

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



ELW SETTING 6

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Welcome to **WORSHIP**

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!” Alfred Fedak

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Source of all life,

C **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to
earn it.**

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is
right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our
lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and
we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name
of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Christ the Lord has Risen Today, Alleluia!" ELW 369

Verse 1, 3, & 4

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings the refrain first. The congregation joins in the second time and then sings the refrain as indicated.

Shep - herd me O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life. _____

L: Refrain

C: **REFRAIN**

L: God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace

C: **REFRAIN**

L: Gently You raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of Your Name.

C: **REFRAIN**

L: Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for You are at my side,
Your rod and Your staff, my comfort and my hope

C: **REFRAIN**

L: You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold

C: **REFRAIN**

L: Surely Your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore

C: **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P ²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Borning Cry”

ELW 732



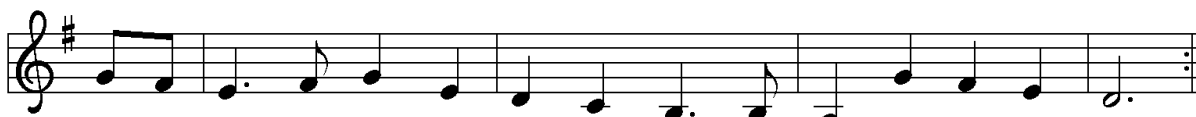
1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
2 “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 “In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- P You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary), **Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie Glenner). Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Gordy Duprey, Jane Ernst, Elizabeth Falato, Dorothea Lehtinen, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Kathy Roderer, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Don Bever** (friend of Carol Bertrand), **Sharon Bockelman** (friend of pastor Tim and Maria Linstom), **Ken and Connie Funk** (friends of Al Edwards), **Jean Goodale** (friend of Joan Roehl), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Jim Hanzel**, (uncle of Patrick Cantagallo), **Dana Imlah** (Mary Lou Gilliam's daughter), **the Chase**

Petersen family (friends of Amy Dohler), **Beth Peterson** (relative of Rex Roehl), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Katie Workman** (friend of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears**, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“The Lamb”

**Coleman/Jirsa
Adult Choir**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
- C Amen.


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING




¶ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



¶ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.



¶ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav - en 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.

P Blessed are you, O holy God:
 you are the Life and Light of all.
 By your powerful word you created all things.
 Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
 Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
 He is your Light, shining in our darkness
 and revealing to us your mercy and might.
 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising, and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

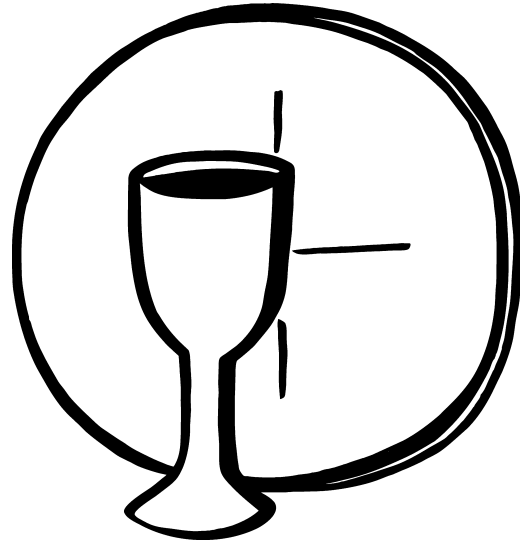
P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
are welcome at the table of the Lord.
Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

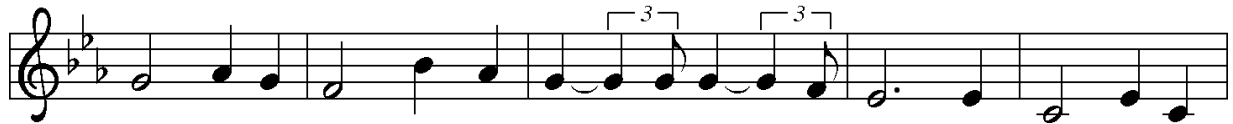
C Amen.



