St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship **Setting IV**
5th Sunday of Easter **May 3, 2026**

Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.

SERVING US THIS MORNING

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Greeters: Doug & Doriann Shreve (Front Door), TBD (Side Door)
Worship Team: Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac
Background Worship: Beth Stauter
Organist: Beth Stauter
Choir Director: Chris Frye **Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac
Tech Team: Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Ethan Tan, Jordan Mandac, Madeleine Gan, Scarlett Marquez, Tim Ambrose, Tim and Denise Tsang
Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF *WORSHIP*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC **Beth Stauter**

PRELUDE ***"CHRIST HATH TRIUMPHED! ALLELUIA!"*** **Beth Stauter**
(Arr. By Robert J. Hughes)

WELCOME **Pastor Dan Tisdel**

GATHERING HYMN *"NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS"* ELW #367

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

[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.

INVOCATION *(music found on page 147)*

[P] 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

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
[C] Lord, have mercy.
[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
[C] Lord, have mercy.
[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
[C] Lord, have mercy.
[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mercy.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

[C] Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"The Feast of Victory"* (music found on page 149)

[A] This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

[C] Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray…

[C] Almighty God, 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR DAN TISDEL

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary
NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

[NT] In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
[OT] Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.
[NT] Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
[OT] Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.
[NT] Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.
[OT] My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
[C] Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

CHOIR ANTHEM ***"DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED"*** **St. Luke Choir**
(By Lloyd Larson)

2nd Reading – 1 Peter 2:2-10
Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like 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. For 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."

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," 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.

But 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.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(music found on page 151)*
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to John ...
[C] Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

Gospel – John 14:1-14 **Read by Pastor Dan Tisdel**
On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to the place 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 know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus 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'? 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, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 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. Very 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.
[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE **"YOU KNOW THE WAY"** **Pastor Dan Tisdel**

HYMN OF THE DAY ***"COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE"*** **ELW #816**

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.
(*universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] Merciful God,
[C] Receive our prayer.

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray…
[C] Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

MEAL **Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdel**

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, our duty and our joy . . .

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE 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.

"LAMB OF GOD" *(music found on page 146)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)
Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

COMMUNION SONG ***"UNVEIL"*** **Led by Andy Wadsworth**
(By Jon Egan & Jason Ingram)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Holy One, 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,
[C] Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN ***"CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING"*** **ELW #389**

BENEDICTION

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen!
[A] Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

[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.

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE: ***"CHRIST IS ALIVE, LET CHRISTIANS SING"*** **Beth Stauter**