

May 4, 2025

Welcome

The Hymn of Invocation

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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| 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood." | 4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast. |
| 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea. | 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood." |

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This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God with a pure heart for "if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not with us.

But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Kyrie.....*sung to: Amazing Grace*
Have mercy on your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King;
Renew us by your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

(Silence for prayers of confession.)

Let us then confess all our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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 the Word I therefore announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise*sung to: Crown Him with Many Crowns*
Glory to God on high, and to the earth God's peace!
With thanks God's name we glorify; let gladsome praise increase!
With angel hosts we sing your holy name to bless,
Almighty Father, heav'nly King, enthroned in holiness.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Grant, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, may, by the help of your grace, be aware of your risen Son's fully human presence in our lives and so make ourselves available to people you have placed around us; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament

Genesis 3:14-15

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 2:9-18 (excerpts)

But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

In bringing many sons [and daughters] to glory, it was fitting that God... should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers [and sisters.]

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity.... For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse*sung to: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*
Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord! Forever be God's name adored!
Alleluia! God's saving Word Throughout the earth in faith be heard!

The Gospel

Luke 24:36-43

While they were still talking about this [what the Emmaus road disciples reported], Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Object Lesson

The Hymn of the Day

568 If Your Beloved Son, O God

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| 1 If Your beloved Son, O God,
Had not to earth descended
And in our mortal flesh and blood
Had not sin's power ended,
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine
In hell eternally would pine
Because of my transgression. | 3 I trust in Him with all my heart;
Now all my sorrow ceases.
His words abiding peace impart;
His blood from guilt releases.
Free grace through Him I now obtain;
He washes me from ev'ry stain,
And pure I stand before Him. |
| 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest;
Despair no more reigns o'er me.
No more am I by sin oppressed,
For Christ has borne sin for me.
Upon the cross for me He died
That, reconciled, I might abide
With You, my God, forever. | 5 My guilt, O Father, You have laid
On Christ, Your Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, You my debt have paid
And gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace,
The good in me to You I trace;
In faith and hope preserve me. |

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers *[If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

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

(After each portion of the prayer)

Lord in Your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Our offerings help to support:

Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA)

Offertory*sung to: We Give You But Your Own*

We give you but your own In any gift we bring;
All that we have is yours alone, A trust from you, our king.
May we your bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, Lord, as you bless us, To you our first-fruits give.

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Always and everywhere praise and thanksgiving are due to you, holy Lord, God of power and might! Today we are chiefly bound to praise you for the promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ; sin is forgiven, death is defeated, life is restored both now and forevermore, therefore the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven join in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus*sung to: Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Through Jesus Christ, your beloved we give you thanks, heavenly Father for the love with which you loved the world, for the salvation you prepared for us through Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit sent into our hearts and into our midst, that we may receive and share our living Lord with living faith.

Amen.

Jesus' Directions for Communion

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The Agnus Dei*sung to: My Faith Looks up to Thee*

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away—
Our faith increase, Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

[If your body does not tolerate alcohol, the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]

The Distribution Hymns

524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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| 1 | How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away our fear. | 4 | O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring. |
| 2 | It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest. | 5 | How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought. |
| 3 | Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace. | 6 | Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death! |

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525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

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| 1 | Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity. | 3 | Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright. |
| 2 | Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem. | 4 | Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die. |
| 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all. | | | |

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle.....*sung to: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*
Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness!
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love, His name confess.
Praise the Father, Son and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free
By His mercy to inherit life and joy eternally!

Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Benediction

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.
Amen.

The Final Hymn

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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| 1 | I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head. | 6 | He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. |
| 2 | He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high. | 8 | He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! |

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Server Schedule

	5/4	5/11	5/18
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Herold	Greg	Edwin
Reader	Amy	Bob	Dianna
PowerPoint	Gordon	Phil	Shirley
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Benjamin	Preston	Greg
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Bill	Dan	Erik
Reader	Delka	Cole	Rosemary
PowerPoint	Cole	Vicki	Cole
Audio/Visuals	Conor/Vicki	Erik/Amy	Vicki/Conor
Counters	Adria/Michelle	Mick/James	John Di/Wayne
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Monika/Inge	Nancy D	Ron/Barb
Altar Flowers	Meixels	Dorths	Spachts

Altar flowers are donated by John and Linda Meixel in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

Birthdays this Week

05/05 Angela Pierce
 05/06 Jim Steffen
 05/06 Darlene Taylor
 05/06 Wilma Jones
 05/08 Megan Schluckebier
 05/09 Isaiah Janzen
 05/09 Kira McCracken
 05/09 Nancy Dorth

Anniversaries this Week

05/07 John & Linda Meixel