Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



${\it ELW~SETTING~6}\\ {\it LUTHERAN~CHURCH~OF~THE~HOLY~SPIRIT}$

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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 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" M. Burkhardt

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

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

ELW 377

Verses 1, 2, & 5



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

LYFE Choir

"The Dove"

When I first spread my wings
It was there above the Jordan
On the baptism day of my Son
Then off I did soar
Through the mists of the morning
My journey had only begun....

I crossed the great sea
Looked down upon my creation
My continents resplendent in the sun
With the speed of light and sound
I sailed above my nations
My multitude to whom I am One!

No eagle or hawk
No osprey or falcon
Can reach the heights where I am known to fly....
Grab hold of my wings
I'll show you my blessing
As I connect your earth to my sky.....

All words and music by Bill Vaananen

"The Nazareth Kid"

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.....

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.

All words and music by Bill Vaananen

"The Disciples of Christ"

Chorus: We come to praise the Lord God's Son
We are the twelve! The Disciples of Christ!
We sing His name. For He's the One!
We are the twelve! The Disciples of Christ!

We're just common men who lived in the north
No title or wealth to our names
Loading and fishing, but hoping and wishing
To find our faith once again.
Then a stranger appeared and spoke in a voice
Calling us there to His side
And now it's the Gospel, and we're His apostles
We're singing His praises on high! (Repeat Chorus)

"Cool King Christ"

God loves music! God loves when we sing! God loves Jesus! And He made Him our King! Christ is our Savior, and for all the world He wears the crown From Alpha to Omega, He's the coolest cat King in the town!

Praise to our Messiah, no leader can be higher than you....

Lord of all creation, today's a celebration That's long, long overdue!

Oh, Christ Jesus, no temporary ruler are you! And Lord, it would please us To entrust all our troubles to you.

All words and music by Bill Vaananen



"Procession of the Lord"

From the palms of our hands
We will lay palms at his feet
We will pave the road with roses
When Messiah we will meet!
We will lay down our coats
We won't need them anymore!
He's the Savior of Salvation The lamb is now the Lord!

"Take Three"

When you've got the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost...
Take it from me, you'd better take three!
They're the only trio that you need, coast to coast
Dig it, you'll see!
Better take three.....Better take three.....
Better take three!

All words and music by Bill Vaananen Except "Take Three" originally "Take Five" music by Paul Desmond

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

GOSPEL VERSE







GOSPEL John 13:31-35

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

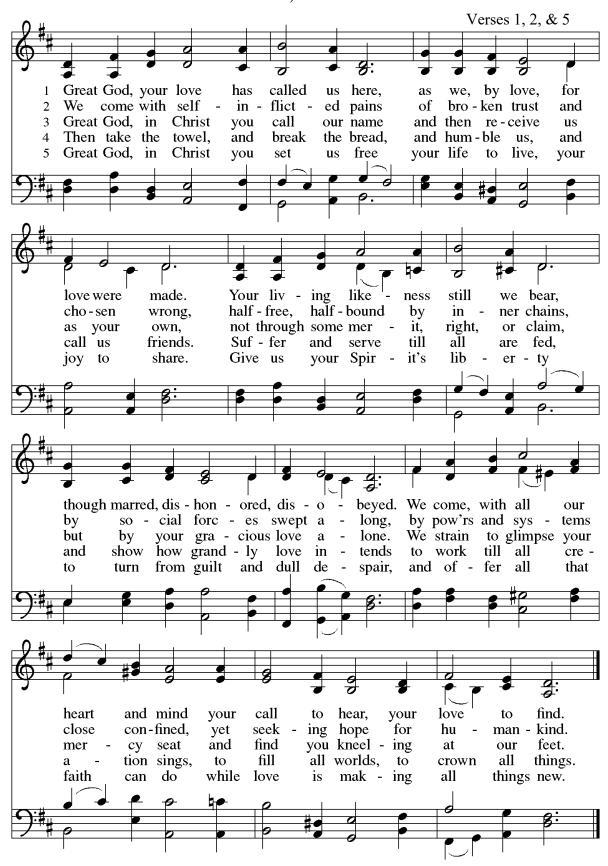
- P ³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
- P The Gospel of the Lord
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom





APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

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 Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. 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 Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear. 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, 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 Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. We pray for the family and friends of **Don Bever** (friend of Carol Bertrand). Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. 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

"Ubi Caritas"

Victor Johnson Adult Choir

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Et excorder diligamus nos sincero.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

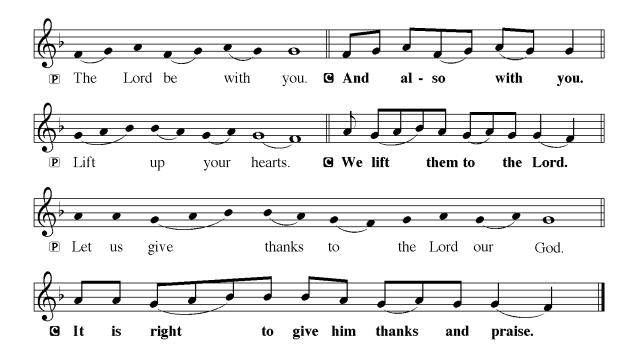
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

