



Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment that you love one another" John 13:34

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 18, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Introduction"

Edward Elgar

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER (Rev. 21:1-2A, 5-6: Psalm 148:1, 13A)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

*HYMN #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

KINGFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not loved one another as Christ has loved us. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #263 (v.1) “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 11:1-18

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

Polly Russ

Special Music [11:00]

“Gabriel’s Oboe”

Ennio Morriconi
Arr. Robert Long Field

Lynn Auman, Violin

Chad Hammer, Cello

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:31-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Stories of Love”

Rev. Suzanne Simpson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

What do we believe?

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #240 (v.2): "Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

**Prayer of Dedication*

*HYMN #81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Rusty & Polly Russ
Greeter: Mary Payton Miller
Welcome Table: Mary Miller & Jimmie Pendergrass
Liturgist: Eric Lehmann
Acolyte: AJ Pendergrass

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Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

