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May 3, 2026 – 10:00 AM

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord’s Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God’s forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the *Friendship Register* in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a *Visitors Card* from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

**\*Invites the Congregation to stand.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*“Now the Feast and Celebration”* - Musical Setting by Marty Haugen

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen.

[C] **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

[P] Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

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

[P] 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 (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

**[C] You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

[P] 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.

**[C] You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

[P] 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.

**[C] You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

[P] 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.

**[C] Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:** *“All Are Welcome”* ELW #641

*As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.*


**\*Greeting**

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

[C] **And also with you.**

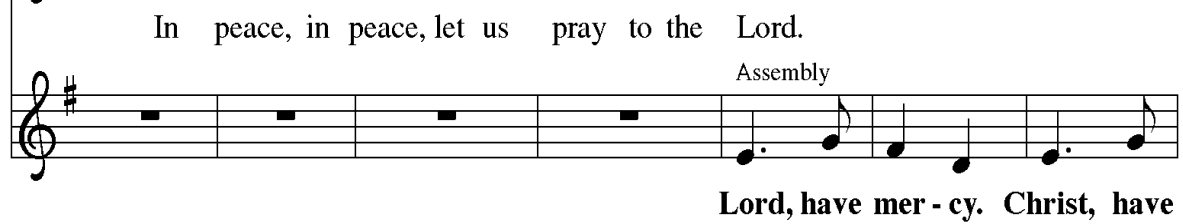
**\*Kyrie**

Leader




In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

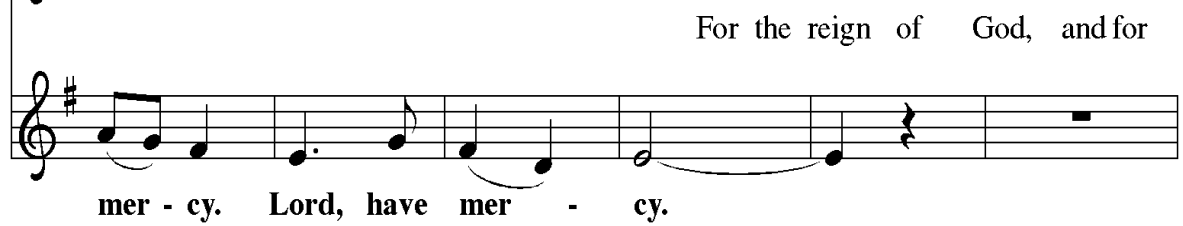
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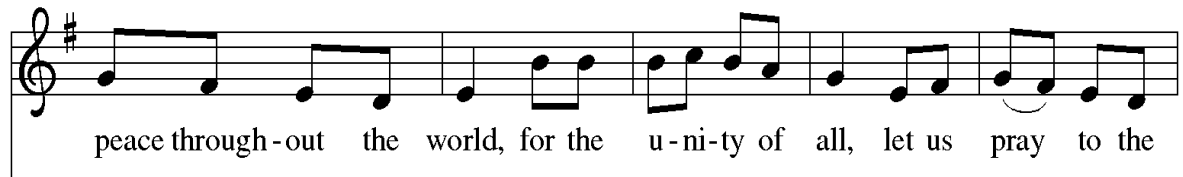
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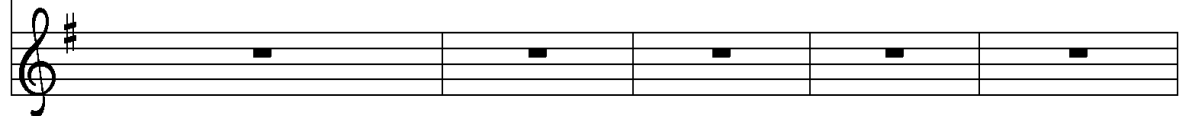
For the reign of God, and for




mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.




peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



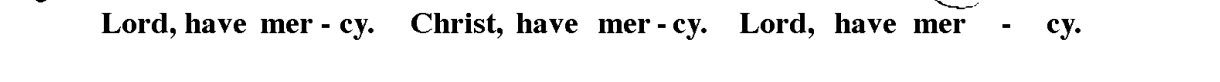
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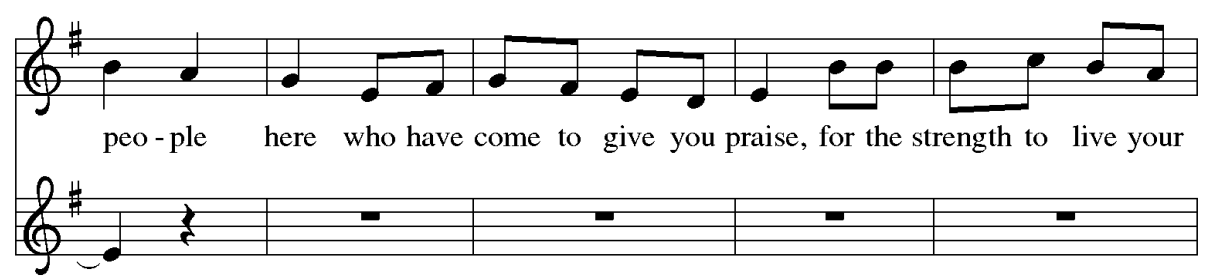
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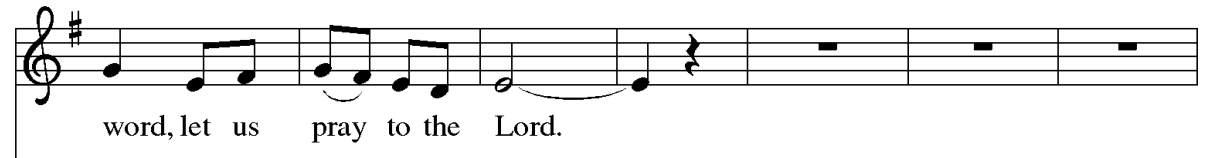
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peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your




word, let us pray to the Lord.



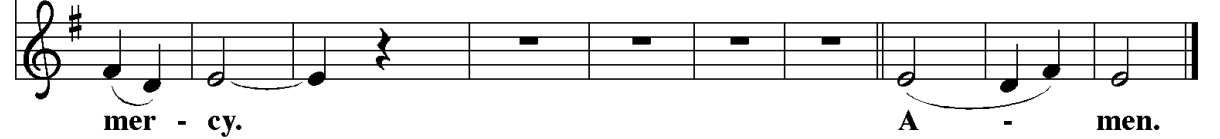
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have



Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.



mer - cy.



A - men.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

***“Now the Feast”***

*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.



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



God; to make all things new.

**\*The Prayer of the Day**

- [P] The Lord be with you.
- [C] **And also with you.**
- [P] Let us pray...
- [C] **Amen**

*Insert*

**Children’s Message**

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

**Children’s Church** (*Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further worship/education.*)

**The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60**

*Insert*

- [L] The Word of the Lord.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 31:1-5, 15-16; refrain, Ps. 31:5**

*Insert*


(*Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.*)

**The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10**


*Insert*

- [L] The Word of the Lord.
- [C] **Thanks be to God.**


**\*Gospel Acclamation**



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 Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 14:1-14*

*Insert*

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

**\*The Hymn of the Day:** “*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*” ELW #816

**\*The 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 into hell. 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**

*Insert*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

[A] Merciful God,

[C] **receive our prayer.**

**\*The Peace** is shared by all.

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

**The Offering**

**Choir Offertory:**

“*For Everyone Born*”

**\*Offertory Hymn**

“*As the Grains of Wheat*”



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

**\*Offering Prayer**

[A] Let us pray together,

[C] **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 Great Thanksgiving**

Presider: Congregation: Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Congregation:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you God of po - wer 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!

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**[C] 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.**

**The Communion** *Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.*

*Praise Chorus: "Wait for the Lord"*

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart.*

**The Congregation is invited to sing “Lamb of God”**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
 you are God's word of pro-mise made flesh:  
 you are the way of jus - tice and peace:  
 you are the way of mer - cy and love:

mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymns:** (1) “*You Are the Way*” ELW #758  
 (2) “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” ELW #759

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

[P] Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name.

[C] Amen.

**\*Praise to You, O God of Mercy**

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda ⊕ 1 2  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b’ring your cov - e - nant of life with us. *to stanza 3*

⊕ Coda  
 ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] 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,

[C] Amen.

**\*Benediction (Blessing)**

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.  
[C] Amen.

**\*Recessional Hymn:**        *“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”*        ELW #380  
   *As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn,*  
   *the congregation turns to face the cross.*

**\*Dismissal**

[All] **Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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