

# Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Easter season, we're exploring "**Questions Jesus Still Asks.**" Throughout the Gospels, Jesus asked hundreds of questions. Not to get information, but to reveal hearts and invite transformation. Questions like "What do you want?", "Why are you afraid?", and "Do you love me?" are not just ancient; they're still alive, speaking into our lives today. Each week, we'll reflect on one of these powerful questions and consider how God is inviting us to deeper faith, honesty, and growth. Come ready to wrestle with the questions that can change everything.

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## PRELUDE

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**C Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P 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.

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P 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.

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P 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.

**C You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Beneath the Tree of Life (verse 1 only)

Refrain



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



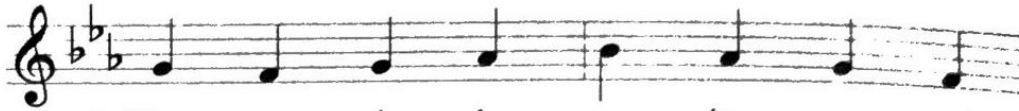
life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and



gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



- 1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
- 2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
- 3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
- 4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your
- 5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your



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| Je - sus,   | sing - ing praise to him who |
| pas - sion, | Oh how sweet the taste, how  |
| va - tion,  | come and die to sin, rise    |
| mer - cy,   | we in - voke your name, re - |
| Gos - pel,  | may we bear the fruits your  |

To Refrain



leads us on from death in - to new life.  
 deep and rich the well - spring of your love.  
 up to life with - in the reign of God.  
 mem - ber how your love has set us free.  
 Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

# GREETING

A 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.

# KYRIE



▣ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



▣ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. ▣ 1. For the  
▣ 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
peo - ple here who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the



Lord: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord:



▣ Help, save, and de -  
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.



fend us, O God: ▣ A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



## Refrain



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on



earth.

earth.

earth.

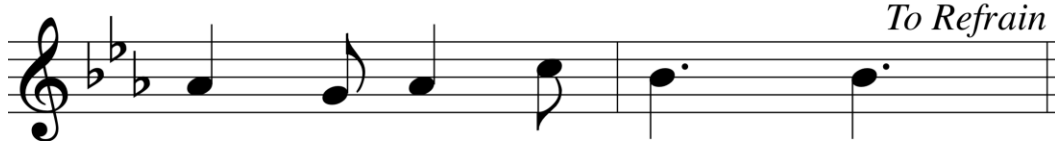
## Verse 1



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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**

*(Please be seated)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST READING Isaiah 41:8-10

A A reading from Isaiah

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

A Word of God, Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING Matthew 8:23-27

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>23</sup> And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup> And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" <sup>26</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup> They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Pastor Ralph Supper

*(Please stand as you are able)*

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver  
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
 3 When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me  
 hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy  
 fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and  
 will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous  
 rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I

com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (After each petition concludes with *“Merciful God”* the congregation responds, *“receive our prayer.”*)

**PEACE**

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

A I invite you to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

**GIFTS OF OFFERING**

(See inside cover for QR code to give electronically)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Merciful God,

C **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.**

P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, mighty and immortal, through Christ, our Lord.

P You bid us return to you and be renewed, that your justice may shine like the sun and the poor of the earth be lifted up. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

Holy, Holy, Holy



☐ Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



God of pow-er 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, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P On 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 to 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.

Remembering, therefore, his welcome to outcasts and his eating with sinners, his own hunger and thirst, his death and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of our faith until he comes again to share the feast that has no end.

☐ Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.

Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died.

Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, receive our prayers and praise as Jesus received the cries of the poor, and renew us by your spirit, until your mercy mends all that sin has torn and we feast forever in the company of Jesus, through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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 COMMUNION**

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.





*Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la*  
 God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



*vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -*  
 a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



*so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -*  
 gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



*sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.*  
 feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Holy One,

**C** **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**P** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing ( 1, 4, 5)

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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.

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE****WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:****Assisting Minister:** John Cameron**Lector:** Bob Dennis**Communion:** Judy Moore**Ushers:** Earl Cole, Tarek & Jennifer Khan**Altar Guild:** Betty Donelson**Altar Flowers:** Cheryl Lewis