




Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

JESUS
THE WAY, 
 **THE TRUTH,**
THE LIFE. 

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UNITED by Christ, God calls us to LOVE one another
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

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. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. 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.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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.

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,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Making Their Way ACS #979

(Vs. 1 & 2)

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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 (spoken)

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE—*Lord God, We Praise You*

ELW #558

(Vs. 3)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM

Wade In The Water
Arr. Hayes

One License #1009431

WORD

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

FIRST READING—Proverbs 4:10-18

The way of wisdom is your life

- ¹⁰ Hear, my child, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
- ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.
- ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM—Psalm 119:25-32

²⁵ My soul cleaves to the dust;
give me life according to your word.

²⁶ **I have recounted my ways, and you answered me;
instruct me in your statutes.**

²⁷ Make me understand the way of your commandments,
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

²⁸ **My soul melts away from sorrow;
sustain me according to your word.**

²⁹ Take from me the way of lying;
let me find grace through your teaching.

³⁰ **I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I have set your judgments before me.**

³¹ I hold fast to your decrees;
O LORD, do not put me to shame.

³² **I will run the way of your commandments,
for you increase my heart's capacity.**

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.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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."

⁷ 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;”

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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—*Alleluia*

ELW page 142

The Holy Gospel according to the fourteenth chapter of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL—John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ 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'? ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Rev. Sam Mailleue

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, I Have Promised ELW #810

(Vs. 1, 2 & 3)

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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 PRAYERS

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick especially those on our prayer list and in our hearts. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY HYMN

Here Is Bread ELW #483

(Vs. 1)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.**

**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.**

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW page 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, holy, holy ELW page 144

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

Lamb of God ELW page 146

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God Almighty, 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.

CLOSING HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW #759

(Vs. 1, 2 & 3)

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*



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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Ministry Focus: Quilting

One of the ways that First Lutheran shares God's Love with our neighbors is through the quilt ministry. It begins with donations of fabric and funds. Dedicated volunteers sew at home turning the donated fabric into multi-colored quilt tops and backs. The donated funds are used to purchase batting and other supplies. Once a month, starting at about 9:00 a.m. the church comes alive with the sound of scissors snipping, sewing machines humming and lively conversation. This is when quilt tops, batting and backs are sandwiched together, lovingly tied, then pinned for final sewing at church or at home. Once a year completed quilts are delivered to Lutheran World Relief. From there the quilts are sent somewhere in the world where there are people in need of a warm cover and a reminder of God's love.

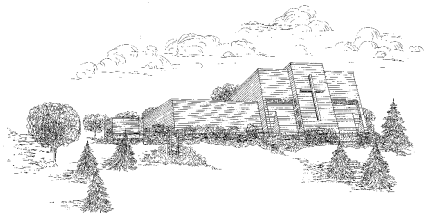
Come to worship in May and you will see the sanctuary filled with colorful quilts. The quilts were made by: Edrie Barton, Mary Berg, Cecilia Callwood, Cathey Fullerton, Diane Genelin, Sandy Johnson, Grace Kamrath, Bonnie Keech, Brenda Liebhard-Johnson, April Matz, Sue Nelson, Liz Osborne, Rita Patrias, Rick Perkins, Ann Rasmusen, Jan Rhode, Brenda Tews and Donnis Wicks.

If you are interested in quilting or curious to see how the quilts are made, stop by the church when the quilters are there (fourth Tuesday morning of each month) and check it out. Contact person is Rita Patrias at 507-665-4198 or patrita723@gmail.com.

Tied in Faith. Sent in Hope. Wrapped in Love.

Summer Picnic—Calling all team leaders to a meeting May 4th at 6:30pm to plan the summer picnic. If you cannot attend please select a team member to replace you.

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
4-26-2026	\$640	\$4,523
YTD	\$84,759	\$81,413



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 3	9:00a 10:15a	Worship w/Holy Communion First Choir Rehearsal
Monday, May 4	5:00p 6:30p	Social Ministry Team Meeting Summer Picnic Meeting (Team Leads)
Wednesday, May 6	9:00a	Staff Meeting
Sunday, May 10	9:00a	Worship Muffins for Mom

Worship Assistants

May 3, 2026		May 10, 2026	
Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller	Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick	First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Reece St. Pierre	Acolytes:	Vance Vanden Einde
Reader:	Ian Mailleue	Reader:	Gene Dwyer
Usher:	Chuck Frauendienst	Usher:	Vic Pengilly
Greeters:		Greeters:	John Miller
Communion Asst:	John Miller	Council Member:	Sara Carrigan
	Joan May	Fellowship:	Social Ministry
Council Member:	Lynnea Libra	Team	
Fellowship:		Projection:	Tech Team
Projection:	Tech Team	Audio:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team	Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Videographer:	Becky Pollack	Offering Counters:	John Miller
Offering Counters:	Joan May		Bob Patrias
	Joanne Graff	Altar Guild:	LeRoy & Joan May
Altar Guild:	LeRoy & Joan May		