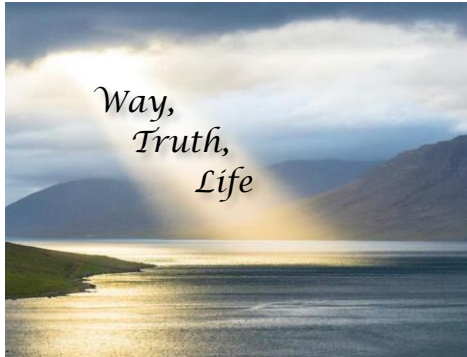


Sunday, May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *BELL CHOIR*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ 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.
Water may be poured into the font as reading continues

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.

(local waters may be named).

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 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

No. 389

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing vs 1,2,4,5
v. 3 omitted

- 1 **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.**
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 **Christ is alive! No longer bound**
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 4 **Women and men, in age and youth,**
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 **Christ is alive, and comes to bring**
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

C: 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

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 4:10-18

GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION

The way of wisdom is your life

¹⁰ Listen to me, my child. Take seriously what I am telling you, and you will live a long life. ¹¹ I have taught you wisdom and the right way to live. ¹² Nothing will stand in your way if you walk wisely, and you will not stumble when you run. ¹³ Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life—guard it well. ¹⁴ Do not go where evil people go. Do not follow the example of the wicked. ¹⁵ Don't do it! Keep away from evil! Refuse it and go on your way. ¹⁶ Wicked people cannot sleep unless they have done something wrong. They lie awake unless they have hurt someone. ¹⁷ Wickedness and violence are like food and drink to them. ¹⁸ The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise, getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 *We read responsively*

THE MESSAGE

L: I run to you, GOD; I run for dear life.
Don't let me down!

**C: Take me seriously this time
Get down on my level and listen,**

L: and please—no procrastination!

**C: Your granite cave a hiding place,
your high cliff nest a place of safety.**

L: You're my cave to hide in,
my cliff to climb.

**C: Be my safe leader,
be my true mountain guide.**

L: Free me from hidden traps;
I want to hide in you.
I've put my life in your hands.

**C: You won't drop me,
you'll never let me down.**

L: Hour by hour I place my days in your hand,
Safe from the hands out to get me.

**C: Warm me, your servant, with a smile;
save me because you love me.**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:2-10

God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts.

²Like 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.

⁴Come 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.

⁹But 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.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Christ the way, the truth, and the life.

[On the night of his arrest, Jesus said to the disciples:] 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 I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹"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.

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."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Rev. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 816

Come, my way, my truth, my life

- 1 Come, my way, my truth, my life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.**
- 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.**
- 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.**

◆ 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 to the dead. 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 INTERCESSION

Merciful God, Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING—*BELL CHOIR*—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ OFFERING HYMN v. 4 No. 367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

4 **Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION -&- HYMN

WOV 671

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

On bulletin Pg. 4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

C: 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.

BLESSING

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 SONG WORDS - ELW 426

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

➔ USING ALTERNATE TUNE: *Joyful Joyful*

- 1 **Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.**
- 2 **Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.**
- 3 **Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!**

Ringling of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *BELL CHOIR*

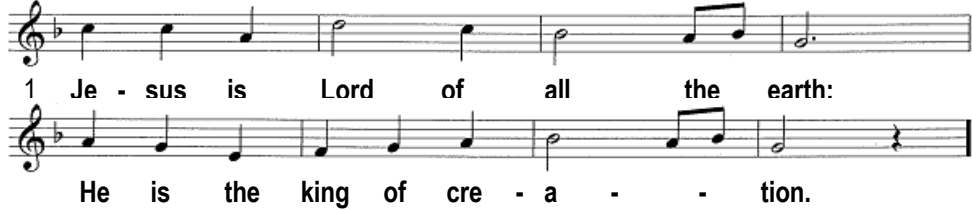
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Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord; al - le
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

Verses



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth:
He is the king of cre - a - - tion.

- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *REFRAIN*
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever. *REFRAIN*
- 4 God has proclaimed the just reward: life for all people, alleluia. *REFRAIN*
- 5 Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *REFRAIN*

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 3

Worship - Coffee – Sun School

* Newsletter Calendar Correction:
FLCW Meeting is **JUNE 7** after worship

SATURDAY MAY 9

W. Dahl Funeral 11 am

SUNDAY MAY 10

*Worship - KWHS Senior Recognition
LAST Sun Sch*

WEDNESDAY MAY 13

KWHS Baccalaureate at First 7:15 pm

THURSDAYS MAY 14 & 28

Love Day 1 pm

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