

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

(LW 463)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM OF REN DALE RYCKMAN

11:00 am

(LSB 268)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and 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.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 98:2-6; antiphon: 98:1

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

- P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**
- P** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- C** **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**
- C** **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.**
- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA

"My Soul Rejoices"

(LSB 933)

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

(The apostles rejoice that the Spirit has been

given to Gentiles.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"In Christ Alone" (Getty & Townend, arr. L. Larson)
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE *Revelation 21:1–7* (God and His people will live together in the new Jerusalem.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 16:12–22* (When the disciples see Jesus again, their joy will be full.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Ancient Words" (Lynn De Shazo)

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam Ancient words will guide us Home.

**Chorus: Ancient words ever true Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts Oh let the ancient words impart.**

Holy words of our Faith Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart Oh let the ancient words impart.

Chorus x 2

We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

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SERMON

"What's True?"
Pastor Brad Urbach

(Revelation 21:5)

CREED

8:30 Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 Apostles' *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

MEXICO MISSION TEAM BLESSING

Dennis Ryckman, Carolyn Ryckman, Samuel Ryckman, Cassandra Ryckman,
Joshua Ryckman, Roland Degen, Shenal Premarathna, Brian Zeeb, Shannon Zeeb,
Broch Zeeb, Gracie Zeeb, Bryant Zeeb, Shawnie Zeeb, Kinley Manning, Aurora
Corrales, Desiree Perez, Anna Rutherford, Ezra Rutherford, Ajey Rutherford,
Kamora Rutherford, Gracie Rutherford, Avry Rutherford, Evan Rutherford, Bridger
Gruber and Gavin Townley

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all
people according to their needs.

Lord of heaven and earth, in the glorious resurrection of Your
Son, You have given the promise of our own resurrection. As we
await the Last Day, calm our hearts and strengthen our faith through our sorrows.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.



P O Lord, You have promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit who makes known to us all truth and keeps us in Your Word. Grant to us, O Lord, faithful pastors who will teach us Your Word and devoted church workers who will serve us in Your name. Bless those preparing for church work vocations and inspire many to follow Your call. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You bless the anguish of childbirth with new life according to Your good and gracious will. Sustain all mothers with child and those with young children. Bless Your Church, the mother of all Your faithful children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You hold all people accountable for the responsibilities You have given them. Bless our president, our governor, the Congress and legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Guide them to serve according to Your will and for the common good of all. Raise up those with heroic virtue who will defend our liberty. Protect those who defend us in the armed forces, even as You give peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Alpha and Omega, You pledge to bring all things to their perfect consummation. You will bring heaven to earth and banish sorrow, sin and death. Sustain [*and all*] those now in tribulation. By the comfort of Your Holy Word, increase their faith and see them through their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, You have given us both bread for the body and Christ, the bread of life. Prepare us now to receive with faith and thanksgiving His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin. Unite us that we may believe and confess one faith and bring us to that day when we shall be one people together at the table of our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which

has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The 11:00 am service continues on page 8 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).



Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

Communion Distribution: We offer both the common cup and individual cup. If you desire to receive Jesus' blood in the common cup, you are invited to come forward in the first group (after the Elders and Pastors receive communion). If you desire to receive his blood in the individual cups, you may remain in your seat and the Ushers will dismiss you row by row. If you desire to receive Jesus' body and blood in your seat, please let one of our Ushers know and we will bring you communion at the end of the distribution.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

8:30 service

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" (LSB 624)

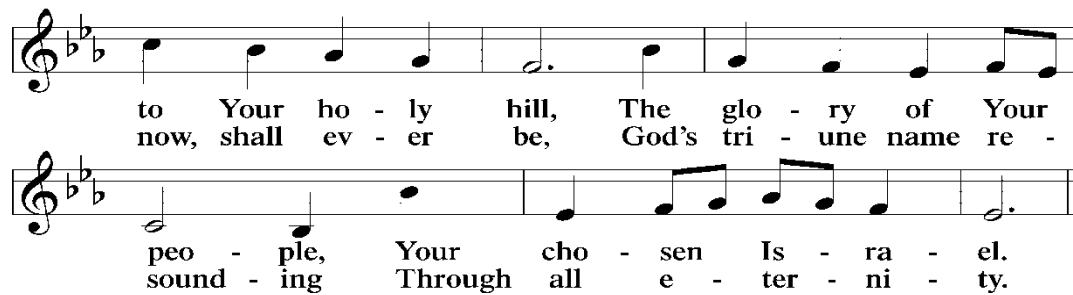
"Beautiful Savior" (LSB 537)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"You Are the Way; through You Alone"

(LSB 526)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER The Fifth Sunday of Easter bears the traditional name of Cantate, from the Introit's "Oh sing to the LORD a new song." Not only people but all creation is urged to break out in song. Throughout our worship today we will do just that, for the resurrection news cannot be left to quiet contemplation. Though it was difficult for Peter to convince the others, when they realized Gentiles had received the Spirit, they rejoiced. The vision of heaven in Revelation has no more pain or sorrow; what can be left but joyful singing?

