

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together  
toward abundant life in Christ.*

## **THEME: BE HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD**

*<sup>47</sup> Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup> he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)*

### **THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

#### **A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:**

As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present “in, with, and under” the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do *not* believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically “change” into something other than bread and wine, *nor* do we believe that the bread and wine merely “represents” Christ’s body and blood; rather, we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, when He said “Take eat, this is my body” and “Take drink, this is my blood.” We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are also truly receiving the body and blood of Christ (because of His divine Word.) We also believe that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and his blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is our belief and confession regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and if you have any questions or concerns about our Communion practices and desire to partake of Holy Communion, will you please consult with the pastor beforehand. Having read this Communion Statement and prayerfully considered what you believe and confess, please complete the Pew Card found in the pew rack. After you place your tithes and gifts in the offering plate, please pass your Pew Card to the center aisle and the ushers will pick them up. May God truly bless our Communion Service this day.

#### **COMMUNION OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:**

- *Gluten-free communion wafers* are available by taking one from the paten (plate) that is sitting separately in a white container.
- *Grape Juice* (clear liquid) is available in the center of the tray containing individual cups of regular wine (red liquid).

#### **AS WE GATHER**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter bears the traditional name of Cantate, from the Introit’s “Oh sing to the Lord a new song.” Not only people but all creation is urged to break out in song. Throughout our worship today we will do just that, for the resurrection news cannot be left to quiet contemplation. Though it was difficult for Peter to convince the others, when they realized Gentiles had received the Spirit, they rejoiced. The vision of heaven in Revelation has no more pain or sorrow; what can be left but joyful singing?

At the end of Jesus' talk to the disciples, He promises "I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). When we are filled with such joy, singing is inevitable. Much of today's worship has us singing a few (or all) of the stanzas of familiar hymns. Let us join the joyful multitude in heaven and earth!

## **WELCOME, PRE-SERVICE MUSIC & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The TOLLING OF THE BELLS**

*(Please stand)*

#### **OPENING HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*LSB 700*

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| 1. Love divine, all loves excelling,<br>Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!<br>Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,<br>All Thy faithful mercies crown.<br>Jesus, Thou art all compassion,<br>Pure, unbounded love Thou art;<br>Visit us with Thy salvation,<br>Enter ev'ry trembling heart. | 3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;<br>Let us all Thy life receive;<br>Suddenly return, and never,<br>Nevermore Thy temples leave.<br>Thee we would be always blessing,<br>Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,<br>Pray and praise Thee without<br>ceasing,<br>Glory in Thy perfect love.        |
| 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit<br>Into ev'ry troubled breast;<br>Let us all in Thee inherit;<br>Let us find Thy promised rest.<br>Take away the love of sinning;<br>Alpha and Omega be;<br>End of faith, as its beginning,<br>Set our hearts at liberty.                    | 4. Finish then Thy new creation,<br>Pure and spotless let us be;<br>Let us see Thy great salvation<br>Perfectly restored in Thee,<br>Changed from glory into glory,<br>Till in heav'n we take our place,<br>Till we cast our crowns before Thee,<br>Lost in wonder, love, and praise! |

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*

*(Be seated)*

**RITE OF BAPTISM (10:30AM)** *Lillia Ingrid Vanover*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**


P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**KYRIE**

*LSB 204*



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

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*LSB pg. 156*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.

C **Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;**

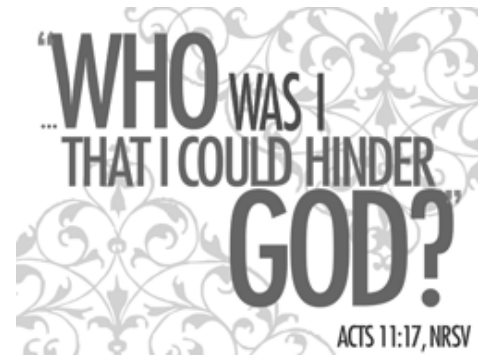
P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 11:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”



L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Revelation 21:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**ALLELUIA**

*LSB 205*



**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 16:12–22*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Be seated)*

