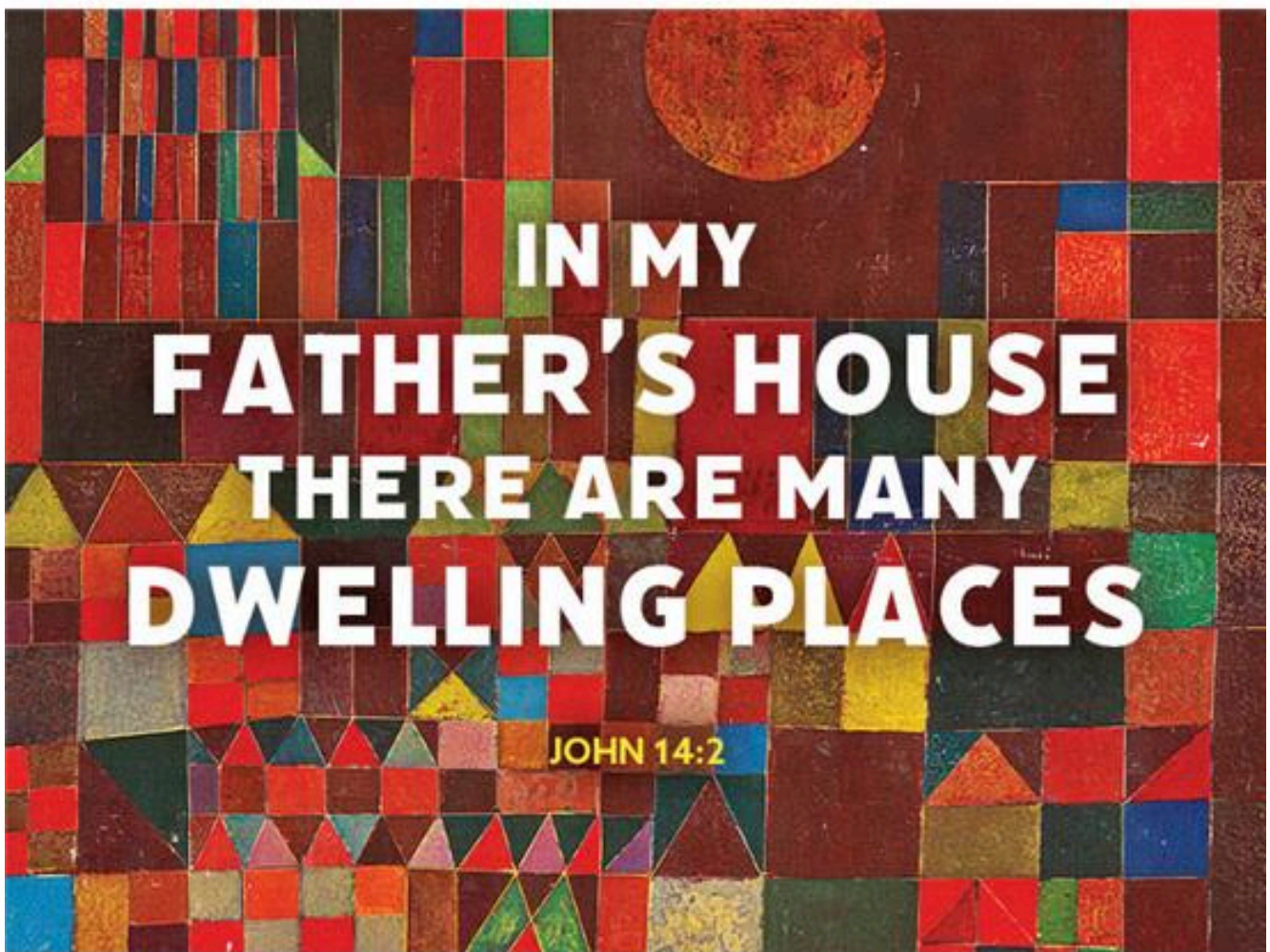


Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
May 3, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Fifth Sunday of Easter



Christ is Risen! Welcome! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Our worship this month turns to **Setting Three** of the ELW Hymnal, beginning on pg 138, but all you need is printed in this bulletin with Congregation responses in bold.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. You're welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on the Fifth Sunday of Easter: As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life. Pr Ruth Hanusa (member of Faith) preaches and presides.

Serving Today: Greeter: Richard S **Reader:** Davyann S **Asst Minister/Cantor:** Sharon S
Usher: Tom L **Altar Guild:** Eileen & Kathy **Tech Support:** Alex K
Musicians: Juliana C, Heinz D, Olivia K **Counters:** Davyann & Theresa
Pastor: Rev. Ruth Hanusa **Coffee Hour:** Birthday Cake

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE *Come my Way, my Truth, my Life,* *melody by Ralph Vaughan Williams*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *please rise in body and/or Spirit and face the font*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
 You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:
 morning dew, gentle rain,
 roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us: Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake, the Truckee,
 Carson, and Walker Rivers. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give
 you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy
 and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW #367

