



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am

..... ✝ **GATHERING** ✝

Voluntaries

Procession from "An Easter Suite"

Charles Callahan

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Theodore Beck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as Pastor Matt continues.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

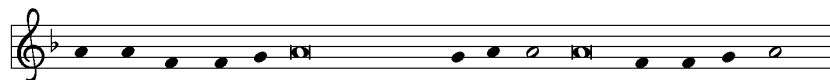
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

A Al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

B Al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, hon - or, and bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. **B** Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. Fulfillment of the prophesies, **With Scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Acts 8:26-39

Pew Bible page 892

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:44-47

Pew Bible page 861

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Blessed Spring

ELW Hymn 447

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "Hear us, O God," and the response is "Your mercy is great."
At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with ... in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. "Amen."*

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

..... ✚ MEAL ✚

ANTHEM

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

Michael D. Costello

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

What Shall I Render



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?

I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing

and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -

va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the

pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,

in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFETORY PRAYER

Let us pray... Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

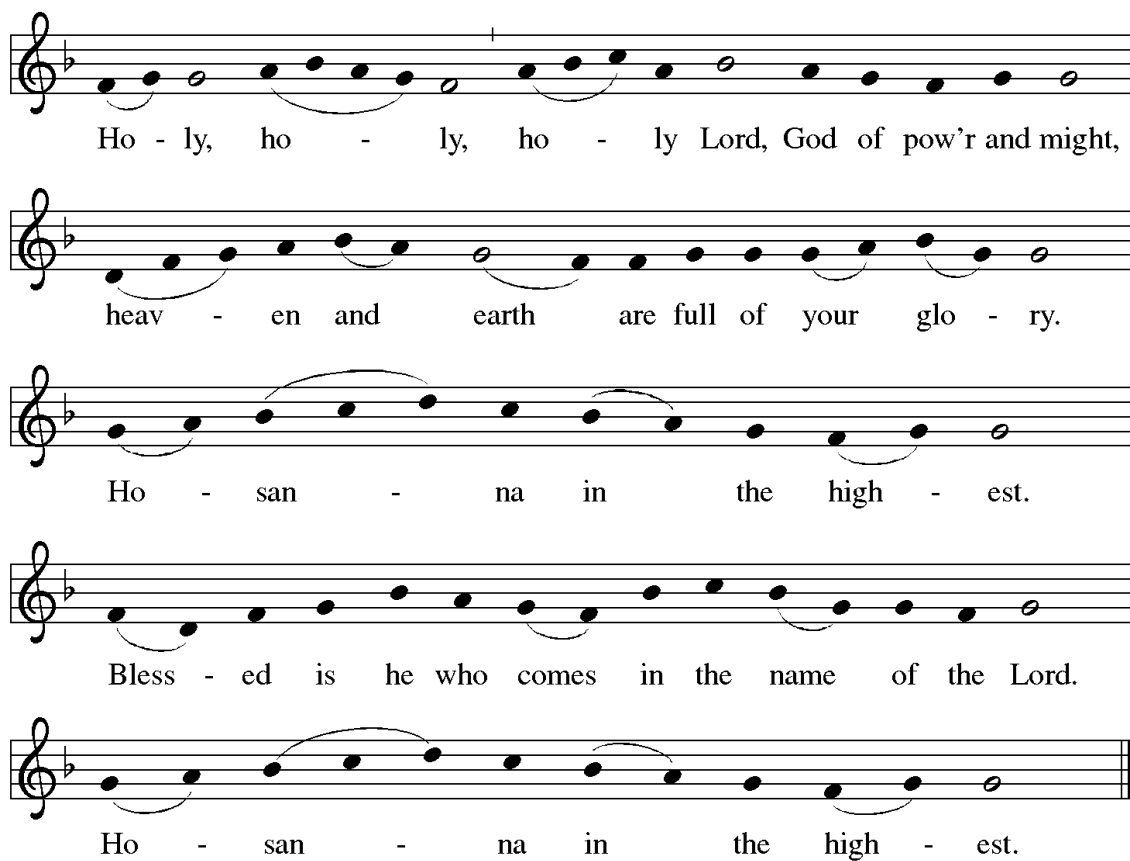
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION One Bread, One Body

ELW Hymn 496

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

..... ✙ **SENDING** ✙

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Spirit.

In the name of the Spirit.

The Three-in-One.

The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's face shine upon you.

May God's blessings be with you.

May God's blessings be with you.

And give you peace.

And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW Hymn 537

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Women in the Congregation, on Mother's Day, by WELCA.

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations!: On Sunday, May 18th, we will celebrate our graduates. If you would like your student to be recognized, please contact the church with their information before May 15th.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
11 Sunday School – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am	12 Council Info Session – 6pm	13 FLC Reserved – NCMH Prayer Shawl Ministry – 10am Finance Comm Mtg – 6pm Library Reserved	14 Handbell Choir Rehearsal – 6pm Choir Rehearsal – 7pm	15	16	17 GAAP – 10am-Noon	18 Sunday School – 9:30am Worship – 10:30am FLC Reserved – New Visions Ministries – 2pm Youth Confirmation – 4pm Youth Group – 5:15pm

Worship Leadership – This Sunday

Worship Asst: Johnny Lindsay

Acolyte: Thomas Boozer

Crucifer: Gavin Garner

Comm Prep: Robert Kneece

Altar Flowers: WELCA

Ushers: Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs, Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, May 18th

Worship Asst: Eve Kneece

Acolyte: Zoe Reid

Crucifer: Zarek Reid

Comm Prep: Polly Davis & Susan Hayes

Altar Flowers: Carolyn Hammond

Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia, Aubrey Guyton, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for May 4, 2025:

Attendance:

Sunday School: 17

In-Person: 107

Online: 121

Total: 228

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$4,141.23

Major Maintenance: \$650.00

Prayer & Care Card Making Class: \$25.00

Dedicated Accounts:

Choral Scholarship: \$100.00

LMM – Redeemer Unit: \$30.00

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor

Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist

Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director

Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director

Annette Belcher, Wayden Dean, or Nikki Chapman, Audio · Matt Bowers, Video

Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper

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