



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Voluntaries

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Michael Burkhardt

An Easter Meditation

Charles Callahan

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.

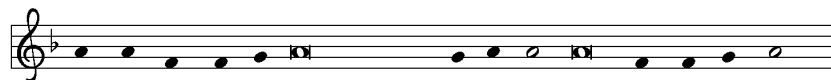
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



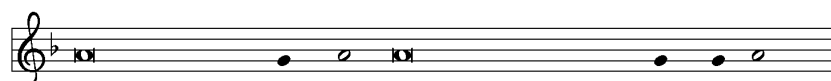
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



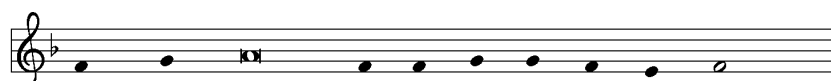
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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

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

■ 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.

■ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. ■ 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. Holy Giver and Receiver of Life, **Your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to you, and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all your followers, for the sake of the one who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Acts 6:1-7a, 44-60

Pew Bible page 889

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law, for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" And Stephen replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me.

"Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen. Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the peoples whom God drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David, who found favor with God and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the house of Jacob. But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands; as the prophet says, 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?' "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it." When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

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

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 23:33-34a, 46

ELW Hymn 859

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

<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

By All Your Saints

ELW Hymn 420

(vs. 1, 4, last)

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

Hosanna

arr. James Christian Pfohl

<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

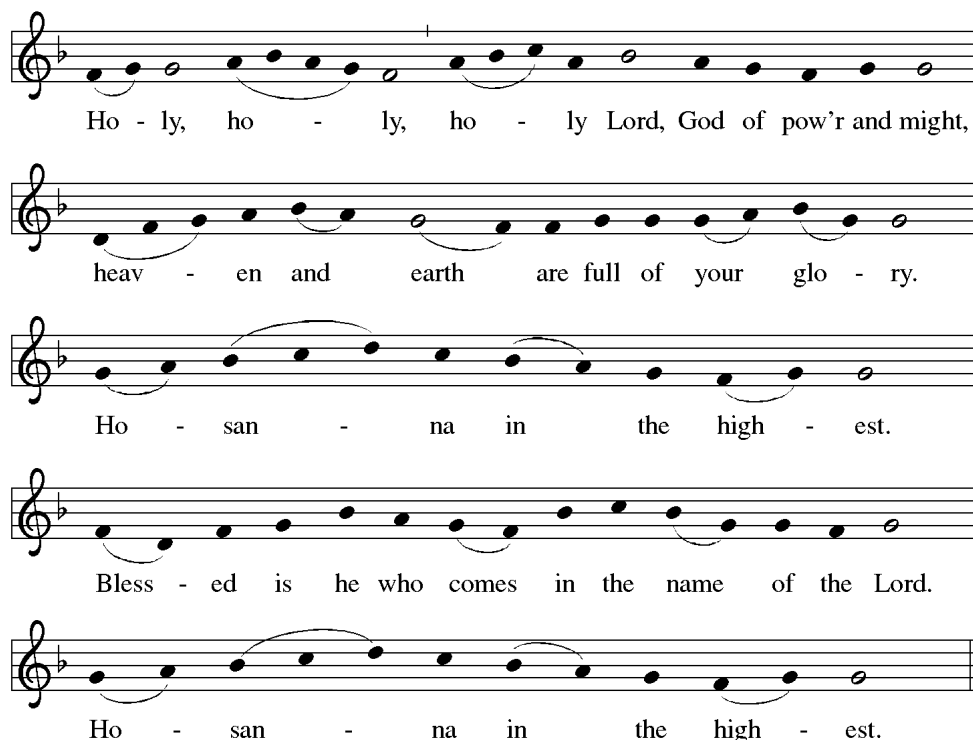
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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, sign of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and wear 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

The Day of Resurrection

ELW Hymn 361

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Michael Burkhardt

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Doggett's birthday and in honor and memory of all members of The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer by Doggett and Christie Whitaker.

..... **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
4 Property Comm Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am LMM & WELCA Luncheon WELCA - 3:45pm	5 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	6 Library Reserved	7 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6pm Choir Rehearsal - 7pm	8	9	10	11 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am

Worship Leadership - This Sunday

Worship Asst: Derryll Satterwhite

Acolyte: Dennis Caughman

Crucifer: McKenzie Garner

Comm Prep: Lynn Cary

Altar Flowers: Christie Whitaker

Ushers: Chad Cary, Norris Long,

Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, May 11th

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

Numbers for April 27, 2025:

Attendance:

Sunrise Service: 21

In-Person: 79

Online: 117

Total: 195

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$4,307.57

Major Maintenance: \$10.00

Dedicated Accounts:

Lutheridge Scholarship: \$5,000.00

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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