

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



ELW SETTING 6

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Welcome to **WORSHIP**

WITHOUT EXCEPTION,
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WELCOMES YOU
TODAY!

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit welcomes all to worship, to hear the Good News, to celebrate the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service.

We welcome new visitors, old friends, and our members;

We welcome single, married, widowed and divorced;

We welcome all regardless of age, sex, race, or national origin;

We welcome all people of any sexual orientation or gender identity or gender expression;

We welcome all people of any ability or challenge;

We welcome all regardless of socio-economic status;

We welcome all who are happy, sad, rejoicing, grieving, celebrating or recovering;

We welcome all who are seeking justice and peace among all peoples and nations;

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and God's grace.

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ. 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. 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. Various updates and additional church information, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org.

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



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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION



PRELUDE

“Speak, O Lord”

**Getty/Harlan
Trumpet: Patrick Cantagallo**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P In the name of the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized in Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P Holy God we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen Believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; Waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of your own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, Waters that open the hearts for believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are.**

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the crucified and Risen One

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Gather Us In”

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Nazareth Kid”

LYFE Choir

The Nazareth Kid
Born with a halo above him.....
The Nazareth Kid
Raised by two parents who love him.....
First child of Mary, his mother
Helped raise his sisters and brothers
Destined to be like no other kid in the land.....

This Galilee boy
Walking to temple each morning.....
Surrounded by light
All of God’s creatures adoring.....
As each day went by he was learning
The prophecies now were returning
His own curiosity burning
Soon he’d understand.....

Chorus: When Jesus was young
He was clearly God’s son
But was also a boy we could all count upon

The Truth and the Way
Were his path every day
Already displayed in this holy child.

Who could this kid be?
Born with the sheep in a manger?.....
In Jerusalem seen
Teaching the elders and strangers?.....
Fishing with friends by the water
Working with tools like his father
With each passing year growing taller
Stronger, and free.....

Chorus: When Christ was a kid
 You would have to admit
 He led by example in all that he did
 He lived by God's Truth
 And in spite of his youth
 His divinity grew in this holy child.

*Disagreements on the playground?
 He'd turn the other cheek!
When he lit his one night oil lamp
 It lasted for a week!
He followed the Ten Commandments
 Everywhere he went!
When folks asked where he came from
 'Said he was heaven sent!
He had a way with scripture,
 With fishes, and with bread!
When he gave his friends advice
 Well, they followed what he said!
His charity was endless
 His kindness was unbound!
And when he looked up for answers
 His Father is what he found.....*

The Nazareth kid
Ministry, stories, and music.....
And slowly but sure
Jesus was learning to use it.....
He knew that sooner or later
He'd become the Divine Educator
He'd soon represent our Creator
In word and in deed.....

Chorus: When Christ was a child
 He was mellow and mild
 Practicing patience, perfecting his style
 The time would soon come
 When he'd rise as the One
 He's God's only Son
 He's our holy child...

Words and music by Bill Vaananen Sept. 2024

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ 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. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ 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.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.”

⁷ 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,”

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

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 14:1-14**

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

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

P [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ 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’? ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

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

Please be seated

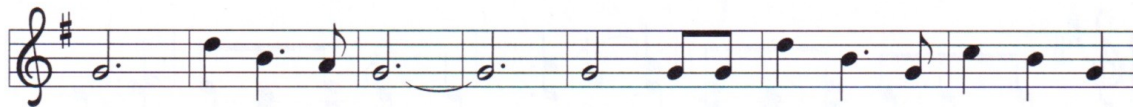
SERMON**Pastor Tim Linstrom**

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Are All Called”

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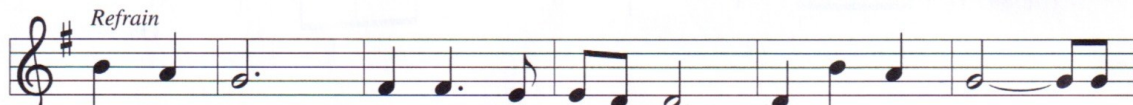
1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

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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.

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” arr. Tom Fettke Adult Choir

Please stand as the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
- C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

