

LOVE

ONE ANOTHER

JOHN 13:34





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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025
10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE: *Trumpet Voluntary* – John Bennett

*Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Please stand if you are able.

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.

HYMN #389: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* TRURO

APOSTOLIC 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

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This Is the Feast*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The congregation responds: **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

FIRST READING: **Acts 11:1-18** (*printed on back cover*)

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #823: *Praise the Lord! O Heavens* AUSTRIA
(*This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 148.*)

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6 *(printed on back cover)*

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:31-35 *(printed on back cover)*

Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated.

SERMON

Vicar Philip Supeck

Silence is maintained for reflection after the sermon.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY #367: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

NICENE CREED

With the whole church let us confess our 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.**

Please kneel or be seated.

PRAYERS

*Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.***

Please remain seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

ANTHEM: *I Give You a New Commandment* – Peter Aston

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

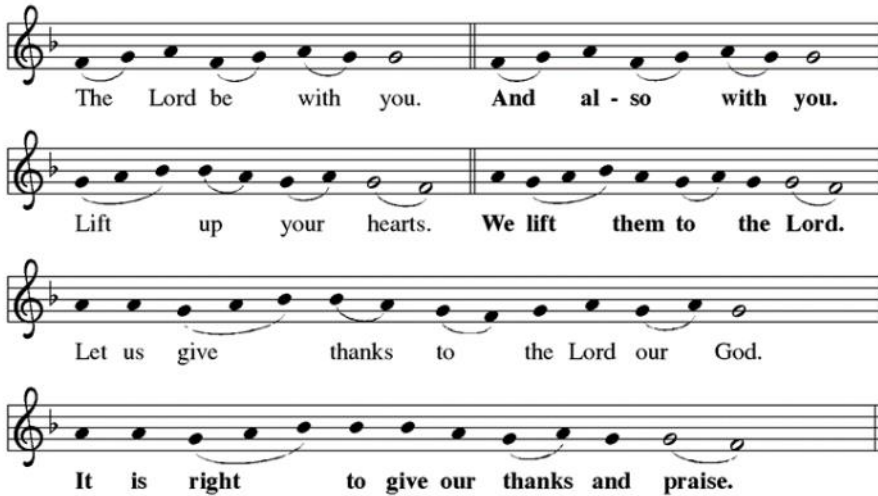
OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Assisting Minister: Let us 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



SANCTUS

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.

FRACTION

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

Blessed are all invited to His feast.

AGNUS DEI

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COMMUNION

*The congregation is seated. The ushers will dismiss the assembly for communion. All are welcome to receive communion. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We commune by pouring chalice. Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. (The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.) Those who wish to receive only a blessing at the rail should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.***

COMMUNION HYMN #482: *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

Please stand if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us 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.**

BLESSING



☩ 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.



☩ A - men

HYMN #379: *Now the Green Blade Rises* NOËL NOUVELET

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! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Festive Trumpet Tune* – David German

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FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"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. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The 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. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If 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?" ¹⁸When 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."

Psalm 148**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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;

⁴he 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."

⁵And 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." ⁶Then 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."

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9.

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