



I am
the way,
and the truth,
and the life.

John 14:6



FAMILY OF GOD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3rd, 2026

9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy from
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting three

Gather

Prelude "Partita on O God Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Jan Bender

Welcome

*Opening Hymn "O Jesus I Have Promised" **ELW 810**

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Greeting

P: 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.**

*Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

Refrain § 140

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

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who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God,

C: your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Young Persons' Message

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

55 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. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then 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. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then 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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm

31:1-5, 15-16

P: ¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;

C: Deliver me | in your righteousness.

P: ²Incline your | ear to me;

C: Make haste to de- | liver me.

P: ³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;

C: For the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

P: ⁴Take me out of the net that they have

secretly | set for me,

C: For you are my tow- | er of strength.

P: ⁵Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,

C: For you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.

P: ¹⁵My times are | in your hand;

C: Rescue me from the hand of my ene- | mies, and from those who | persecute me.

P: ¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;

C: Save me in your | steadfast love.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ 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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

John 14:1-14

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4And you know the way to the place where I am going." 5Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."
8Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. 12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Hymn of the Day

"You Are the Way"

ELW 758

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "You Are the Way". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615

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*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 The People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

“Come Share the Lord”

Chancel Choir

Lyrics

We gather here in Jesus' name,
 His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.
 For through His loving Son the Father makes us
 one.
 Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come
 share the Lord.
 We'll gather soon where angels sing,
 We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.
 Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.
 Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come
 share the Lord.
 For He will feed us with His presence here,
 This bread and wine will do us good.
 Our deepest hungers He will satisfy,

For He is life and peace and rest and drink and
 food.
 He joins us here, He breaks the bread.
 The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.
 The One we love the most is now our gracious
 host.
 Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come
 share the Lord.
 No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs.
 Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all
 wrongs.
 We are now the family of which the Lord is head.
 Though unseen He meets us here in the breaking
 of the bread.

*Offertory Response

“Be Not Afraid”

ELW 388

Sing 2 times

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Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

***Offertory Prayer**

P: Risen Lord, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

§ 144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

§ 144b

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. Ho -

san-na. 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.

*Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

§ 146
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

ELW 575

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. Below the treble clef staff, there are four lines of lyrics, each starting with a number (1, 2, 3, 4). The lyrics are: 1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace; 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share; 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach; 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love.

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and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876, s.l.
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*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
 P: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" arr. Charles Callahan

Today's Worship Participants

Lector:
Chancel Choir

Chancel flowers

Dan Cragg

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Janice McFadden, for health concerns
Connie Young
Gen Loberg
David Loos' Father Robert in hospice
Connie Anderson, for health concerns

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Rita Loos' sister Mary Swanson for health issues
Alan Aleckson, who is still recovering from surgery at home
Julie Johnson recovering from surgery

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

The New Church Website is coming along and we need pictures! If you have any *church related* pictures please send them to the admin email address.

Quarterly Donation Statements will be available upon request. Call or email the church office to arrange delivery.

Vacation Bible Study registration is now open! From Monday June 15 to Thursday June 18 we'll be going on a "Tropical Trek" There is no cost to sign up and it's open to all kids, from preschool age to middle school. Ask Pr. Erin if you have questions! You can register on our website.

Social Ministry—For May we will be helping North Hennepin Community College food pantry. Due to recent SNAP Benefit changes, they are expecting higher usage. Their current needs are:

Meal options such as macaroni & cheese, ravioli, soup & peanut butter & jelly Personal hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand soap Household items: toilet paper, Lysol wipes, dishwasher soap & laundry detergent

A CPR class will be held on May 19th 7 pm-8:15 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Contact David Loos at 612-532-4778 if you have questions.

May 2026 FOG Crafting

Thursday, May 7. Set up at 5:00, craft until 8:00

Friday, May 8. Craft all day, 9:00am - 9pm

Saturday, May 9. Craft all day, 9:00am - 9:00pm

Suggested donation: \$30.00, Our donations go to the church for overall expenses, lights, heat, etc as a thank you for letting us gather in the church.

Theme: Cinco de Mayo!

Please RSVP to Stephanie Statz stephstatz24@gmail.com or LeAnne Tieman lrtieman11@gmail.com

North Hennepin Community College Orchestra concert, directed by Judy Blomgren. At North Hennepin Community College Fine Arts Center auditorium on May 4, 2026 7:30 pm. Admission: Free and open to the public (\$10 suggested admission)

Live stream link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/ZKM9r7xkeaU>

Travel across sweeping landscapes in Dvorak's New World Symphony, explore the realms of Middle-earth in music from The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring,

and journey to distant galaxies with selections from Star Wars. The program also features a lively Salute to the Big Bands, a journey through American music history. The evening is highlighted by a sparkling performance of Carnival of the Animals featuring Dr. Grace Choi and Dr. Kevin Hobbs, NHCC music faculty.

THANK YOU to everyone who made the production of "The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong" such a success. We are grateful to those who ushered, worked concessions, donated, purchased treats, and attended to enjoy the performance. We appreciate the dedication of our talented drama team, who worked so hard to bring this play to life.

In appreciation,

FOG Hospitality team

Garage Sale Committee is meeting after service today

Family of God Memorial Garden is finished, and the memorial pavers are being engraved and installed. A dedication of the garden and pavers will take place on Sunday, May 17th



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