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
 in praise of love that still abounds:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
 Repeat their song of glory here:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
 therefore our heart with rapture sings:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Now still he comes to give us life
 and by his presence stills all strife.
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

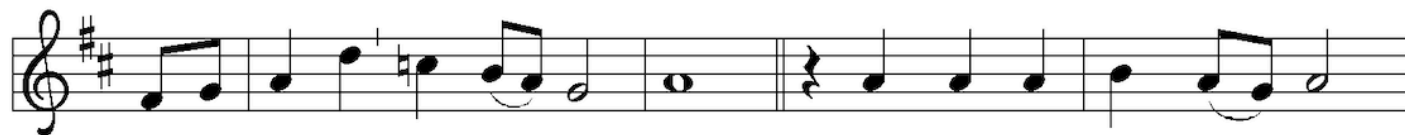


GREETING

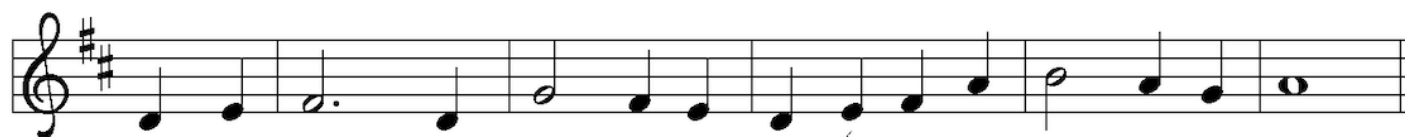
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Refrain

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



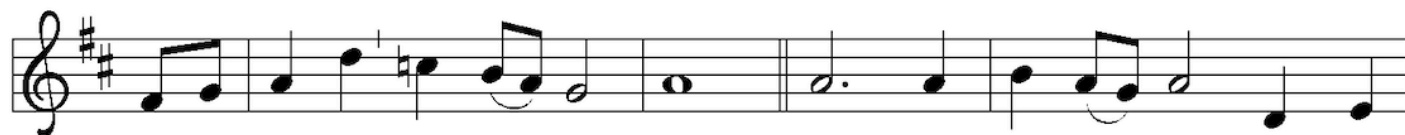
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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

Refrain

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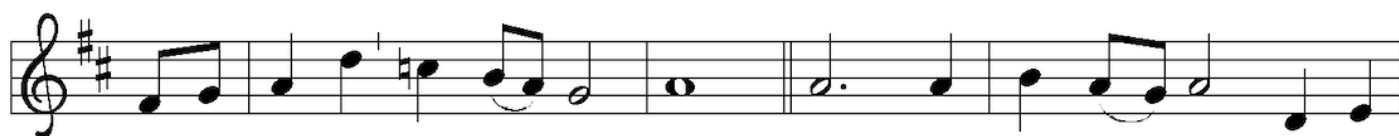
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain

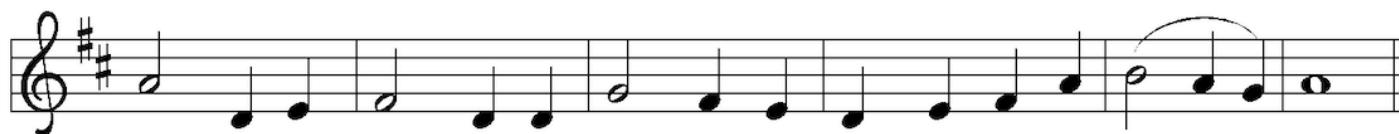
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



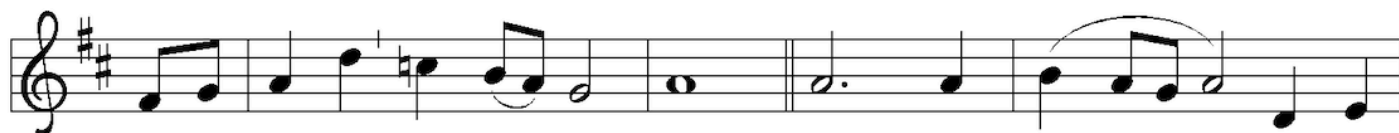
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength.

Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.

My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love."

Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and

"A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Leader: *I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*
I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



The Holy Gospel according to John the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."



Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Ruth Hanusa

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are The Way

ELW #758

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| <p>1 You are the way; to you alone
from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find
and by your grace set free.</p> | <p>3 You are the life; the rending tomb
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you
not death nor hell shall harm.</p> |
| <p>2 You are the truth; your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purify the heart.</p> | <p>4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.</p> |

RESPONSE OF FAITH

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
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,
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 and the Son,
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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

- MEAL -**OFFERING**

A Mighty Fortress

arr. Gary Lanier

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PRESENTATION HYMN ELW #182

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of Blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

OFFERING PRAYER**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

also found (with music tones) on ELW pg. 144

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

COMMUNION & HYMNS

SANCTUS

ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Nada te Turbe / Nothing Can Trouble

Taize Community

Noth-ing can trou-ble; noth-ing can fright-en. Those who seek God shall nev-er go want-ing.
Na - da te tur-be, na - da te es-pan-te. Quien a Dios tie - ne na-da le fal - ta.

