b>	<b>Lead by:</b>	<b>Where:</b>
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 <sup>st</sup> thru 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade		Room 8
4 <sup>th</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grade		Room 10
7 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
<b>Adult Bible Studies</b>		
The Art of Parenting	Josh Kittleman	Gym
Prayer	Phil Krauss and Pastor Davenport	Rooms 1-2
Nicene Creed	Pastor Joel	Rooms 3-4
Lutheran Foundations	Vicar Fritz and Pastor Davenport	Rooms 5-6
Bethel: The New Testament	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel

**The Lord's Supper.** When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.** God bless your worship!

### AS WE GATHER

Since 1986, voice actor Tom Bodett has had his career defined with a one-line promotion for the Motel 6 hotel chain. He always ends his commercials for the company with a simple line stating "we'll leave the light on for you." Having an assured place to be going to can be encouraging and comforting. As Jesus speaks with His disciples, we hear Him reassure them and us that He will be in His Father's house, the heavenly place where lights are not even necessary. In the Revelation to John, we have this insight about our God's eternal city: "And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb" (*Revelation 21:23*). In "Jerusalem the Golden," medieval monk Bernard of Cluny writes of the "radiance of glory" and the "bliss beyond compare" that are in store for God's redeemed people there (*LSB 672:1*). As we share in the foretaste of the feast to come through our worship, we can only imagine what joys still await us.

## Order of Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*"A Grand Celebration"*

*Derek Hakes*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠ Preparation ✠

### OPENING HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

*LSB 475*

- 1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3. Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*continued*

**4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 27:1; 147:11; 104:24a, 31a; Isaiah 2:5b*

- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**C** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**  
**P** The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,  
**C** **in those who hope in His steadfast love.**  
**P** O LORD, how manifold are Your works!  
**C** **In wisdom have You made them all.**  
**P** May the glory of the LORD endure forever.  
**C** **Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

**HYMN**

"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"

*LSB 613*

- 1. To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, In grief and shame I humbly call;  
I see my sins against Thee, Lord, The sins of thought and deed and word.  
They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!**

- P** Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.  
**C** **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**  
**P** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

- 1. He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.  
He was dead but now is living!**

### SALUTATION PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

**FIRST READING** (*Stephen is stoned and becomes a martyr for Christ.*) Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . . <sup>7:2</sup>And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . . <sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed

those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." <sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*(An exhortation to live lives of Christian love)*

1 Peter 2:2–10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—  
<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as 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: "Behold, 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>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

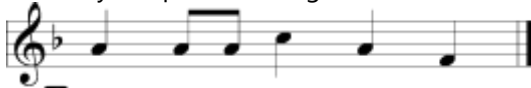
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*John 6:68*

**C** 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.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to 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 had known me, you would have known 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 it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, 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, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

LSB 646

1. **Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace;  
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.**
2. **God has called you out of darkness Into His most marv'lous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.**

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3. **Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.**
4. **Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your Master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service— Sing His praise, His love declare.**

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## SERMON

"As You Are"

1 Peter 2:2–10

## THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, through the power of Christ's resurrection You adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as Your newborn children and nourish our faith through the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Send laborers into Your harvest, Lord. Preserve Your ministers among us devoted to Your Word and to prayer. Give many servants to Your Church, that neither the preaching nor the care of Your people may fall into neglect or disregard. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, help parents to raise up their children to know You as their help and hope, that they may not put their trust in princes in whom there is no salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy God, Your power brought all things into being and still preserves what You have made. Bless our president; the Congress of the United States; our governor; and all elected and appointed civil servants. Lead them to honor You and Your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life. Give them wisdom and moderation to lead for the well-being of the nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father of glory, Your Son declared Himself to be the way, the truth and the life. Bless all who have requested our prayers. May Christ Himself be their way of salvation, their truth amid doubt and their life amid death. Grant them a sure and steadfast hope in the good news that He has prepared a place for them with You, where pain and sickness are no more and all things are made new. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, in Christ You have made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a people for Your possession. Preserve Your people in the one true faith, and grant that all who come to the Supper this day might do so with repentant hearts that thankfully receive Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, we thank and praise You for Your servant Stephen, whom Your Son has received into His glory. May we imitate him in faith and love to speak Your truth with boldness, forgiving those who sin against us as Christ forgave His persecutors from the cross. When our last hour comes, let us fall asleep in Him and be born into eternal life, for the sake of Him who was born into our flesh to redeem it, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.  
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.  
Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.*



**SANCTUS***Holy, Holy, Holy*

LSB 161

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You nourish us that we may grow in grace. Grant that we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

**C** **Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD***Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.**

## PAX DOMINI

*The Peace of the Lord*

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God*

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. **If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.***

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN***"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**LSB 633*

1. **At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!**
2. **Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!**
3. **Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!**
4. **Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!**
5. **Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!**
6. **Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!**
7. **Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!**
- △ 8. **Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!**

## THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ and the wine was drawn from the fruitfulness of many grapes. Grant us to ever abide in the Word, Christ Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

"This Joyful Eastertide"

LSB 482

**1. This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow:**

***Refrain:* 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!**

**2. Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: *Refrain***

**3. My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain***

**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Anna Laura Page



## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –**

Preaching: Pastor Davenport  
Liturgist: Pastor Werner  
Director of Music: Tom Schroeder  
Musicians: JuBellation Handbell Choir  
Elder: Jess Hatten  
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Acolyte: Ryan Oppat  
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Altar Guild: Elisabeth Schluckebier, Amy Milz, Tara Kraupp  
Greeter: Carol Bielaniec  
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