

✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter ✠

May 2–3, 2026

5:00 p.m.; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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Silent Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Help us to be faithful to Him to death and to receive life eternal. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ Divine Service – Setting One ✠

Prelude

(8:00, 11:00) Choral Introit

“Joy Is Come!”

Andrew Carter

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide, See the stone rolled aside,
Christ our Lord is risen bursting from His prison.

Let the sound Ring around And the song now rebound: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter Day! Join the dance, homage pay, Christ the Lord lights our way
From the tomb now breaking, Satan’s power shaking.

Let the song Echo long, Shout it loud, sing it strong: Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter morn! With your Lord greet the dawn,
He endured crown of thorn and the bitter nailing Faithful and unailing.
Tidings tell, Chant it well, Risen Christ with us dwell By the cross prevailing.

Easter joy may we bring, Welcome, Lord, heaven’s King,
Winter turns into spring, Darkness overtaking And our spirits waking.
Praises flow, Voices grow, Sound far “Gloria in excelsis Deo!”

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” *LSB 464*

Confession and Absolution

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. *John 20:19-23*
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

This Is the Feast

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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect

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.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(8:00, 11:00) **Choral Gradual**

“Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One” Healey Willan

(The book of the Song of Solomon is a song of the love that God has for His bride, the Church. In this passage, springtime arrives, the wedding is near, and the bride is invited to enter a new life with the groom. So too, through Jesus’ death and resurrection, the Church is invited to new life through the forgiveness of sins.)

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come; Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. *Song of Solomon 2:10-12*

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:1-10

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 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 “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

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. 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(5:00, 9:30) **Alleluia and Verse**

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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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below it, the lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

(8:00, 11:00) **Alleluia and Verse**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

Romans 6:9

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Choir: If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him.

John 14:23

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

Hymn of the Day

“You Are the Way; through You Alone” *LSB 526*

(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) **Sermon**

“Building Expansion” *John 14:1–14*

Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 20th wedding anniversary of Phil and Mary Theiss (April 29).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 26th wedding anniversary of Jason and Melissa Truesdell (April 29).
- ✠ JoAnn Christensen upcoming surgery.

Offering

(8:00, 11:00) **Offering Anthem**

“Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee”

Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee;
Heed God’s good will, my soul, be still, compose thee.

Why brood all day in sorrow?
Tomorrow will bring thee God’s help benign and grace sublime in mercy.

Be true in all endeavor and ever stand firmly;
What God decrees brings joy and peace, He’ll stay thee. Amen. *Paul Flemming; tr. Walter Buszin*

(11:00) **Sermon**

“Building Expansion” *John 14:1–14*

Service of the Sacrament

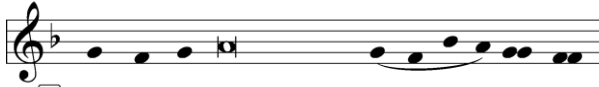
Preface

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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.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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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.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

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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 Hymns

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing” *LSB 633*
(*Hymn of the Month*) “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” *LSB 487*

“Thank the Lord” *LSB*, p. 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.

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.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

“All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding” *LSB* 462

Postlude

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Preaching
Liturgist
Assisting Seminarians

Choir
Organist

Pastor Schudde
(8:00, 11:00) **Pastor Wade**
(5:00) **Noah Bauer**
(8:00) **Micah Cumming**
(11:00) **Jordan Fasnacht**
St. Paul's Intergenerational Choir
Kantor Gerhardt

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