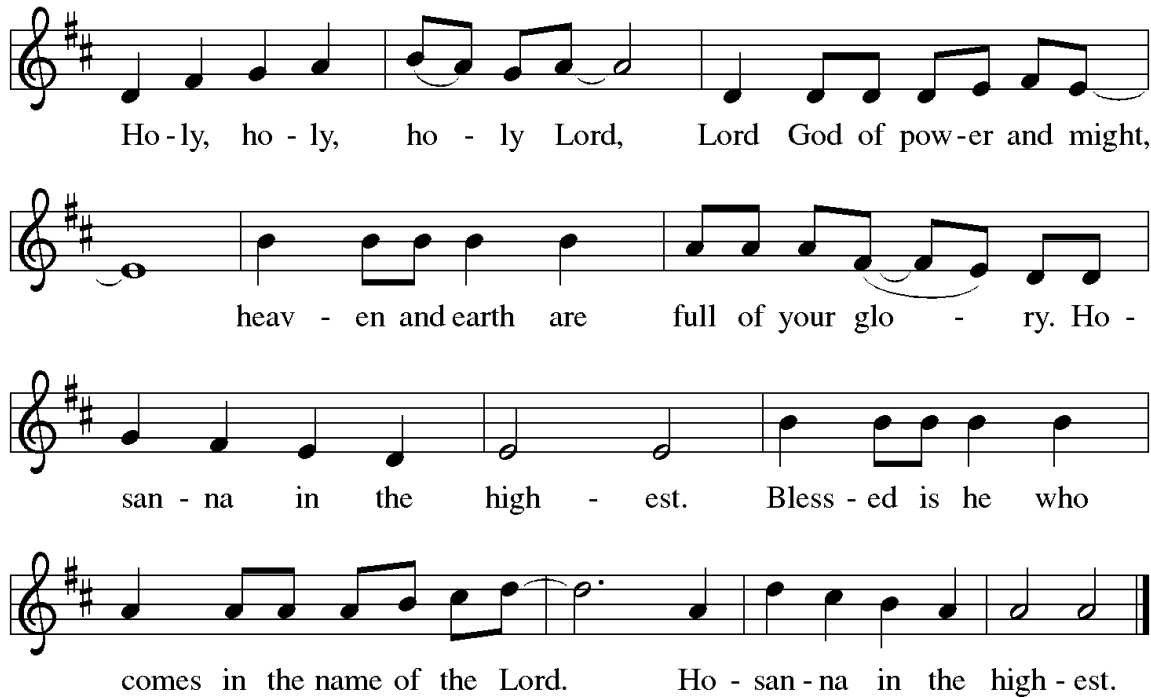
Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☒ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ 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.

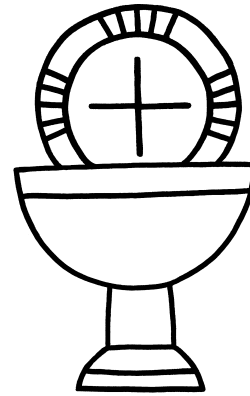
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising, and 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 new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated

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.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

Please Stand

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-joyce 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 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.**

BENEDICTION

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.**

SENDING HYMN

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

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En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
 The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
 to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
 The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
 to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
 that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
 Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in G”

Bankson

Trumpet: Patrick Cantagallo



Capital Campaign 2026 - Our Capital Campaign, "Open Doors, Strong Roots", is in full swing. Many of you attended our Fundraising Dinner on April 25th or our Invitation Sunday presentation on the 26th, and have already made a financial commitment to this year's campaign. Every three years we make a specific appeal to our Building Fund that allows us to meet our mortgage payments and to complete a number of capital improvements to our property and grounds. You should have already received a packet of materials to learn more about our building fund and what it supports.

Just for clarification, the Capital Campaign for our building fund is separate from our annual Stewardship Drive. Our Stewardship Drive is a response to all of what God has given us, where we ask ourselves, "What percentage of my income am I committed to giving back to God for God's mission and ministry?" Every year in the fall, we have a stewardship drive to make our commitments for the coming year. The Capital Campaign is aimed at paying off our mortgage, for urgent needs, and other projects related to our building and property. It is more of a fundraiser to pay for specific building projects, and you are invited to participate in both.

As we recommit to another three year plan, we will need your help to make this appeal a successful one. Please prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to this effort, complete your appeal commitment card and return it to the church office. And thank you for all your support to make Holy Spirit a church with Open Doors, and Strong Roots! Thus far our total commitments received are \$207,400 toward our goal of 300,000. Please submit your commitment by May 10th Commitment Sunday.

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

COOL FOOD PANTRY — The April donation item is snack foods and pasta.

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 — Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection and spirited conversation. Our next unit will be studying the Book of Acts, and how the Holy Spirit was poured out into followers of Christ to speak boldly, bring people together to form churches, and reach out to others as the first missionaries of the church. As we examine the beginnings of the church, we find meaningful connections between the early church and the church today. Everyone is welcome as we learn from the experts and 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 QR 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 at www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.



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HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday May 3	Confirmation Sunday	
	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion & Affirmation of Baptism
	10:45 am	Bell Choir
Tuesday April 28	4:15 pm	LYFE
	4:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday April 30	9:30 am	Prayer Group
	10:15 am	Bible Study
Sunday May 3	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion

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Organist:	Karen M. Jirsa
Children's Ministry Director:	Jennifer Williams

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Ushers	Barry & Jeanne Nelson
Greeters	Eileen & Tom Weglarz
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