

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

11:30am Modern Divine Service

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School

*Embrace ~ Educate ~ Engage*

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting of the Saints

Opening Song

"Breathe"

This is the air I breathe,  
this is the air I breathe,  
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,  
this is my daily bread,  
Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for You.  
And I, I'm lost without You.

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### **Invocation**

**P:** Let us begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ, walking humbly together, I invite you to confess your sins with me before the Lord.

**C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not always walked as Your people; we have sinned and fallen short of how You have called us to live. And yet we know that You are a God of mercy and grace, we humbly ask that You forgive us our sins and set us on Your path of righteousness. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Amen.**

**P:** In the stead and by the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the Grace of God to you and forgive you of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy unto me.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy unto me.  
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison unto me.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy unto me.**

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.  
We praise, we bless, we adore You.  
We give thanks for Your great glory.  
O Lord, God heavenly King, mighty Father  
Lord Jesus Christ only begotten Son  
You take away the sins of the of the world, receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are holy You alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the most high.  
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit to the Glory of God the Father.**

*Please be seated*

**First Reading**

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

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. 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. 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. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 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. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

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.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. 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. . . .

And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. 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, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 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. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 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. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 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. 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.”

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,”

and



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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 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'? 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. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

"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. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Children's Message

*Please stand*

**Song of the Day**

“Cornerstone”

*Verse 1*

My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name. *Repeat*

*Chorus*

Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord.  
Lord of all.

*Verse 2*

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil.

*Chorus*

Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord.  
Lord of all.  
He is Lord. Lord of all.

*Chorus*

Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord.  
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*Chorus*

Christ alone. Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord.  
Lord of all.

**Verse 3**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone.  
Faultless stand before the throne.**

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**Sermon**

*Rev. Rick Rostek*

*Please stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. 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.

**P:** 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:** Father of glory, Your Son declared Himself to be the way, the truth and the life. Bless all who have requested our prayers, especially Carole, Carrie Ann, Earl, LaDonna, Carol, Rita, Cindi, and Dorothea. 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:** 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.**

## Service of the Sacrament

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 Him thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus

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D D/F# G D/F# G D/F# A <sup>3</sup>

Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, Hea-ven and earth are full of Thy glo - ry

5 D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F#

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord most\_ high. Bless - ed is He that

8 G G#7 A G A(sus4) A D

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## The 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

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 covenant 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

5 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

9 D F#m/C# G(add2) D/A A D

Lamb of God Lamb of God Have mercy on us. Lamb of

13 G E/G# A A/G F#m Bm

God You take away the sins of the World. Grant us

17 G D/G A A7 D

Peace. Oh Grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

## **Silent Prayer before Communing**

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **Communion Song**

**"Give Thanks"**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son**

***Chorus***

**And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.**

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*Please stand*

### **Communion Dismissal**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

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 ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

### **Closing Song**

"Gratitude"

#### ***Verse 1***

All my words fall short  
I got nothing new  
How could I express  
All my gratitude

#### ***Verse 2***

I could sing these songs  
As I often do  
But every song must end  
And You never do

#### ***Chorus***

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again  
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah  
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing, hallelujah, hallelujah

#### ***Verse 3***

I've got one response  
I've got just one move  
With my arms stretched wide  
I will worship You

*Chorus*

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again  
`Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah  
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing, hallelujah, hallelujah

*Interlude*

*Bridge*

Come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me  
Lift up your song, `cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs  
Get up and praise the Lord. *(Sing a total of 3x)*

*Interlude*

*Chorus*

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again  
`Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah  
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king  
Except for a heart singing, hallelujah, hallelujah

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**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.