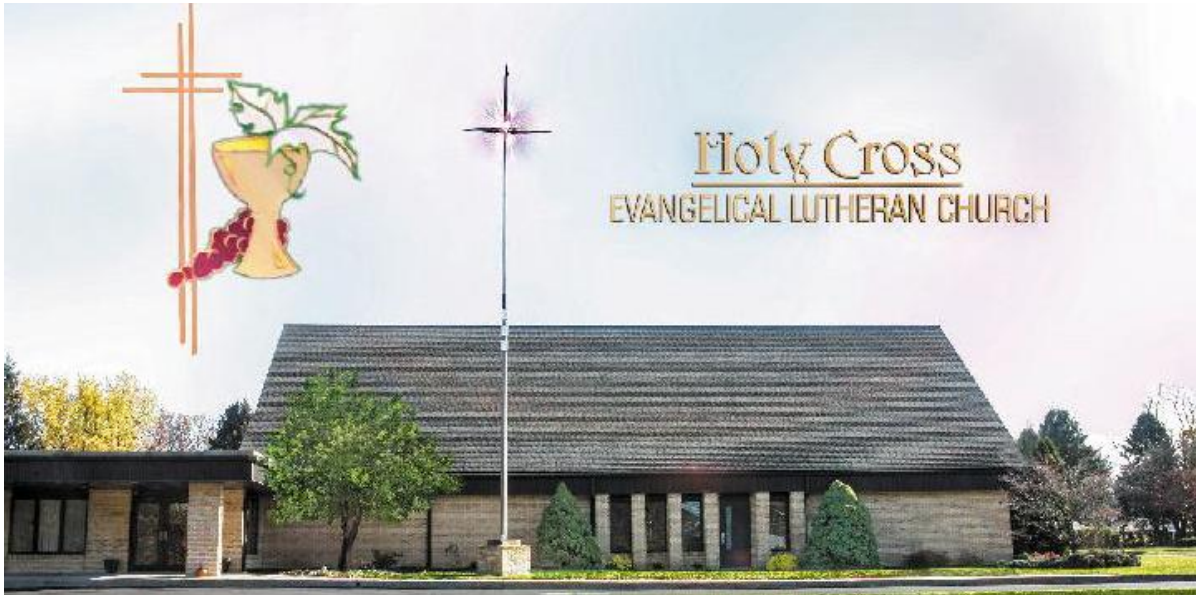


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION MAY 5, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ROGATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. Amen.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

The church is called to be an apostolic community that dwells in the new commandment of Christ, Who challenges us, not to love others as others love us, but to love others as He has loved us. Jesus sees our failings and fears with utter clarity, yet offers us the gentle gifts of forgiveness and healing. We are at best unworthy servants, yet He call us friends. Friendship captures the mutual, self-sacrificing love of our relationship with Christ and with one another.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us” (WOV # 666)



1 Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flic - ted pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own not through some mer - it, right, or claim
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

INVOCATION *(= All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Who calls us beloved children, Who gathers us into one flock, Who guides us into all truth.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sins, for God is faithful and just and will forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Faithful and just God, **C: we confess our sin. We are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways of darkness that lead to death. We confess our failure to live fully the good news of the resurrection. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as You have loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let Your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, and know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. AMEN.**

P: This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast” (ELW p140)*

Refrain

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ *Refrain*

☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 L: Let us pray together: **C: O God, You have prepared
 for those who love You joys beyond understanding.
 Pour into our hearts such love for You that, loving You
 above all things, we may obtain Your promises, which
 exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son
 and our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING...Psalm 98 (*congregation: indented*)

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.**

The LORD has made His salvation known

and revealed His righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered His love

and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**all the ends of the earth have seen
 the salvation of our God.**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,

with the harp and the sound of singing,

with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—

shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it,

the world, and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands,

let the mountains sing together for joy;

let them sing before the LORD,

for He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness

and the peoples with equity.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

“Oh, Sing to the Lord” (WOV # 795)



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
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So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets,
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
and sing to our God, and sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

(Please sit.)

FIRST READING....Acts 10:44-48.....Pg. 1710

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....1 John 5:1-8.....Pg. 1903

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“O, How He Loves You and Me” *verse 1* (Maj # 523 - favorite)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELJohn 15:9-17.....Pg. 1677

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 3*

(Young children go to Children’s Church)

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

“Presenting the Gospel”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

(Please rise.)

