

MAY 3, 2026



EPIPHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life. We also celebrate our relationship with the Lutheran Church in Guatemala and the Young Women's Education Center of MILAGRO.

PRELUDE

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Here I Am to Worship

Words & Music by Tim Hughes

*Favorite hymn of MILAGRO student **Bebelin Chocooj***

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Chorus

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

End

Here I am to worship
Here I am to worship

Chorus / Bridge 2x / Chorus 3x / End

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (Bi-lingual)

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

(¡Aleluya! Cristo ha resucitado.)

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

(Cristo ha resucitado, en verdad. ¡Aleluya!)

A: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

(¡La salvación pertenece a nuestro Dios, que está sentado en el trono, y al Cordero!)

C: Amen.

(Amén.)

A: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
(Demos gracias por los dones del bautismo.)

Silence For Reflection

A: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.
(Dios misericordioso, tú eres el que era, el que es y el que ha de venir. Nos conduces junto a aguas de reposo. Te damos gracias por las aguas de la creación: el rocío de la mañana, la lluvia suave, las olas rugientes. Te damos gracias por las aguas que nos nutren. Bendito seas.)

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.
(Nos guías a manantiales del agua de la vida.)**

A: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.
(Jesucristo, tú eres el testigo fiel que nos acompaña en nuestros caminos. Te damos gracias por tu muerte y resurrección vivificadoras. Te alabamos por unirse a nosotros en la alegría y en el dolor. Bendito seas.)

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.
(Nos guías a manantiales del agua de la vida.)**

A: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.
(Espíritu Santo, unges nuestra cabeza con óleo y nuestra copa rebosa. Derriba las barreras que nos dividen. Llénanos con el aliento de la paz. Bendito seas.)

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.
(Nos guías a manantiales del agua de la vida.)**

A: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.
(Santo, te damos gracias por los dones y la gracia del bautismo, y por hacernos una nueva creación. Nos unimos a los santos y a los ángeles, dándote honor y alabanza, ahora y para siempre.)

**C: Amen.
(Amén.)**

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Prayer of the Day by MILAGRO student Joselyn Hernández, 13

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.

P: Let us pray together.

C: Lord, I thank you for another day of life. I ask that this day pass without incident and be filled with blessings. Likewise, Lord, I ask that you watch over and protect every member of my family. I ask that they never lack a meal on their tables and that you bless them. I also ask that you give me strength, that you watch over me and never leave me alone, Lord, and that everything I do may be according to your will. Amen.

(Señor, te doy gracias por otro día de vida. Te pido que este día transcurra sin incidentes y esté lleno de bendiciones. Asimismo, Señor, te pido que veles por cada miembro de mi familia y los protejas. Te pido que nunca les falte el alimento en sus mesas y que los bendigas. También te pido que me des fortaleza, que veles por mí y nunca me dejes solo, Señor, y que todo lo que haga sea conforme a tu voluntad. Amén.)

THE WORD

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

A READING FROM

ACTS 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

[Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] 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.

A RESPONSIVE READING **PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

L: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

C: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

L: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

C: Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

L: Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

L: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510)

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:1-14

(Congregation standing)

L: The Holy Gospel of St. John, beginning in the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus 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’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe 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. Very 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

MOMENT OF REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are the Way (ELW 758)



- 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Each petition shall conclude with:

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

MISSION MOMEMNT

MILAGRO Women's Center

THE MEAL

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Un Viaje Largo” (A Long Journey)

by Jesús Adrián Romero

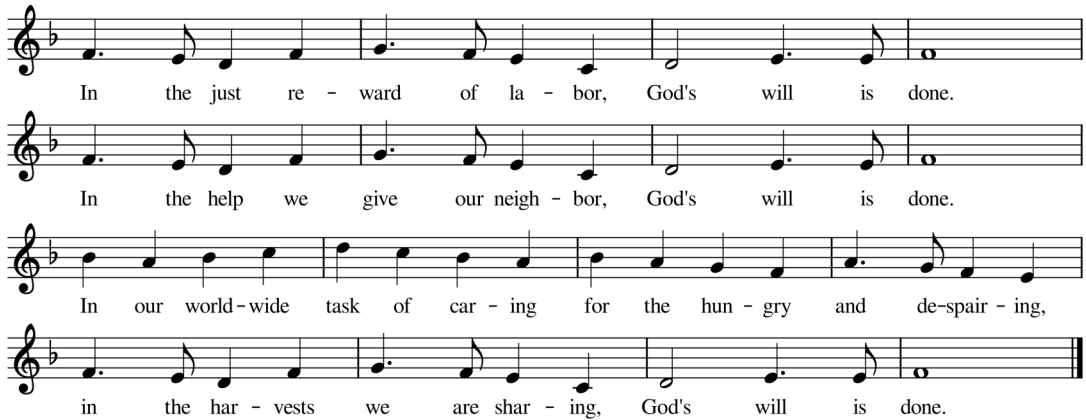
Sung on video by Marcela Gándara

Favorite song of MILAGRO student Juana Lux



THE OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)



