

OLD NORTH CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

EASTER III

MAY 4, 2025

9:30 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Simple Gifts”  
“Nimrod”

Kenneth Kosche  
Edward Elgar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Who made heaven and earth.

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

ALL: His love endures forever. Let Israel say, His love endures forever.

LEADER: Let the house of Aaron say, His love endures forever.

ALL: Let those who fear the Lord say, His love endures forever.

\*HYMN #43

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein Feste Burg

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Seated)

Psalm 34

LEADER: The Psalmist calls us to confession this morning.

“In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and he answered me by setting me free. The Lord is with me, I will not fear. The Lord is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.”

Let us pray.

ALL: Risen Christ, you have the power over sin and death. Our sin is like a death grip over us—we have strayed, we have not pursued justice as we ought, we have not loved our neighbor as we should, and we have broken your law. Forgive us, Lord, and take away our debt. Lift us Lord, into the purity that we have in you. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

(sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 118

LEADER: Listen to these words of comfort and absolution from the Psalmist.

“The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.”

Be of good cheer, the Lord has forgiven his people.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

\*GLORIA PATRI #805

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end; Amen, Amen.

\*SALUTATION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

LEADER: Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

\*HYMN #447

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Lafferty

A TIME FOR OUR YOUTH

Children proceed to Sunday School following the message.

SCRIPTURE

Act 16:11-15  
Revelation 21:9-14

SERMON HYMN #635

“He Leadeth Me”

He Leadeth Me

PRAYER FOR THE INSPIRATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

“The Conquest of Love”

\*APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY                      “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”                      Michael Burkhardt

**\*DOXOLOGY**  
    *“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
    Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION                      Insert

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts,  
    as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
    For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**\*HYMN #622**                      “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

**PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**\*PARTING SONG**                      Eidelweiss  
    May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.  
    Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
    Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.  
    May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE                      “Crown Him With Many Crowns”                      Jerry Westenkueler



\*Please rise, in body or in spirit.                      **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request this morning, please fill out the Prayer Request section of the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.



**THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH**

ELDERS: Jon Babicz, Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Carol Sushko

DEACONS: Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher Brianna Polbos, Richard Schmude

Interim Minister: The Rev. Linden DeBie   ✝ Classis supervising minister The Rev. Rob Miller

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**Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!**

*If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please leave your contact information in the guest book in the entrance to the sanctuary before leaving today.*

**We encourage you to keep this copy of the bulletin and take it home to share with a family member or with a friend. The service can be experienced anytime online via Old North's YouTube channel or Facebook page.**



Eastertide, also known as the Easter season, is a liturgical season in Christianity that focuses on celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days until Pentecost, marking the end of the season. During Eastertide, Christians reflect on the new life given through Christ's resurrection and celebrate the victory over death.

**Prayer Chain:** If you wish to add the power of prayer in times of celebration, healing, or transitions in life, please call Pat Hooey, 201-843-4456.

Your prayer requests are uplifted by our prayer team, and confidentiality is honored.



**Church Family Prayer List:**

• Diana • Katie • Mary • Michael • Tom

**For those chronic conditions and their loving caregivers; those seeking employment or vocation; those facing medical procedures or recovering from surgery, and safety for all who are traveling.**

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks:

**Ushers & Greeters: Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Nancy Gorman**  
**Thank you to The Apriceno Family for hosting coffee hour today.**

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
5/11	Steven Cordova, Nate Schmude	Maureen Van Buren
5/18	Carol McCarthy, Gail McNeill	The Frohlich Family
5/25	Cheryl Rogers, Linda Treacy	Rene Gallagher
6/1	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Nancy Gorman	Carol McCarthy and Rich Schellberg

**Congratulations to all of our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!**  
**Happy Birthday!**



5/1 Steven Cordova – 5/1 Nate Schmude – 5/4 Irene Yanick  
5/5 Erin (Benell) Costantino – 5/6 Helen Berthold  
5/14 Ethel Reitsema - 5/22 Thomas Edone – 5/22 Alexandra Huth  
5/22 Andrew Huth - 5/25 Donair Karkkainen – 5/26 Marianne Schmude



**There will be an informal meeting of our Consistory in the lounge immediately following confirmation class.**

**FOOD DRIVE & DONATION DROP**

**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**



**Food Drive:** We will be accepting perishable and non-perishable food items along with other household necessities for the Dumont Food Pantry. Our missions successfully continue because of the generosity of the community!



**Thrift Shoppe Donation Drop:** We **ARE** accepting: housewares, home goods, gently used clothing for the current season, toys, jewelry, home décor, books – fiction, non-fiction, children's. We **ARE NOT** accepting: furniture, books, textbooks, encyclopedias, Men's suits and sportscoats, text books or reference books, used sheets or blankets, computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, stereo equipment, car seats, baby furniture, exercise/sports equipment, ski equipment, large kitchen appliances, CD's, DVD's.

**Donations are accepted on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Our next sale is on 5/10. Thank you to all of our shoppers and volunteers!**

**Capital Project Fund:** Keep in your prayers our Capital Project Fund. The fund has been set up to maintain and restore our beautiful historic Sanctuary and property. Contributions can be made by check to Old North or cash clearly labeled **CPF**.