HYMN OF THE DAY “One There Is Above All Others”

(LBW # 298 - Text: John Newton; Tune: Andreas P. Berggren)



1 One there is, a - bove all oth - ers, well de - serves the name of friend;
 2 Which of all our friends, to save us, could or would have shed his blood?
 3 When he lived on earth, they scorned him; "friend of sin - ners" was his name.



his is love be - yond a broth - er's, cost - ly, free, and knows no end;
 But this Sav - ior died to have us rec - on - ciled in him to God;
 Though the an - gels have a - dored him, still he an - swers to that claim;



they who once his kind - ness prove find it ev - er - last - ing love.
 this was bound - less love in - deed; Je - sus is the friend we need.
 still he calls them dear - est friends and to all their needs at - tends.

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part II. The Creed*:

L: What is The First Article of the Creed: On Creation?

C: I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

L: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God created me, along with all that exists. He gave to me: my body and soul, my eyes, ears and all the other parts of my body, my mind and all my senses. He preserves them as well. He gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and land, spouse and children, fields, animals and all I own. Every day He abundantly provides everything I need to nourish this body and life. He protects me against all danger. He shields and defends me from all evil. He does all this because of His pure, fatherly and divine goodness and His mercy, not because I've earned it or deserved it. For all of this, I must thank Him, praise Him, serve Him and obey Him. This is most certainly true!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Pass-over Lamb Who gave Himself to take away our sin, Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His 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: *"Alleluia"* (Michael W. Smith)

Piano Al - le - lu - ia. — Ho - ly, ho - ly

are You, Lord God — Al - mighty. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.

You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God — Al - mighty.

Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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 in 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, and into these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p 25)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "O, How He Loves You and Me" *(Maj # 523 - favorite - Kurt Kaiser)*

1 Oh, how he loves you and me. Oh, how he loves you and
 2 Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go his love for this world to
 me; he gave his life, what more could he give?
 show; what he did there brought hope from de - spair.
Refrain
 Oh, how he loves you; oh, how he loves me;
 oh, how he loves you and me!

2. "A New Commandment" (WOV # 664)

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you, that you love one an-oth-er as
I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my dis-ci-ples, if
you have love one for an-oth-er; by this shall all men know that
you are my dis-ci-ples: if you have love one for an-oth-er.

Text: John 13:34-35 Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

*(Please rise when all have returned to their seats.)
(10:45 - Communion visitors comes forward.)*

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (10:45)

L: Let us pray together: **C: Eternal God, Whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord: Bless those who go forth to share Your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In Your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of Your Son, that we may all feast upon Your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

(Proceed to the front lawn and take a handful of seeds.)

SENDING HYMN "Victory in Jesus"

(Maj # 430 - favorite - Eugene M. Bartlett)



1 I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,
 2 I heard a - bout his heal - ing, of his cleans - ing pow'r re - veal - ing,
 3 I heard a - bout a man - sion he has built for me in glo - ry,



how he gave his life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me;
 how he made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see;
 and I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea;



I heard a - bout his groan - ing, of his pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,
 and then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
 a - bout the an - gels sing - ing and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,



how Je - sus saved me from my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
 and some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.
 and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

Refrain



Oh, vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er!



He sought me and bought me with his re - deem - ing blood;



he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him—



he plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

ROGATE BLESSING

Prayer for the Soil *Hold soil aloft.*

P: Creating God, we give You thanks that in the richness of the soil, nature awakens to Your call of spring. Help us to be good stewards of this land and make our hearts good soil for Your Word

C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer for Seeds *Hold seeds aloft. The people scatter their seeds.*

L: Redeeming Lord, You have given seed to the sower and bread to the people. Nourish, protect, and bless the seeds which Your people have sown in hope. May they bring forth their fruit in due season, and may our lives yield a harvest of righteousness through the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit.

Prayer for Water and Rain *Hold water aloft.*

P: Sanctifying Spirit, You hover over the waters to bring life to the earth and You raise us to new life in baptism. We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed so that the crops may flourish and the coming harvest be indeed bountiful, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN.

ROGATION HYMN “We Plow the Fields & Scatter”

(LBW # 362 - Text: Matthias Claudius, tr. Jane Campbell; Tune: Johann Schultz)



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the mak - er of all things near and far;
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand.
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



He sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey him; by him the birds are fed.
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
Much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all his love.

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN “Beautiful Savior” (ELW # 838 - favorite)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,
Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

MAY 5, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Lauri Barlow / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham

COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

COMMUNION VISITS: Pastor David, Sharon Branigan

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

GRASS CUTTERS: Rich Stein, Jonathan Miller

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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