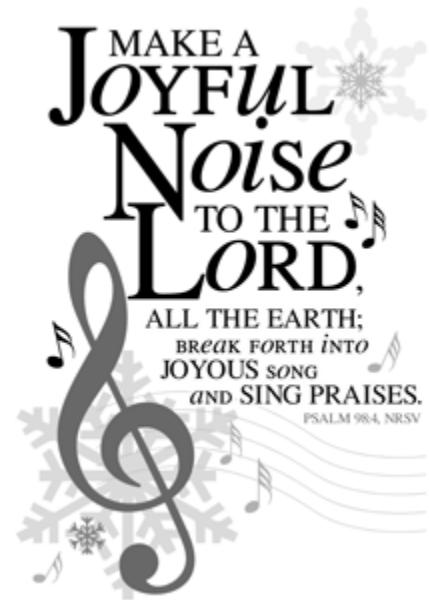
**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*LSB 821 sts. 1–3*

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.”
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
“I am with you evermore”?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

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**SERMON**



Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

*(Please stand)*

**NICENE CREED (7:30AM)**

**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Psalm 98:1*

**P Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.**

**For ourselves, that the faith within us be evident to the people around us, that they will want to find out more about our risen Savior.**

**C In thanksgiving may they sing a new song with us!**

**P For those who call out to God for relief from poverty, discrimination, and injustice, that God provide relief so that they live peaceful and fruitful lives.**

**C In unbounded joy may they sing a new song with us!**

**P For those who are ill and those who care for them, [*including . . . Todd Klietz*], that God would restore them to health and provide the strength they need.**

**C In their relief may they sing a new song with us!**

**P For all who carry the Gospel in far-flung lands, that God open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel.**

**C In all corners of the earth may they sing a new song with us!**

**P These and any other things God would have us ask of Him, that He grant them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**C Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Amen.**



## OFFERING

*For those worshipping online, please visit [www.lccross.org](http://www.lccross.org) to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6>*



*For those worshipping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card. They can be placed in the offering plate during the collection.*

## OFFERING HYMN    Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying    LSB 597 (Sung to Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising - LSB 375)

1.    Water, blood, and Spirit crying,  
      By their witness testifying  
      To the One whose death-defying  
      Life has come, with life for all.
2.    In a wat'ry grave are buried  
      All our sins that Jesus carried;  
      Christ, the Ark of Life, has ferried  
      Us across death's raging flood.
3.    Dark the way, yet Christ precedes us,  
      Past the scowl of death He leads us;  
      Spreads a table where He feeds us  
      With His body and His blood.
4.    Though around us death is seething,  
      God, His two-edged sword  
      unsheathing,  
      By His Spirit life is breathing  
      Through the living, active Word.
5.    Spirit, water, blood entreating,  
      Working faith and its completing  
      In the One whose death-defeating  
      Life has come, with life for all.



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## PREFACE

LSB 208

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 Him thanks and praise.**

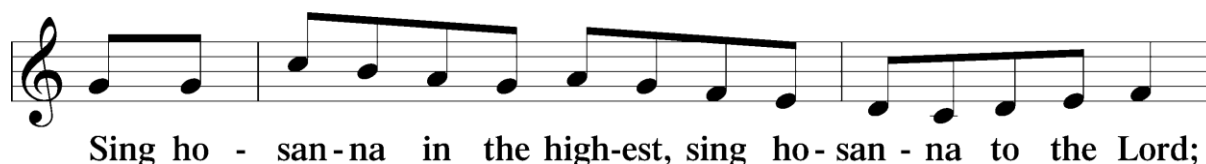


## PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, about whom and to whom we offer thanks and praise, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. With saints of old and the hosts of heaven we lift our voices, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

LSB 208



## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for You stopped at nothing to forgive our sins to the point of giving Your own Son for our salvation. We gather with the faithful here on earth to sing Your praises until You bid us join all who sit at table with the Lamb in His kingdom. To You alone, heavenly Father, be all praise and glory, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Mathew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

*(Only by the almighty creative Word of God are we able to believe that the blessed sacrament delivers what God promises, the forgiveness for our sins. Mt. 26:28)*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is My T blood in the new testament which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PAX DOMINI**

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

**C** **Amen.**

1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **T** in peace.