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done***ELW #366**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
Jesus their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

Christ closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,
from death's sting free your servants too,
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We Wait for You

by David Bjorlin

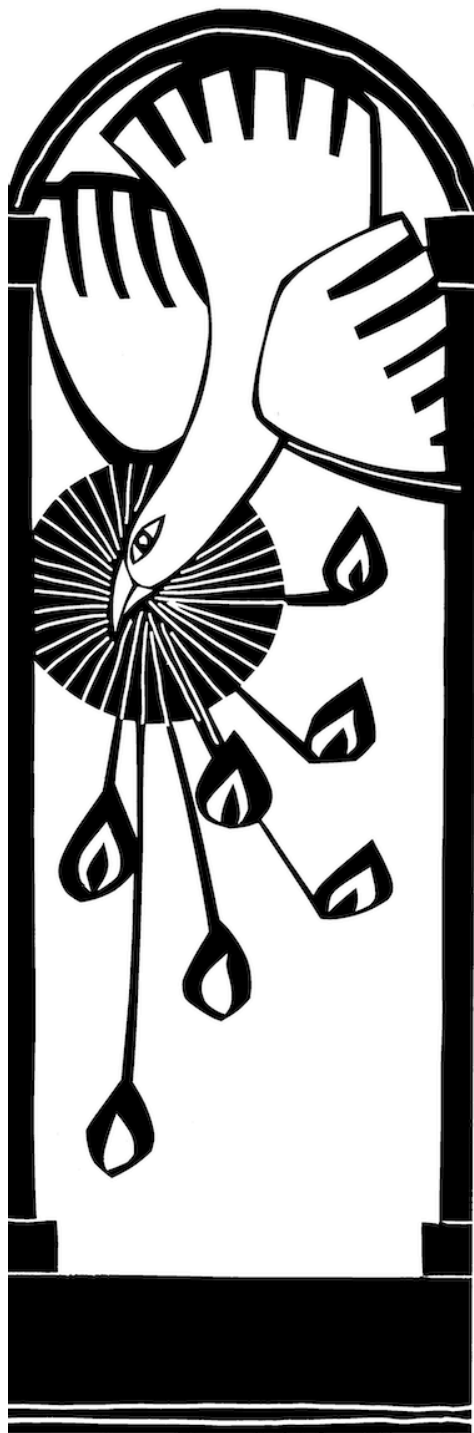
In our deepest grief, we wait for you.
In our unbelief, we wait for you.

Refrain: ***We wait for you, we wait for you.***
 Hope of all creation, we wait for you.

Through a stream of tears, we wait for you.
Through a maze of fears, we wait for you.

Refrain

Till you right each wrong, we wait for you.
Till we all belong, we wait for you.

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*please stand as you are able***- SENDING -****May Birthdays!****BLESSING**

Eternal God, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN***On Our Way Rejoicing*****ELW #537**

1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. **Refrain**

Refrain

***On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!***

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.**

POSTLUDE

We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space:

Flowers today are provided by Erica Wilfrid.



*Art Used in this Bulletin: Martin Erspamer, OSB,
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May Worship Schedule 2026					
Task	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Greeter	Richard S	Richard S	Kathy W	Judy C	Debbie H
Reader	Davyann S	Sigrun C	Kristine S	Pam S	Linda Z
*Asst. Minister	Sharon S	Todd M	Judi H	Erica W	Sam S
*Cantor	Sharon S	Todd M	Wes G	Juliana C	Matthew R
Usher	Tom L	Sam S	Eileen W	Debbie H	Amanda O
*Altar Guild	Eileen Kathy	Annette Diane	O'Reillys	Sophia G	Annette
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K
*Counters	Davyann Theresa	Alissa Sigrun	Sigrun Davyann	Linda Alissa	Theresa Sigrun
Coffee after Worship	Birthday Cake	Mother's Day	Sandmeier	Worship Team	Zimmermans

Activities at Faith

~**Outreach & Support:** The Outreach team will provide lunch for the teachers and staff at Elmcrest Elementary School on May 7. Other activities for the end of the school year are planned. If you are interested in participating please talk to Pastor Shaun or Judi Hein.

~**Mother's Day - Next Sunday** - May 10th, Please bring a flower to honor your mother, grandmother or the motherly person in your life.

~ Every Tuesday **Bible Readers** meet at 1:30pm here at Faith . We read and go over the lectionary for the following Sunday. *We offer zoom or in person.* This is a good way to dig deeper, share ideas and prepare yourself for Sundays.

~ Next **Lunch Bunch** Wednesday May 6th at 12pm here at Faith. A potluck style lunch with a short video or presentation. Everyone is welcome; it's fun to share!

~**Faith's Supper Club:** May 21st at 4:30 pm at Casa Grande Mexican Restaurant. Please see the sign-up sheet in Narthex. Hope to see you there! Jean C.

~ **Attention!** Changes coming to volunteers in worship for the summer beginning on **June 7th. Please see the newsletter for further details.** See Sharon S for questions.

Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2026 is: **\$17,169.17**

Recent giving for the month of **March 2026** was **\$19,292.00**

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