

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025
10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Call to Worship**

P O Lord, open my lips.

C And my mouth shall declare your praise. †

***Opening Hymn #145 (LBW) – Thine Is the Glory**

***Prayer of the Day**

***Confession of Sin**

S203

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

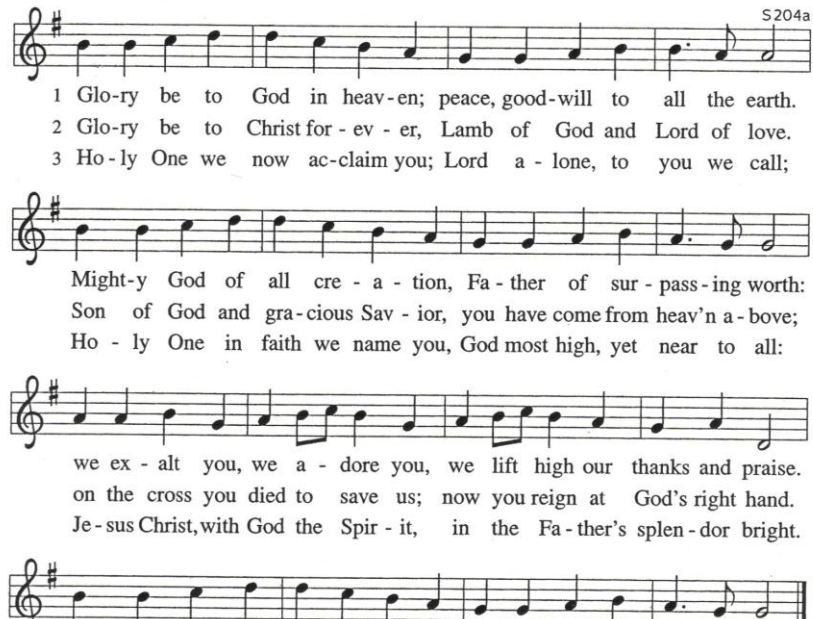
C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***Promise of Grace**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth disappeared, and the sea vanished. **2** And I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared and ready, like a bride dressed to meet her husband. **3** I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne: "Now God's home is with people! He will live with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. **4** He will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared." **5** Then the one who sits on the throne said, "And now I make all things new!" He also said to me, "Write this, because these words are true and can be trusted." **6** And he said, "It is done! I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end. To anyone who is thirsty I will give the right to drink from the spring of the water of life without paying for it. **7** Those who win the victory will receive this from me: I will be their God, and they will be my children.

Hymn of Praise



S204a

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*Gospel Reading: John 16:12-22

"I have much more to tell you, but now it would be too much for you to bear. **13** When, however, the Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God, he will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own authority, but he will speak of what he hears and will tell you of things to come. **14** He will give me glory, because he will take what I say and tell it to you. **15** All that my Father has is mine; that is why I said that the Spirit will take what I give him and tell it to you. **16** "In a little while you will not see me any more, and then a little while later you will see me." **17** Some of his disciples asked among themselves, "What does this mean? He tells us that in a little while we will not see him, and then a little while later we will see him; and he also says, 'It is because I am going to the Father.' **18** What does this 'a little while' mean? We don't know what he is talking about!" **19** Jesus knew that they wanted to question him, so he said to them, "I said, 'In a little while you will not see me, and then a little while later you will see me.' Is this what you are asking about among yourselves? **20** I am telling you the truth: you will cry and weep, but the world will be glad; you will be sad, but your sadness will turn into gladness. **21** When a woman is about to give birth, she is sad because her hour of suffering has come; but when the baby is born, she forgets her suffering, because she is happy that a baby has been born into the world. **22** That is how it is with you: now you are sad, but I will see you again, and your hearts will be filled with gladness, the kind of gladness that no one can take away from you.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #684 (WOV) – Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

*Words of Institution

Distribution

S208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #780 (WOV) – What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Organist: Brian Wick
Reader: Kiley Munson
Communion Asst: Jackie Goodmanson
Greeters: Paul Colbeth and Don & Sheila Dipprey
Counters: Jackie Goodmanson & Dawn Peterson
Altar Guild: Lacey Kamm
Ushers: Dale & Chris Wood
Fellowship Servers: Dale & Chris Wood and Ben & Amy Strobach Families
May 11th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 37; 10:00 AM – 95; Total – 132

GIVING

Total offering for April \$20,627.30 (\$20,919.75 needed monthly)

April year to date offering \$70,438.15 (\$83,679.00 YTD Budget)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Jack Jungmann on hospice, and Nancy Luehman at the loss of her husband, Dennis Luehman. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Those considering church membership are invited to the New Member Orientation to be held after the 10:00 AM service today. New members will be received on Sunday, June 1st.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Options on 8, a pregnancy resource center located in St. Croix Falls, began their Baby Bottle Campaign on Mother's Day. Fill A Bottle – Save a Life! The Baby Bottle Campaign helps women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Just pick up a bottle after church services today, fill it with coins, cash or check over the coming weeks and bring it back to the church on Father's Day, June 15th.

Church Rummage Sale: If you are spring cleaning your home and/or garage, remember to save things for the church rummage sale held during Clear Lake Days. Donations can be brought to the church during office hours. More information on insert.

We are still making Little dresses for Africa and britches for boys and welcome any help sewing these together. Please feel free to grab a few from the box in the display above the children's coat rack. They are already cut out and only need to be sewn together and can be returned to the quilting room when you are done. Also, if you would like to donate pillowcases, they could be dropped off at the quilting room. You can also make a money donation if you like.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:00 AM-Fellowship
Monday	6:30 PM-Church Council
Tuesday	9:00 AM-Quilting 10:00 AM-Staff Meeting
Wednesday	Fellowship & Fun Night 5:30 PM-Supper 6:00 PM-Fellowship & Fun
Saturday	7:00 AM-Women's Book Study
Next Sunday	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM-Fellowship 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship 11:00 AM-Fellowship