

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

An ELCA, Reconciling in Christ, and Rejoicing Spirits congregation

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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025  
10:45 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's  
grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby contains  
a variety of items for children’s use during worship.  
Stop by to borrow a book, pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent  
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **Gathering Music**

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

Peace/Hustad

## **Easter Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Stewardship Temple Talk**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:  
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:  
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## 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.**

## Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration

Haugen

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!  
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

*Refrain*

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

*Refrain*

God; to make all things new.

## Prayer of the Day

We pray.

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**

*The assembly is seated.*

# Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading: Acts 11:1-18**

Translation: NRSV-UE

A Reading from Acts.

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from Revelation.

Then 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia. Lord to Whom Shall We Go

Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Repeat*



The holy gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cindy Camp

*Please rise in body or spirit.*



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

## **Welcoming New Members to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit**

### **Presentation of New Members**

*Those being welcomed, representative of the congregation, and ministers gather at the altar.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Stephen, Andrew, Christine, Paige, Connor, Brent, Tara, Bennett, Emmalyn, David, Jennifer, Gabriella, Patrick, Lillian, Jack, Stephen, Tara, Gerard, Nick, Ashley, Tobias, and Charlotte, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.

### **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## Address and Questions

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ  
and sent to share in the mission of God.

We are called to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and  
share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ,  
do you intend to continue in the covenant  
of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.  
*I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for our new members  
in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*A representative of the congregation presents a Bible to the persons being welcomed.*

Receive this Bible.  
Hear God's word with us.  
Learn and tell its stories.  
Discover its mysteries.  
Honor its commandments.  
Rejoice in its good news.  
May God's life-giving word inspire you to ministry in daily life.

## Welcome

*Those being welcomed face the assembly.*

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to Holy Spirit's community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*Introduction to prayer:*

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

*After each petition:*

Dwell among us, we pray,  
**that we may love one another.**

*Pastor's final prayer:*

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**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*During the Musical Offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

## **Musical Offering**

If Ye Love Me  
Spirit Voices

Tallis

## **Offering Prayer**

We pray.

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**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Great Thanksgiving**

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:

## Sanctus

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Haugen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Word in Meal

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
To the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

## Words of Institution

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Receive the gift of new life.

Come to the table of grace.



*The assembly is seated.*

## Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Haugen



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you broke the bonds of sin and of  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and



*Congregation:*

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
death:  
peace:  
love.

### Final Stanza



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

### Prayer after Communion

We pray. 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**

# Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **Commissioning of Tanzania Travelers**

*The Tanzania Team and minister gather around the baptismal font.*

We gather as siblings in Christ with the whole world. We give thanks for the mission focus of the Tanzania team who seek to learn and experience in body, mind, and spirit the life of the people of Tanzania

The people of Tanzania have a rich faith history, diverse cultures and lives deeply dependent on God. Our Tanzania team will be immersed in the life of the people at the hospitals and schools and in the church and faith lives of the people in Tanzania. Let us bless the team in their connections with the people of Tanzania and for what they will learn from and be transformed by the Tanzanian people.

*We pray,*

**Most gracious and loving God, you have created each of us in your own image. Bless and open the eyes, ears, hearts, and minds of our Tanzania team of Dean, Linda, Rick, Ruth, Pr. Tami, Victor, MaryJo, Deb, Dianne, Adrienne, Donna, and Karen.**

**We pray for their safe travels, a spirit of cooperation with each other and all the people they meet, for their inspiration, for their stamina and health and for their servant hearts to spread your love to all the people they meet.**

**In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen**

We send these disciples to experience the body of Christ beyond this place. May they return to us with a new commitment to serve all God's people, and with new skills to sharpen this community's mission and witness. May we experience from them the joy, gratitude, hospitality, and faith of the Tanzanian people.

Will you, people of God, accept the gift of their witness with love and gratitude?  
**We will.**

*(Using the baptismal water, the minister makes the sign of the cross to bless each team member saying, Child of God, Go with God's blessing).*

*After the baptismal blessing, the congregation responds with,*  
Tanzania Team, **go with our blessing, gifts and prayers.**

God we ask you to:

**give them peace and to bless them by your hand;  
guide them by your Word to be a blessing to others and to each other;  
renew them by your Spirit, and inspire them in and through the Tanzanian people;  
protect them as they travel, keep them safe, and;  
make their homecomings joyful.**

**Amen**

## Blessing

God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life,  
God, the Spirit of truth ✠ bless you all, now and forever.

**Amen**

## Sending Song

### Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes

ELW 381



1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;  
2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;  
and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.



peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Sending Music**

Processional in G Major

Stanley

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