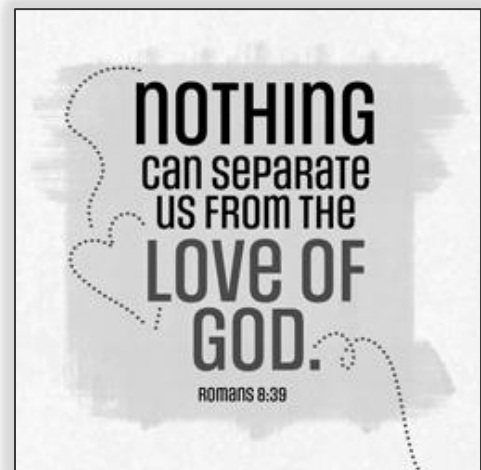
**C** **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

*LSB 706*

- 1, Love in Christ is strong and living,  
Binding faithful hearts in one;  
Love in Christ is true and giving.  
May His will in us be done.
- 2, Love is patient and forbearing,  
Clothed in Christ's humility,  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.
- 3, Love in Christ abides forever,  
Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven,  
Shall endure until life's end.



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1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And  
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
 ar - row that flies by day; Though  
 guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My  
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,  
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!"  
 faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 Near you it shall not come.  
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5. Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

6. Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthrall;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

8. Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

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## NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**      Church of God, Elect and Glorious      *LSB 646 sts. 1–2, 4*  
(Sung to Thy Strong Word -LSB 578)

1. Church of God, elect and glorious,  
Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people,  
Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling,  
Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits,  
Grace that meets all human needs.
2. God has called you out of darkness  
Into His most marv'rous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you,  
Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified.
4. Church of God, elect and holy,  
Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your Master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service—  
Sing His praise, His love declare.



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## **SILENT PRAYER & PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**

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May 18, 2025

*Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ*

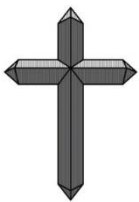
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The **ETERNAL LIGHT** this month is provided to the Glory of God by  
The LCC Altar Guild in remembrance of our sainted friend ~ Joyce Schankin.  
The **FLOWERS** on the altar this week are provided to the Glory of God by  
Abby Duwe in honor of grandson, Forrest Duwe's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

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**WORSHIP SERVANTS**

Bell Tollers	Marita Noe, Sue Richard
Elders on Duty	David Aiken, Wayn Nelson
Communion Assistants	Tim Boisseau, Brian Daily
Greeters/Ushers	Dorothy Christman, Gary Fleming
Altar Servers	Nancy Bird, Pam Specht
Safety Team	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Streaming Team	Gloria Cvelbar, Nat Fiordimondo, Luke Stolarczyk



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**IF YOU HAVE** any comments, questions or suggestions, please contact:

Parish Administrator	Jennifer Strefling:	941-627-6060
Head Elder	Jim McCabe:	847-471-1421

In case of Emergency you may reach	<u>Pastor Stolarczyk:</u>	<u>Cell: 941-979-7490</u>
	<u>Pastor Menk:</u>	<u>Cell: 941-327-9453</u>

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### **Homebound Care:**

John & Lois Arens, Bob Bartelson, Fran Boatwright, George & Dee Buono, Laura Cox, Millie Cox, Dave & Gayle DeBraccio, Marv & Lil Fitzwater, Aida Florit, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Betty Golembieski, Hedi Heinrich, Janet Jackson, Cris & Linda Kelly, Val Korman, Millie Tyczka

### **Strength, Healing, Guidance: \***

Elliana & Katie	Family of Bill & Ronna Trueman; healing
Nancy Bird	Recovery & healing
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; complications
Todd Klietz & family	Hospice Care
Sam Jackson	Healing & recovery
Chris Sabin	Healing & recovery
Carol Scheff	Healing & recovery
Ken & Mary Werring	Recovery & healing
Debbie Zienert	Dave Diener's sister; peace & comfort