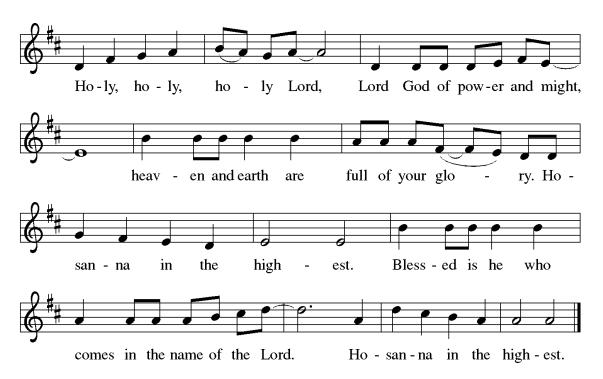
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.



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.

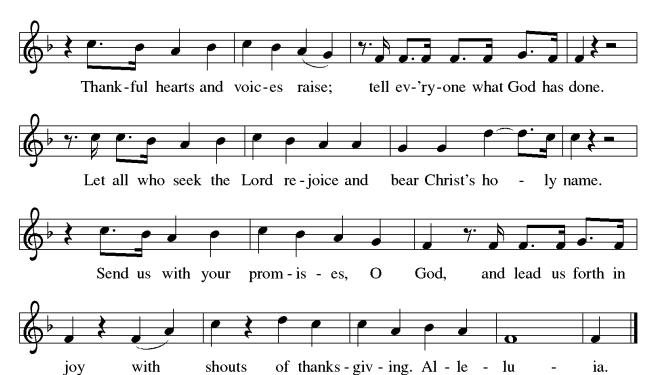
COMMUNION CANTICLE



COMMUNION MUSIC

Adult Choir

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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.

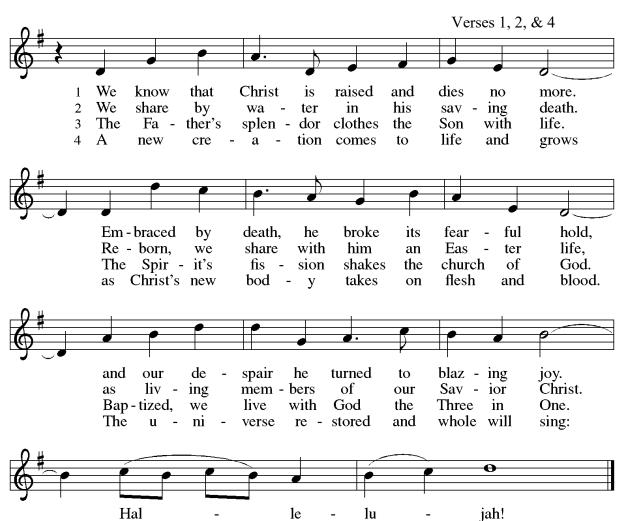
C Amen.

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.

SENDING HYMN "We Know That Christ Is Raised" ELW 449



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 "Prelude and Fugue in B flat" J.S. Bach

Sanctuary flowers donated by the Wyrwicz family.

<u>HELP NEEDED</u> — After service today we need all hands on deck to help move things out of the sanctuary in preparation for the floor replacement.

<u>SANCTUARY WORK</u> — 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.

<u>VOLUNTEER ON SUNDAYS</u>—

Volunteers needed to set up and take down for the three Sundays that we are out of the Sanctuary. A link to sign up can be found on the Church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/volunteer or by scanning the QR code.



MAY FELLOWSHIP EVENT—

Today following service is our fellowship brunch event at Brunch Factory. We look forward to see everyone who signed up for some great food and fellowship.

BUFFALO GROVE PRIDE PARADE—

Holy Spirit will be walking in the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade again this year. This year's parade is on June 1st - parade kick-off is 11am. As a Reconciled in Christ church, we declare ourselves welcoming to all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Expect to walk the mile parade route, hand out LCHS and pride swag, and plan to have fun!! Please use the Sign Up Genius link on the church website to indicate your participation.

<u>SUNDAY HOSPITALITY SERVICE</u> —

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.

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

Sunday May 18 9:30 am Service of Holy Communion

Thursday May 15 9:30 am Prayer Group

10:15 am Bible Study

Sunday May 25 9:30 am Service of Holy Communion

Service Outdoors or in the

Fellowship Hall

————— May 27th — May 31st —————

For the safety of our members and staff the building will be closed and off limits to all while the floor removal is taking place.

Pastor: Rev. Timothy C. Linstrom

Office Manager: Ciara Crews

Music Ministers: Karen M. Jirsa, Bill Vaananen, Patrick Cantagallo, and Nancy Fencl

Organist: Karen M. Jirsa

Children's Ministry Director: Jennifer Williams

Assistant Minister Joe Labellarte

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