



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

May 18, 2025

9:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

(please rise in body or spirit)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

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

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,
make us one as you are one.

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 our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of 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,
make us one as you are one.

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.
Amen.

He is Risen!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn Of Praise

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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Prayer Of The Day

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.

Amen.

Community Moment

(you may be seated)

Reading

Reader: The Reading today is from Revelation 21:1-6

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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 and be their God;

he 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.”

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.” 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.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! 

Psalm

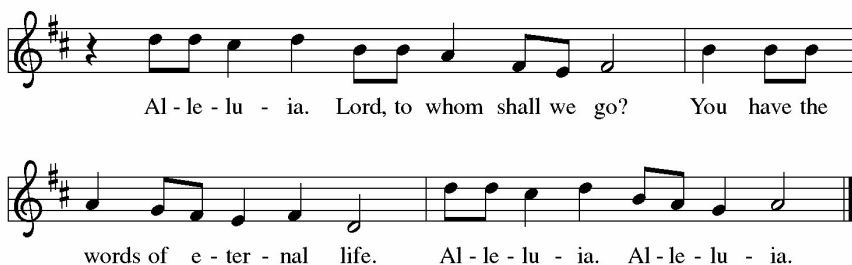
The Psalm today is Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

Praise the Lord, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.
 Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;
 sing praise, all you | shining stars.
Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.
 Let them praise the name | of the Lord,
 who commanded, and they | were created,
who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R
 Praise the Lord | from the earth,
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;
fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
 mountains | and all hills,
 fruit trees | and all cedars;
wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;
 sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers | of the world;
The Lord has raised up strength for the people and
praise for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the
Lord. | Hallelujah!

(please rise in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 13:31-35

Preacher: The Gospel according to
John the 13th chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(you may be seated)

The Message

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn Of The Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead; and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exception, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness (*especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts*). Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Presiding Minister:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Greet one another: **"Peace be with you."**

(you may be seated)

Offering

Adult Choir
Dona Nobis Pacem

(please rise in body or spirit)

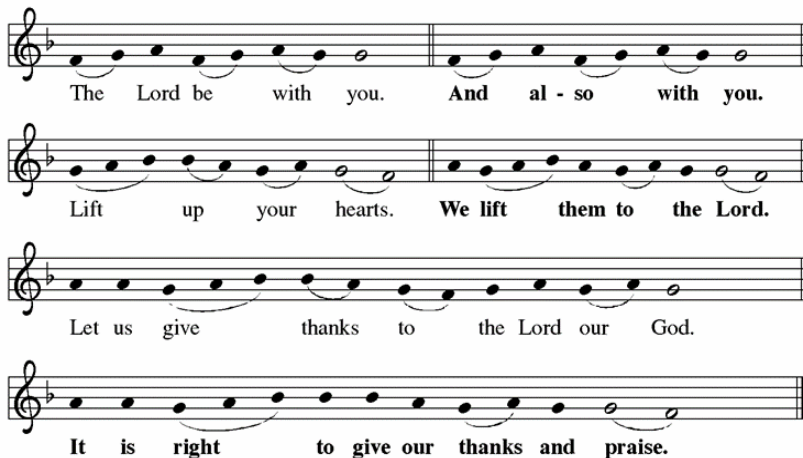
Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: 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.

Amen.

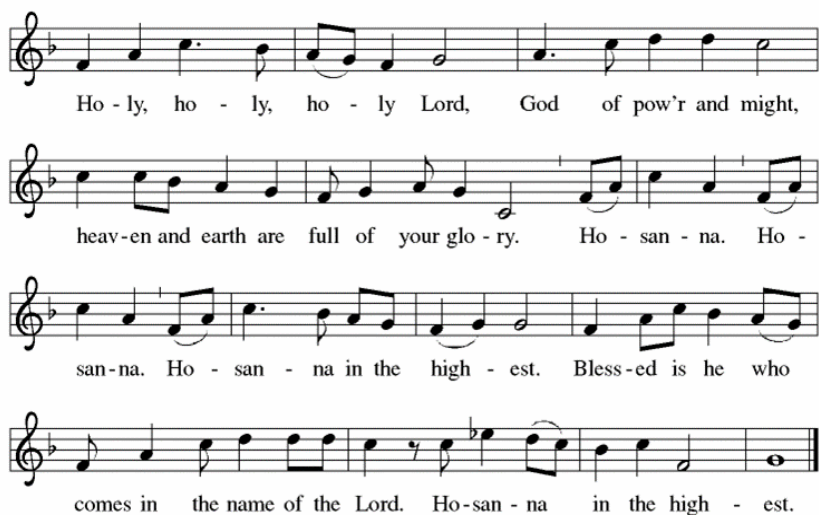
Great Thanksgiving



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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves are continuous. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

Presiding Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

Words Of Institution

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.

(you may be seated)

Invitation to Communion

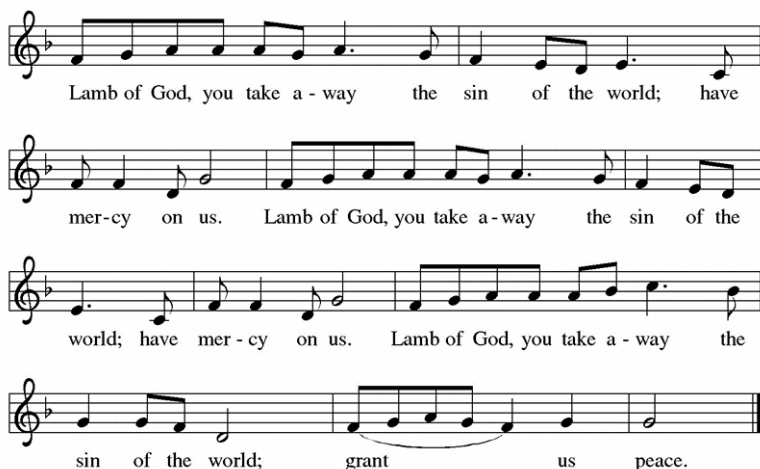
Come to the table of grace.
 Receive the gift of new life.

Communion Distribution

Distribution Music

"Lamb of God"

(ELW p. 146)



At the Lamb's High Feast ELW 362

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

(please rise in body or spirit)

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

Prayer

Assisting Minister: 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.

Amen.

Benediction

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,

Creator, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace.

In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

