

Fifth Sunday of Easter





May 3, 2026, 8:00 a.m.



Faith Lutheran Church
Green Bay, Wisconsin

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 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.
 Congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.

Reminders in Preparation for Service:

- *Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.*
- *Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.*
- *While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.*
- *Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggle room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.*

Visitors and Guests: *Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.*

- *While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.*
- *Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.*

College Students: *Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.*

Pre-service music Prelude on SINE NOMINE - Richard Heschke



HYMN **“With High Delight Let Us Unite” - LSB #483**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM *(Lutheran Service Book p. 268)*

Baptized today: Vivienne Grace Heiser
Parents: Andrew and Caitlyn Heiser
Sponsors: Jake Henke and Elana Heiser

CONFESSION OF SINS

Do you renounce the devil?
Yes, I renounce him.

Do you renounce all his works?
Yes, I renounce them.

Do you renounce all his ways?
Yes, I renounce them.

ABSOLUTION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

BAPTISMAL HYMN: "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" - LSB #592, stanzas 1 and 3



1. Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -
3. There - fore we have come to - You, In our arms this



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we - now draw near
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be



shall be - giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
shield - ed - ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +



First Lesson

Acts 6; 7:2a, 51-60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.¹⁰ But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. Then they secretly instigated men who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, and they set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us." And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grown up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE (*choir; then ALL*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir: *Now He is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb He is risen;
He has conquered death, Opened heaven to all believers.*

(repeat Alleluias)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to 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 had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

- ALL 4. **Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.**
5. **Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is King of all.**

 **SERMON:** Pastor Joshua Errer

Gathering of the Offering

Did you know that your offering facilitates Christian education to over 150 students at NEW Lutheran High School?

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 **PRAYERS**

+ SACRAMENT +

(adapted from Divine Service, Setting Two in *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 177)

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so 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

SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

C 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.



COMMUNION HYMNS

Adult Choir "This Joyful Eastertide" - arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Baptism Prayer Karin Barth, soloist

"Father, We Thank Thee" - LSB #652

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" - LSB #487



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

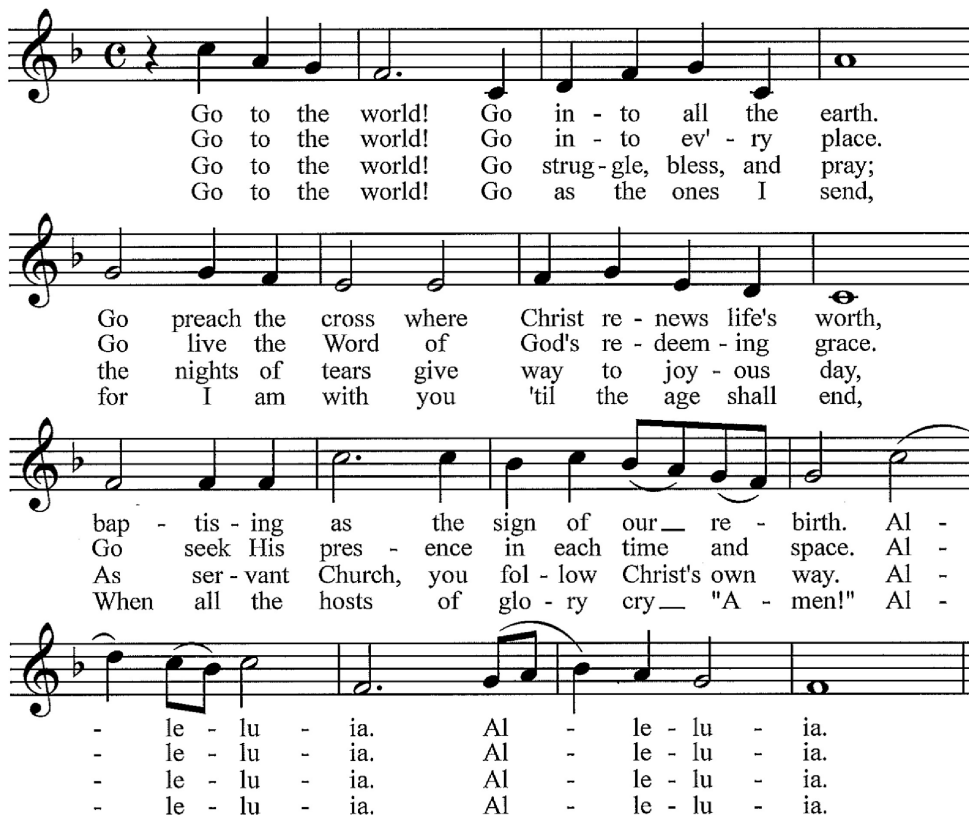
BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "Go to the World"



Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
Go to the world! Go in - to ev' - ry place.
Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
bap - tis - ing as the sign of our re - birth. Al -
Go seek His pres - ence in each time and space. Al -
As ser - vant Church, you fol - low Christ's own way. Al -
When all the hosts of glo - ry cry - "A - men!" Al -
- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
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Postlude TE DEUM Prelude - Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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