

# **WELCOME**

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **SAT. MAY 2/SUN. MAY 3, 2026**



**“EASTER LIGHT—ETERNAL LIGHT”**

### **AS WE GATHER**

In “Jerusalem the Golden,” medieval monk Bernard of Cluny writes of the “radiancy 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.

### **WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** “Good Christian Friends,  
Rejoice and Sing”  
*LSB* 475

*HYPERLINK*

<https://youtu.be/AwrOot61ETc?si=ssEKvEiEyklMDcF9&t=50>

**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;  
death's mighty stone  
is rolled away;  
let all the world rejoice and say  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

**3 We praise in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life,  
which cannot die, and sing with  
hearts uplifted high:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

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

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

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

**Pastor:** The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of  
whom shall I be afraid?**

**Pastor:** The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear  
Him,

**People: in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

**Pastor:** O LORD, how manifold are Your works!

**People: In wisdom have You made them all.**

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever.

**People: Come, let us walk in the light of the  
LORD.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: 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.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**☩ WORD ☩**

**KYRIE**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy;



Christ, have mer - cy;



Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “Alleluia, Christ Has Risen”

*Tune: LSB 821*

*HYPERLINK*

<https://youtu.be/RDy1cz2JqeI?si=aygpblHco6htj1Pj>

**Alleluia, Christ has risen!  
Glory be to Him alone.  
God has given Him all honor;  
Seated Him upon the throne.  
He bestowed on Him dominion,  
Power, and authority;  
Now Christ rules o’er all creation  
And into eternity.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter,  
His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”**

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**SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**FIRST READING**      *Acts 7:2a, 51–60*

*(Stephen is stoned and becomes a martyr for Christ.)*

<sup>2</sup> And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

<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

your fathers not 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.

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

“Praise the Almighty”

*LSB 797*

## **EPISTLE**

*1 Peter 2:2–10*

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

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**                      *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

**People: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**                      *John 14:1–14*                      (*Jesus says that He is the way, and the truth, and the life.*)

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

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

14 “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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” *LSB* 704

*HYPERLINK*

<https://youtu.be/nLYbcDzYhLM?si=P3xI565Sdp3EiAGc>

**1 Renew me, O eternal Light,  
And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace  
That issues from Your holy face.**

**2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me  
And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will  
Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire,  
And with new life my soul inspire.**

**4 Grant that I only You may love  
And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face,  
O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH - The 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**

## OFFERING

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE**      *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have shown mercy to all in Christ our Redeemer, who gives peace to troubled hearts. Receive our thanks that He has a place waiting for us in heaven. Unite our praises with those of all the faithful who are around the eternal throne of Christ. United

in faith and hope, grant that we join with them in the unending praise of the Lamb with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

**SANCTUS**

*LSB, page 195*

*HYPERLINK*

<https://youtu.be/ahQMjZIHNRs?si=YzyARktNjZiOookb>

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
Blessed is He  
that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew*

*26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1  
Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, “*Take, eat;*

*this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “*Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB, page 198*

*HYPERLINK*

[https://youtu.be/b6-dYIMTZyU?si=ZMwlb\\_DLTVdqYyHi](https://youtu.be/b6-dYIMTZyU?si=ZMwlb_DLTVdqYyHi)

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen**

## **✠DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION✠**

*By communing, a person says publicly that they -*

*- are baptized and confirmed*

*- believe Christ's words*

*- repent of their sins*

*- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod teaches.*

*How to receive –*

*- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands  
folded if not receiving Communion*

- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Jerusalem the Golden”

*LSB 672*

*HYPERLINK*

[https://youtu.be/6vh5QdbYKX4?si=BEEMyN7yi6\\_WIJXG&t=34](https://youtu.be/6vh5QdbYKX4?si=BEEMyN7yi6_WIJXG&t=34)

**1 Jerusalem the golden,  
With milk and honey blest—  
The promise of salvation,  
The place of peace and rest—  
We know not, oh, we know not  
What joys await us there:  
The radiancy of glory,  
The bliss beyond compare!**

**2 Within those walls of Zion  
Sounds forth the joyful song,  
As saints join with the angels  
And all the martyr throng.**

**The Prince is ever with them;  
The daylight is serene;  
The city of the blessed  
Shines bright with glorious sheen.**

**3 Around the throne of David,  
The saints, from care released,  
Raise loud their songs of triumph  
To celebrate the feast.  
They sing to Christ their leader,  
Who conquered in the fight,  
Who won for them forever  
Their gleaming robes of white.**