*\*Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

### **Battling Cancer:**

Adriana	Family Noel & Linda Hyde; diagnosed lymphoma
April	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Ivana	Friend of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; battling cancer
Jeanette	Sister of Augusto Vazquez; battling cancer
Mike	Son of Phil Woodruff; battling cancer
Rick Bausch	Son Barbara Durst; battling cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Bill Docherty	Brother-in-law Joy Hougan; battling cancer, surgery
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; strength & peace
Tom Druin	Friend of Bill & Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Randy Hornby	Friend of Dorothy Christman; battling cancer
Robert Jeffery	Brother of Jean Wrightsman; battling leukemia
John Kewn	Son-in-law Davis & Del Rozak; battling cancer
Barbara Kraning	Daughter in law Rosemary Kraning; battling cancer
Emily Reidel	Friend of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; battling cancer
Patricia Ruiz	Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
Lisa Sayers	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Tracy Shattuck	Brother Meredith Kecken; battling cancer, healing
Carmen Torres	Sister-in-law of Augusto & Isabel Vazquez; cancer
Lori Truelove	Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace
Arthy Turtotte	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Connie Warner	Friend of Mary Woodruff; diagnosed lymphoma
Michael Woodruff	Son of Phil & Mary Woodruff; battling cancer

## **Military:**

US Army SSG. Paul Behling  
USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.  
US Army CSM Matt Hopkins  
USAF Sr. Airman

Shawn Golembieski

US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski  
US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski  
USCG SCPO Robert Kecken  
USAF SrA Riley Latarski  
Marines Sgt. Jonathan Metz  
Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker  
USAF TSGT Kalin McDonnell  
US Army PFC Parker Woodruff  
Bragg

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL  
Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM  
Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait  
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA  
Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound  
Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA  
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND  
Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD  
Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in Japan  
Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA  
Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort

**Family Prayer:** We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

### **LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT** **& WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2025**

Week Of: 05/11/2025		
On-Site Attendance	Weekly Contributions	
	Income:	\$ 6,215
	Expense:	\$ 11,170



### **THE KINGDOM OF GOD GROWS!**

Lillia Ingrid Vanover was born into this world on  
December 22, 2024.

Her parents are Richard & Kira Vanover.

Her sponsors are

Nick & Adair Turturro.

Today, Lillia is inducted into the heavenly Kingdom  
by the promises of Holy Baptism.

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OFH = Old Fellowship Hall

Tues-May 20 6:00pm Church Council Meeting (OFH)  
Thurs\_May 22 10:00am Lost Books? Bible Study (FMC)  
Sun-May 25 **MILITARY APPRECIATION SUNDAY**  
Mon-May 26 *Church Office Closed ~ Memorial Day*  
Sun-June 1 11:45am LCC Voter's Meeting (FMC)

✠ **CFO Mike Barzona will be out of the office from June 6 – June 20.** He will resume office hours on Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**The Parish Admin will be on-site the week of June 9** to cover his absence.

**If anyone is interested in assisting the office during the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>, please reach out to Jennifer for more information.**

**Pastor Stolarczyk is attending a Convention in Lake Buena Vista Jun 4-Jun 7**

The Church's Master Calendar of Scheduled Events will end with July! The process of setting up the 2025 / 2026 LCC Church Calendar will begin soon. Now is the time to begin thinking about those events we may want to focus ministry attention on for the next year and what might be needed to begin the initial planning of these events!

**In our best efforts to do this – LCC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to make these events happen! Not only for our special events, but for our weekly year round church services & needs also!**

Churches rely on volunteers for a multitude of reasons, including spiritual growth, building fellowship, fulfilling ministry needs, and making a meaningful impact on their communities. Volunteers help churches run smoothly, offer various support roles, and enable them to address community needs effectively. A solid volunteer experience can change lives, not just of the recipient of the effort, but of the one delivering the service as well. Please prayerfully consider how some of your time and talents could be used to serve the LCC church and it's ministry.

If you have an idea of an event that you might like to see LCC consider, please contact our Parish Administrator, Jennifer, to discuss your thoughts!

✠ **This month we will be celebrating Armed Forces Sunday.**

As part of military appreciation month, we will be requesting donations, which we will gather up (together with gifts received in November during our Veterans' Day celebration) and send outward to the active military individuals we pray for each week. We also will be sending "Appreciation" or "Thank You" cards to them. Please take a card from our table and sign and return them to us unsealed.

If you have any other ideas or thoughts on how we can celebrate our troops and all that they sacrifice for us, please feel free to contact:

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