



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

## Voluntaries

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

Karl Osterland

*Adoro Te Devote*

Healey Willan

## 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.

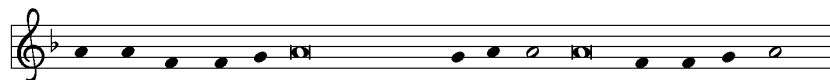
## KYRIE



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.



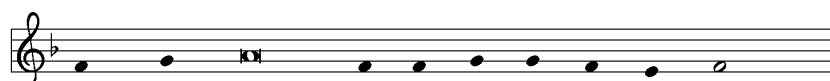
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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. Lord of all, In Jesus you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any from fellowship in Christ's community. Blind us to our differences so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace. Amen.

<We sit.>

## READING

**Acts 15:1-18**

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*Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the gentiles and brought great joy to all the brothers and sisters. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."*

*The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us, and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."*

*The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, 'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord – even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.'*

<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 2:29-32**

Pew Bible page 832

*"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."*

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

<We sit.>

## SERMON

**Rev. Matthew Titus**

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

Bose Kikinin – SC Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics

Olivia West – Newberry Academy

Philip Livingston – Clemson University

A.C. Cary – Converse University

Kristin Caughman – Lander University

**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

Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord

David von Kampen

<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.

## OFFERTORY 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

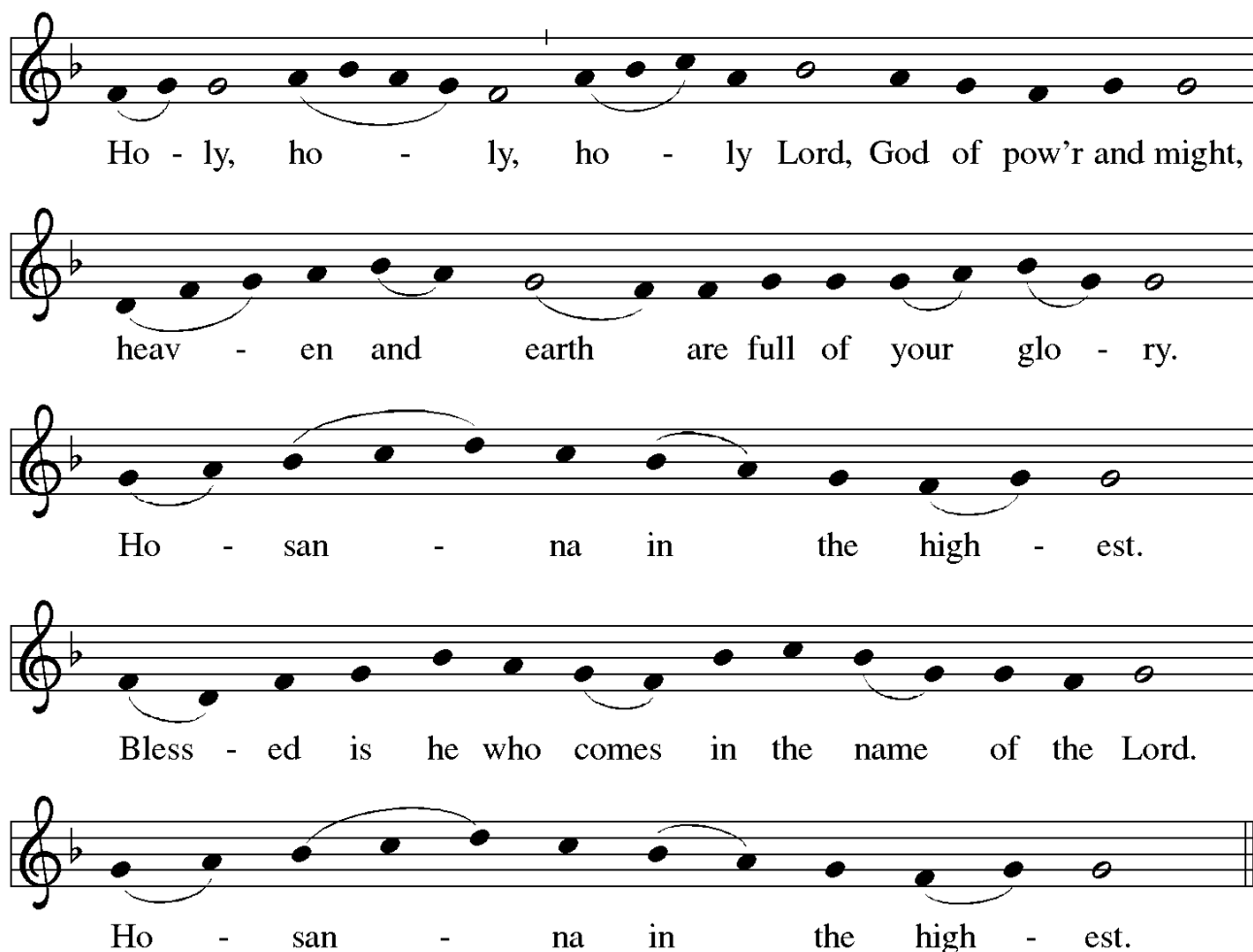
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.



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 in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

**Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!**

*ELW Hymn 380*

## 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

*Finale from "The Royal Fireworks"*

George F. Handel

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our daughter Mary in her birth month of May by John and Carolyn Hammond.



..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS** .....

**Youth Confirmation** – the last confirmation class of the year will be held today in Redeemer’s Youth Hall

**Confirmation** – we are excited to celebrate TEN of our youth on Pentecost Sunday, we will gather in celebration during worship as they Affirm their Baptisms.

**Camp** – if you or your child would like to go to camp at Lutheridge or Lutherock please contact the church office – funds are available to offset costs.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
18 <b>Sunday School</b> – 9:30am <b>Worship</b> – 10:30am  <b>Christian Education Committee Mtg</b> – after service  <b>FLC Reserved</b> – New Visions Ministries – 2pm  <b>Youth Confirmation</b> – 4pm  <b>Youth Group</b> – 5:15pm	19 <b>Prayer &amp; Care Card Making</b> – 9:30am  <b>Congregation Council Mtg</b> – 6pm	20          <b>Library Reserved</b>	21 <b>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> – 6pm  <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> – 7pm	22	23 <b>Youth – S’mores Night</b>	24 <b>GAAP</b> – 10am- Noon       <b>Church Reserved</b>	25 <b>Sunday School</b> – 9:30am <b>Worship</b> – 10:30am  <b>Youth</b> – Hang at Cookout  <b>Church Reserved</b>  <b>FLC Reserved</b> – 3pm

\*Church Office Will Be Closed Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day\*

**Worship Leadership – This Sunday**

**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

**Sunday, May 25th**

**Worship Asst:** Nikki Chapman

**Acolyte:** Miriam Titus

**Crucifer:** Jacob Chapman

**Comm Prep:** Kathy Lindsay

**Altar Flowers:** Bob Montgomery

**Ushers:** Elmer Long, Mack Garner,

Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

**Numbers for May 11, 2025:**

**Attendance:**

Sunday School: 19

In-Person: 84

Online: 86

**Total: 170**

**Offering:**

Gen Operating Account: \$2,982.27

Major Maintenance: \$545

Roof Fund: \$700.00

**Dedicated Accounts:**

Abiding Memorials: \$200.00

**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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