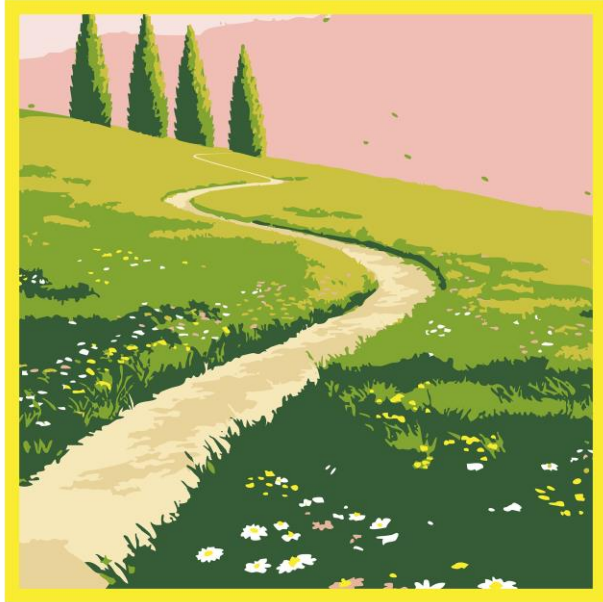


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and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**

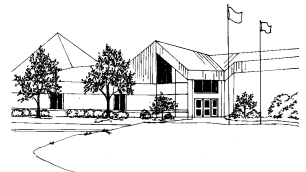
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Since 1986, voice actor Tom Bodett has had his career defined with a one-line promotion for the Motel 6 hotel chain. He always ends his commercials for the company with a simple line stating "we'll leave the light on for you." Having an assured place to be going to can be encouraging and comforting. As Jesus speaks with His disciples, we hear Him reassure them and us that He will be in His Father's house, the heavenly place where lights are not even necessary. In the Revelation to John, we have this insight about our God's eternal city: "And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb" (Revelation 21:23). In "Jerusalem the Golden," medieval monk Bernard of Cluny writes of the "radiancy of glory" and the "bliss beyond compare" that are in store for God's redeemed people there (LSB 672:1). As we share in the foretaste of the feast to come through our worship, we can only imagine what joys still await us.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 27:1; 147:11; 104:24a, 31a; Isaiah 2:5b

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

People: in those who hope in His steadfast love.

Pastor: O Lord, how manifold are Your works!

People: In wisdom have You made them all.

Pastor: May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Leader: If we say, "We have no sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Indeed, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

1 John 1:8, Romans 3:23

People: Yet God loved the world this way: He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not die but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Leader: Let us then confess that we are sinners, and thank God our Father for the forgiveness that He has given us through Jesus Christ.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment.

Psalm 51:1-5, Romans 7

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Gracious God,

All: through our faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have had mercy on us and forgiven us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Psalm 23, Psalm 51:6-17

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

People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Share the peace of Christ with those around you, then please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

Stephen is stoned and becomes a martyr for Christ.

Reader: 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. . . .

And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

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 not your fathers 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

People: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Women & girls: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Men & boys: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Women & girls: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Men & boys: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Women & girls: The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

Men & boys: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

An exhortation to live lives of Christian love.

1 Peter 2:2–10

Reader: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Jesus says that He is the way, and the truth, and the life.

John 14:1–14

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: [Jesus said:] “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.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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.

Please be seated.

SONG

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

by D. Fishel

Refrain: **Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the king of creation. *Refrain***

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Spread the Good News o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ;

now we shall live forever. *Refrain*

God has proclaimed the just reward:

life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

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SERMON

“The Great Work of Forgiveness” John 14:12, Acts 7:59-60

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we laud and magnify Your holy name. With joy we join in the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all who rejoice in light eternal.

People: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You nourish us that we may grow in grace. Grant that we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

ALL: 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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: 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 ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: 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 the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

Pastor: We rejoice, Lord Jesus, that You did not remain on Your heavenly throne but entered Your creation for our salvation. With John the Baptist we give thanks and say,

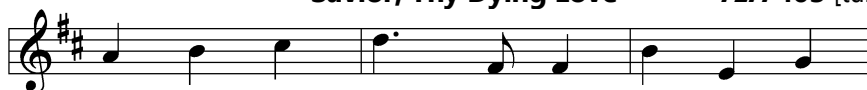
People: **"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

DISTRIBUTION *Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.*

SONG

Savior, Thy Dying Love

TLH 403 [tune: WINTERTON]



1 Sav - ior, Thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est
 2 O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for
 3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to
 4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so



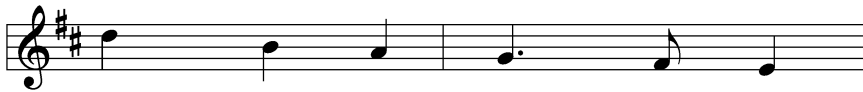
me; Nor should I aught with - hold,
 me, My fee - ble faith looks up,
 Thee, That each de - part - ing day
 free, In joy, in grief, through life,



Dear Lord, from Thee. In love my
 Je - sus, to Thee. Help me the
 Hence - forth may see Some work of
 Dear Lord, for Thee! And when Thy



soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,
 cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,
 love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,
 face I see, My ran - somed soul shall be



Some of - f'ring bring Thee now,
 Some song to raise or prayer,
 Some wan - d'rer sought and won,
 Through all e - ter - ni - ty



Some - thing for Thee.
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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ and the wine was drawn from the fruitfulness of many grapes. Grant us to ever abide in the Word, Christ Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

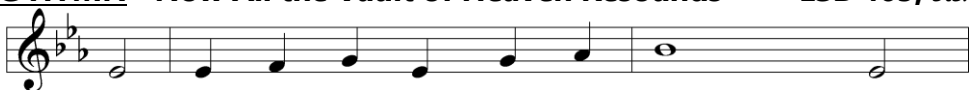
BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a-bounds: “Christ has tri-umphed!
with the heav’n-ly bless-ed sing: “Christ has tri-umphed!

He is liv-ing!” Sing, choirs of an-gels, loud and
Al-le-lu-ia!” Be to the Fa-ther and our

clear! Re-peat their song of glo-ry
Lord, To Spir-it blest, most ho-ly

here: “Christ has tri-umphed! Christ has tri-umphed!”
God, All the glo-ry, nev-er end-ing!

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

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**Readings for next week, 5/10:
Acts 17:16–31, Psalm 66:8–20, 1 Peter 3:13–22, John 14:15–21**