COMMUNION CANTICLE



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 MUSIC

“Prelude in g minor”

**M. Burkhardt
Adult Choir**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

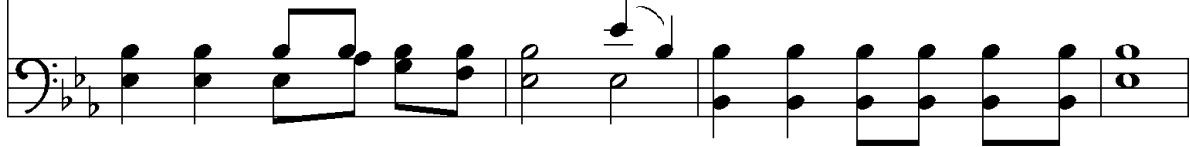
P The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C Amen.

Verse 1, 2, & 4



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” Flor Peeters

Sanctuary flowers donated by Dorothy and Ron Stocks in memory of Todd.

SANCTUARY WORK — On **May 23rd**, work will begin in the sanctuary to replace the tile flooring. This involves the removal of the existing tiles, for the safety of our members and staff the building will be closed and off limits to all beginning **May 27th through the 30th**. New tile will be installed and that work is expected to last through June 14th. Sunday services on **May 25, June 1st and June 8th** will be outside or in the Fellowship Hall.

HELP NEEDED — On **May 18th**, after worship we need all hands on deck to help move things out of the sanctuary in preparation for the floor replacement.

CHURCH WORK DAY — **May 10**. There are always cleaning and maintenance tasks that need to be performed at our wonderful facility. But we need everyone to pitch in as they can. Join us on Saturday, May 10 between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm and lend a hand as you are available. If you're looking for service hours or a family service project, this is a great option.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY SERVICE — Each Sunday after service we have hospitality coffee and treats. We are asking that you please consider volunteering for a Sunday on the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. There are many available Sundays. This is a simple task that makes a huge difference in the life of our church community. Please sign up for at least one Sunday per family.

D103 5K FUN RUN — **May 17**. LCHS is a proud sponsor this family friendly event. The D103 5K Run/Walk supports the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) in providing the Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103 with programs and equipment for the benefit of our children. A link to the event registration page is on our church website at www.lchs-elwa.org#run.

MAY FELLOWSHIP EVENT— On May 18, the whole congregation is invited to assemble immediately after church at the Brunch Factory at 1111 Milwaukee Avenue in Riverwoods. So that the restaurant will know where and how to seat us, we will have sign-ups as usual both in the gathering space and online using the QR code. Hope to see all of you there!



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES — Thanks to your generosity, last week we collected \$1,130 for LSSI. Your gifts are going to make a difference in many peoples lives.

COOL FOOD PANTRY— Please consider making a donation to support the C.O.O.L. pantry. This month they are in need of cereal and peanut butter.

QUILTERS— The Quilting Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP— Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY— weekly 10:15-11:30 am. Join us on Thursday mornings for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. On May 1st we began a new study on the book “The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage” by Richard Rohr. How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and anger we feel in such an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, revealing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a critical path forward today. You won’t want to miss this informative study. Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from each other, and we always close our time together in prayer.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE — Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap “Process” to complete your donation. Please scan this code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.



LIVE STREAM — Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel. www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit6256 or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

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| Sunday May 11 | 9:30 am | Service of Holy Communion |
| Monday May 12 | 7:00 pm | Council Meeting |
| Tuesday May 13 | 10:00 am 4:15 pm 6:00 pm | Quilters LYFE LYFE Annual Celebration |
| Wednesday May 14 | 6:15pm 7:15pm | Bells Adult Choir |
| Thursday May 15 | 9:30 am 10:15 am | Prayer Group Bible Study |
| Sunday May 18 | 9:30 am | Service of Holy Communion |

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| Pastor: | Rev. Timothy C. Linstrom |
| Office Manager: | Ciara Crews |
| Music Ministers: | Karen M. Jirsa, Bill Vaananen, Patrick Cantagallo, and Nancy Fencil |
| Organist: | Karen M. Jirsa |
| Children's Ministry Director: | Jennifer Williams |
| Assistant Minister | Wayne Giampietro |
| Greeters | Mary Garbrecht |
| Communion Deacons | Mike Pedersen, Jeanne Nelson |
| Ushers | Christine Upadhyay |
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