**\* 4 O sweet and blessed country,  
The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country  
That faithful hearts expect!  
In mercy, Jesus, bring us  
To that eternal rest  
With You and God the Father  
And Spirit, ever blest.**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*(Tune: LSB 633)*

*HYPERLINK*

<https://youtu.be/SMbN4JORZyg?si=Gu6MCPFOjQmYtBdX>

**For this feast our thanks we give;  
Through its gifts we ever live,  
Thanks and praise forever sing  
Till we hear the heavens ring, “Alleluia!”**

**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!**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same and help us to rejoice in Your mercies that we may know comfort when our hearts are troubled and our days know challenges. Finally, in Your mercy, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit  
are one God, world without end.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**    *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB* 465

*HYPERLINK*

[https://youtu.be/lpArZ\\_eAMqM?si=crvJS97Uw9-vock](https://youtu.be/lpArZ_eAMqM?si=crvJS97Uw9-vock)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**1. Now all the vault of heav’n resounds**

**In praise of love that still abounds:**

**“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”**

**Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!**

**Repeat their song of glory here:**

**“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”**

**Alleluia!**

**2.Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia!**

**3.O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Alleluia!**

**\*4.Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:  
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:**

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ  
known to others”**

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- **Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist (Sun.)** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gomski
- **A/V Team:** Brian & Amanda Larie  
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald
  
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald ([oswald1@charter.net](mailto:oswald1@charter.net)) with your prayer requests.**
  
- **BOWLING is tonight at 5:00pm at Towne & Country Lanes in Burlington, WI. \$2 per game of bowling, \$2 shoe rental, \$2 food and drink menu. Everyone is welcome and little kids have their own lane with bumpers. Any questions, ask Brian and Amanda.**
  
- **INTERESTED IN A SMALL GROUP setting study of the Book of Numbers? Please see Pastor or Mike Gomski.**
  
- **TODAY-MONTHLY MITES FOR MAY-Extra Mite boxes on the Women Of Hope table in narthex, help yourself and any handouts there.**

- **WOMEN OF HOPE** will have their quarterly meeting on Tuesday May 5 at 4:30 pm at Hope Church meeting in the lower level. We welcome all ladies at Hope and friends to join us. We love to hear your thoughts and suggestions as we plan upcoming events and serve with gladness.
- **LADIES AT HOPE AND FRIENDS** are welcome to join our Ladies Luncheon on Thursday, May 14 at 11:30 am. We meet at the Corner Kitchen 100 N Lake Avenue in Twin Lakes. Let us know if you will be attending and/or if you need a ride. We look forward to having you here. Contact Beth Schneider for any questions at 262 -351-6578.
- **THE SILENT AUCTION** log book is on a table in the back of the fellowship hall downstairs. Please log in any items your bring and give any gift cards/other valuables to Phyllis to be locked up. Other items can be put on the table. If you would like to make up a silent auction basket, baskets and supplies (shrink wrap bags, pipe cleaners, ribbon) are also on a table in the back downstairs. Please take what you need. Baskets do not need to be wrapped.
- **HELP NEEDED – JULY 11 CAR SHOW:** Sign-up sheets for helping and donations for food such as pop (cans), water bottles, hamburger buns, french bread loaves for garlic bread are in the narthex. Please see Gail with questions.
- **SHARING CENTER DONATIONS** can be placed in the baskets by the mailboxes rather than in the narthex.
- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are

interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

**THIS WEEK**

**Reader:** Nadine Kelm  
**Communion:** Paul Schneider  
**Ushers:** Gary Estes & Dave Peschke  
**Fellowship:** Bob & Kathleen Blume  
**Altar Guild:** George & Nadine Kelm

**NEXT WEEK**

**Reader:** George Kelm  
**Communion:** Paul Schneider  
**Ushers:** Brian Larie & Kyle Wachholder  
**Fellowship:** Beth Schneider  
**Altar Guild:** George & Nadine Kelm

**BIRTHDAYS**

**05/06**

**Paisley May Tonkinson**



**Calendar of Events This Week**

**05/04/26–05/10/26**

**Monday: 11:00am Twin Lakes Seniors**

**Tuesday: 4:30 Women of Hope Quarterly Meeting**

**Wednesday: 6:00pm Bible Study**

**Thursday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast & Elders**

**6:00pm AA Meeting**

**Friday:**

**Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service**

**Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal**

**9:00am Worship Service**

**10:20am Bible Study & Children's Sunday School**

**7:00pm AA Meeting**