In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

C: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

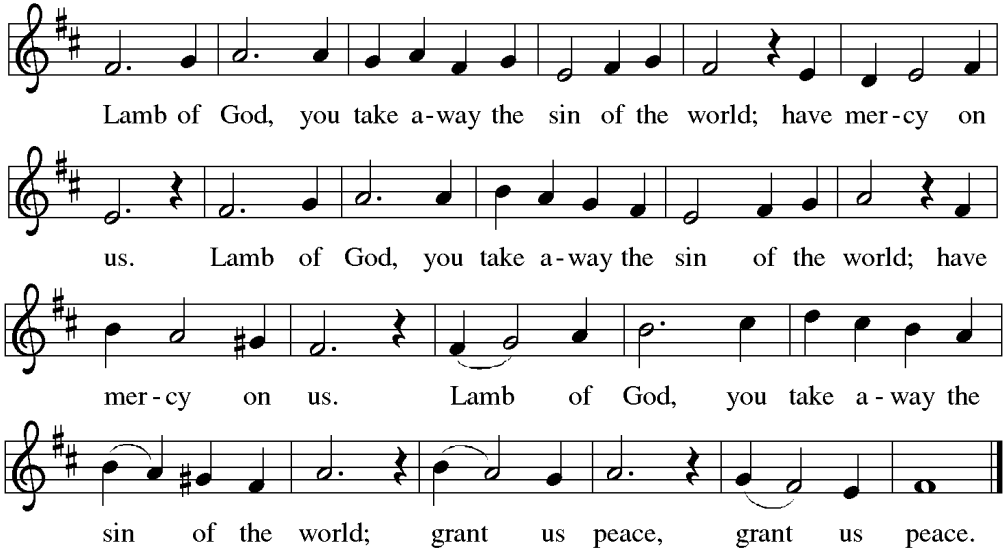
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

COMMUNION MUSIC

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Verse 1

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus

Verse 2

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Chorus / Bridge 2x

Verse 3

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

Chorus

Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE (Bi-Lingual)

A: Christ is risen!

(¡Cristo ha resucitado!)

C: Christ is risen indeed!

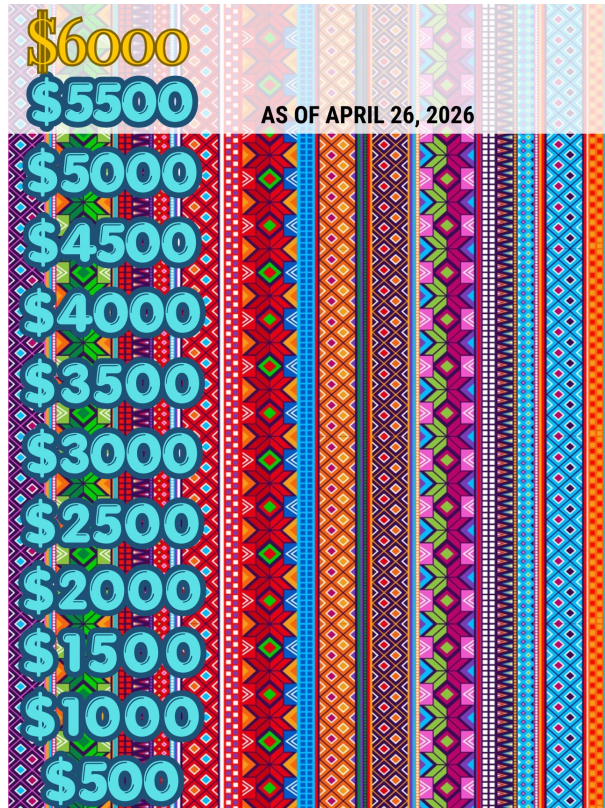
(¡Cristo ha resucitado verdaderamente!)

A: How have you come to believe? Believing is a massive focus of John's gospel but John also admits that believing isn't always easy. (John is the only gospel to include doubting Thomas.) As Jesus prepares his disciples for ministry without him, he relays many ways that one comes to believe. May we hold on to our faith especially when life is challenging. We share this faith so that...

(¿Cómo llegaste a creer? La fe es un tema central en el evangelio de Juan, pero Juan también reconoce que creer no siempre es fácil. (Juan es el único evangelio que incluye a Tomás, el incrédulo). Mientras Jesús prepara a sus discípulos para el ministerio sin él, les explica muchas maneras de llegar a creer. Que podamos mantenernos firmes en nuestra fe, especialmente cuando la vida nos presenta desafíos. Compartimos esta fe para que...)

- C: Everyone knows that God loves them!**
 (¡Todo el mundo sabe que Dios los ama!)
- A: Go in peace, don't stop believing!
 (Ve en paz, ¡no dejes de creer!)
- C: Thanks be to God!**
 (¡Gracias a Dios!)

POSTLUDE



**WEAVE TO
GOALS!**



If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

Ministers: The People of God

Pastor: Chris Hermansen

Minister of Youth: Kris Perkola

Director of Worship and Music: Steve Belfield, Interim

Worship Production: Steve Belfield

Worship Accompanist: Anna Keiserman, Ph. D.

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You Are The Way (ELW 758)

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Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615

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For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)

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Lamb of God

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Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly (CCLI #7168697)

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