

# Easter 5 — May 18, 2025

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Children's Sermon

## Opening Hymn

**Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

**ELW 389**

## Apostolic Greeting

**L** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Prayer of the Day

**L** The Lord be with you

**C** **And also with you**

**L** O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

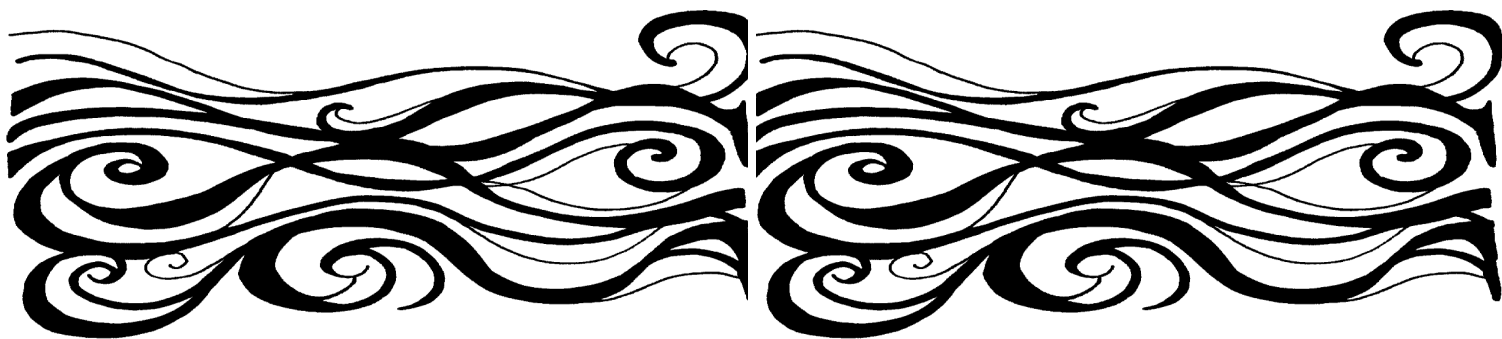
<sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God <sup>1</sup> in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.**  
<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heav- <sup>1</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they <sup>1</sup> were created,  
<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not <sup>1</sup> pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters <sup>1</sup> and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, <sup>1</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- <sup>1</sup> ing God's will;**  
<sup>9</sup> mountains <sup>1</sup> and all hills,  
fruit trees <sup>1</sup> and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts <sup>1</sup> and all cattle,  
creeping things and <sup>1</sup> flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth <sup>1</sup> and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers <sup>1</sup> of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> **young <sup>1</sup> men and maidens,  
old and <sup>1</sup> young together.**  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over <sup>1</sup> earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all <sup>1</sup> faithful  
servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**



## **Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6**

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, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." 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." 6 Then he said to me, "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." Holy wisdom, holy word. **C Thanks be to God**

**Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation Page 142**

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel according to John in the 13<sup>th</sup>. C Glory to you, O Lord.**

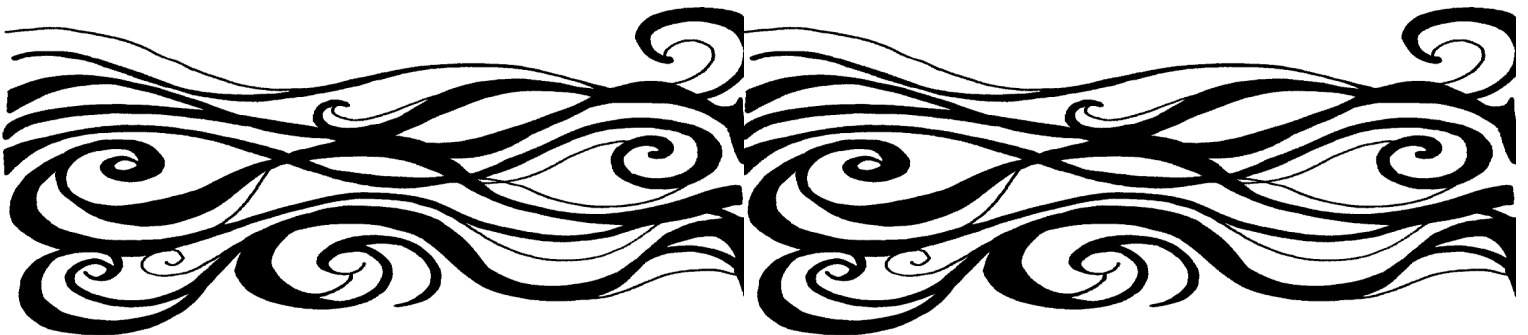
<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**In Heaven Above**

**ELW 630**



## Prayers of the People

- L Grateful for the love of God which calls us beyond any human divisions, we offer our intercessions for all in any need.
- AM For the Church, that its world-wide mission and God-given unity may overcome all barriers of prejudice and pretensions of supremacy, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**
- AM For the secular world, that there too, God's gifts to people of all kinds may be cause for our deepest gratitude and celebration, until all artificial distinctions or dehumanizing beliefs are overcome, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**
- AM For our natural world, a constant source of abundance to support all our human family and all forms of life, that we may regard it as a sacred gift to be tended with all humility and care, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**
- AM For our particular nation, that our highest and most noble values may call us to ever more dedicated action on behalf of any who may be the target of disdain or contempt, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**
- AM For any who suffer the horrors of war, especially children, that we may labor to protect them from the physical and emotional trauma of violence that is an affront to all that is holy, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**
- AM For any needs we offer now in silence or out loud..... Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**
- L And, dear Savior, we humbly ask that your love may heal any other needs we have this day, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer, Amen.**