At the end of Jesus' talk to the disciples, He promises "I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). When we are filled with such joy, singing is inevitable. Much of today's worship has us singing a few (or all) of the stanzas of familiar hymns. Let us join the joyful multitude in heaven and earth!

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Psalm 98:1

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card.

Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fifth Sunday of Easter! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Rev. Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. May 7, Att. 38; Offering \$610.00; **Sun., May 11, Att. 306;** General Fund \$8,424.17; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$150.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,965.00; Memorial in memory of Norman & Dorothy Bierwagen \$28,637.22.

ENDOWMENT FUND When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Educational Attendance

May 7 Midweek Attendance –

May 11 Sunday School Attendance –

May 11 Sunday Morning 'Luke' Bible Study – 10



Little Dresses Project The Faith Lutheran LWML is once again coordinating the Little Dresses project. Pillowcases will be turned into dresses as part of our global mission outreach. The last of the little dresses are now hanging on the curved wall in the Narthex. The count when these were hung was 291 dresses made. Take a look! They will be taken down and boxed to send on the Mexico Mission trip, which occurs May 24-31. **Thank you to all who assembled kits and those who sewed the dresses.**



Mexico Mission Trip 2025/Ysleta Lutheran Mission El Paso

As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life-changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we serve. This year we have 25 going: Dennis Ryckman, Carolyn Ryckman, Samuel Ryckman, Cassandra Ryckman, Joshua Ryckman, Roland Degen, Shenal Premarathna,

Brian Zeeb, Shannon Zeeb, Broch Zeeb, Gracie Zeeb, Bryant Zeeb, Shawnie Zeeb, Kinley Manning, Aurora Corrales, Desiree Perez, Anna Rutherford, Ezra Rutherford, Ajey Rutherford, Kamora Rutherford, Gracie Rutherford, Avry Rutherford, Evan Rutherford, Bridger Gruber and Gavin Townley. Please pray for a safe and successful mission and a safe return home.



Building Healthy Families: Each person's experience with grief following an important loss is unique, yet we share one thing in common: we all need someone to hear us, listen to our stories, and be witness to our deep loss, without becoming overwhelmed or needing to fix it for us. Many are struggling with grief. Lutheran Family Service's grief specialist Dr. Mark Vande Braak - a life-long LCMS Lutheran - is available to you or anyone you know who has suffered traumatic loss or grief. Meet with Dr. Mark in-person in Sioux Falls, South Dakota or via your phone, tablet, or computer from anywhere in the United States. Reach out to LFS today for more information or to schedule a time to talk with Dr. Mark. It's why we're here. Email info@lutheranfamilyservice.org, call 605-271-1081, or use the "contact us" link on the LFS website. We'll be happy to hear from you. **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - "Man Adrift" - A Fisher Family episode that discusses the relationship of faith and works.

10:30 AM - Rev. Richard Milbrandt, pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ocheyedan, IA, presents a message titled "Come, Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest". The sermon is based on Acts 18:1-18. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Live abundantly, friends, graduates, loved ones, and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! Know who you are and to whom you belong." *Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



It's time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three

years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.



Camp Minneboji It's a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota. "Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025!

This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.

Circuit Bible Camp Students who are finishing 4th – 8th grade are invited to join us for Circuit Bible Camp, which takes place July 7-9. We will be travelling to Hot Springs and taking in some of the local natural sights. This includes hiking, swimming, and eating outdoors. Packing list includes: Bible, clothes for 2 days (plus extra just in case), toiletries and towel, swimsuit, shoes for hiking, and an outdoor game if you have any.



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 18

8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Luke Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Stanley Co. HS Graduation
2:00 pm Riggs HS Graduation
3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: May 19

6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: May 20

8:00 am Staff Devotions
6:00 pm Board of Early Education

Wed: May 21

6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study

6:30 pm *Jesus* Bible Study in homes

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: May 22

8:00 am Staff Devotions

6:30 pm Church Council

Fri: May 23

Mexico Mission Team Leaves Pierre

Sun: May 25

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah Circle

9:45 am Luke Bible Study

11:00 am Communion

Now, faith is
being sure
of what we hope for...
Hebrews 11:1

HEBREWS



Join us this summer (June & July) as we read through Hebrews. We will take the time for coffee & goodies, fellowship and will read Hebrews between services each Sunday.

Hebrews is a rich book of the Bible with so many verses that give guidance to our life's journey.

Please join us and enrich your life's journey!