## The Peace

- L The Peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**  
*Please share a sign of peace with one another. The Offering is received, and the table is prepared.*

### **Anthem: That Judgment Mornin'**

**Words: Nancy Price & Don Besig; Music: Don Besig**

We're going to rise up that judgment morning, rise up that judgment morning. Gonna rise up that judgment morning, ready to walk on the streets of gold. We're gonna rise up that judgment morning, rise up that judgment morning. Gonna rise up that judgment warning, ready to walk on the streets of gold. We've got to get ready for that glorious day, we're gonna rise up that morning. When the troubles of the world gonna fade away. We're gonna rise up that judgment morning, the pearly gates will open wide and we'll be ready to step inside. And we'll all sing "Hallelujah" that final judgment day! We're gonna rise up that judgment warning, rise up that judgment mornin'. Gonna rise up that judgment mornin, ready to walk on the streets of gold. One bright morning we will wake up and see - we're going to rise up that judgment mourning - a chariot waiting there for you and me. We're gonna rise up that judgment morning. We'll hear our names and get on board. We'll ride to heaven and our reward. And we'll all sing "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" We're gonna rise up that judgment morning, rise up that judgment morning. Going to rise up that judgment morning, ready to walk on the streets of gold. We're going to rise up that judgment morning, rise up that judgment morning. Gonna rise up that judgment morning, ready to walk, ready to walk those streets of gold.

**Offertory Hymn ELW 678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending. v.1**

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

***The Leader speaks the offertory Prayer***

**The Great Thanksgiving**

- L** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.  
**L** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
**L** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: .

**Sanctus**

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

- 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 Agnus Dei pg. 146**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,  
Lamb of God.**

*All are warmly welcomed by Christ to his table and feast.*

**Communion**

## Post Communion Prayer

### Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. C Amen.

### Closing Hymn

Come, We that Love the Lord

ELW 625

### Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. C Amen.

### Postlude

***Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.***



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley  
Francine Ahrens  
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens  
Peggy Ali  
Joyce Almsted

Connie Aparo  
Phil Bascetta  
Eli Boda  
Diane Boscarino  
Kathleen Bowler

Cherie Brown  
Sharon Cable  
Nancy Campbell  
Carol Cianciolo  
Emma Cortina

Leif Dallaire  
Emily Decker  
Linda Dellano  
Carla Derrickson  
Sigrid Devita

Irene Douglas  
Judy Elliott  
Mark Ebbeskotte  
Jan Eucalitto  
Jennifer Ezzo

Bruce & Liz Falls  
Tommy Fitzpatrick  
Ashley Friday  
Rosemarie Foth  
John Fox

Joan Gerard  
Danise Hall  
Jack & Barbara Heintz  
Brayden Herzberg  
Charles Hilton

Kathleen Hilton  
Shannon Hilton  
Jake Hoadley  
Sven Holmgren  
Erma Horn

Eunice Jones  
Lynn Killingbeck  
Marilyn Killingbeck  
Maria Koskovich  
Jason Lashbrook

John Lewis  
David Little  
Rebecca Little  
Kari Machowski  
Mary Ellen Mackinnon

Jerry MacManus  
Irene Madore  
Audrey & Ernie Marquard  
Abigail Marine  
Eric Marine  
Richard Marine

Janis Martin  
Gil & Marilyn Martin  
Gladys Medina  
Michael Meyers  
Kate Merrow

Colin Moore  
Brigitte Mueller  
Martin Mueller  
Dennis Nalette  
Karen Ness

Tom O'Brien  
Lea Orriola & family  
Russell Palmer  
Maria Payne  
Jackie Quinn Wassik

Caroline Quintal  
Ed & Susan Regner  
Jonathan Richard  
Louise Roche  
Holly Schaff

Judy Schaller  
Rosemary & Otto Schibi  
Denae Seelye  
Patricia Weingart Seymour  
Rob Simon

Matt Simpson  
Dana Steele  
Sigrid Smitley  
Paul Smith  
Dana & George Steele

Jennifer Stella  
Deb & Jon Sterling  
RuthAnn Stone  
Diane Tanner

Gloria Thibault  
Andy Thomas  
Julia Thompson Carroll  
Susan Tycienski  
Steve Warner  
Renee Woodard

Clarence & Priscilla  
Ed  
Jen O.  
Jaiden  
Shirley

Steve  
Lou W.  
Steve  
Todd  
Robert K.

Terry  
Joe  
Rosie  
Carol G.  
Kristen & Jared

Vinny  
Hagbard  
Carolina  
Robert P.  
Peanut

Colleen  
Ken  
Kathy  
Jaxson  
Gail

F.C.H.  
Chantel

### **Our Nursing Home Members**

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Calvin Bensch  
Judy Schaller

### **Our Military Friends**

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James Ernst  
USCG  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

### **Family and Friends of Cheryl Corey Ann Jones**

## Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Church Picnic & Last Day of Sunday School	5/18	TODAY After Service
Yankee Chorale Concert	5/18	4:00 pm
Chris. Ed Meeting	5/19	6:30 pm
Breakfast Men Acs Women George's	5/21	8:30 am
Synod Assembly	5/30-31	
Pentecost & Confirmation	6/8	10:00 am
New Member Reception	6/22	10:00 am
Tag Sale	7/19	8:00 am
VBS	Week of 8/4	9:00 am

Bible Study Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm  
and in person Wednesday mornings at  
10:00 am.

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays  
Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays

### Offerings Summary:

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$4,561</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$ 2,345</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>(\$2,216)</b>
<b>YTD shortfall</b>	<b>(\$22,872)</b>

<b>Water Heater</b>	<b>\$110</b>
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