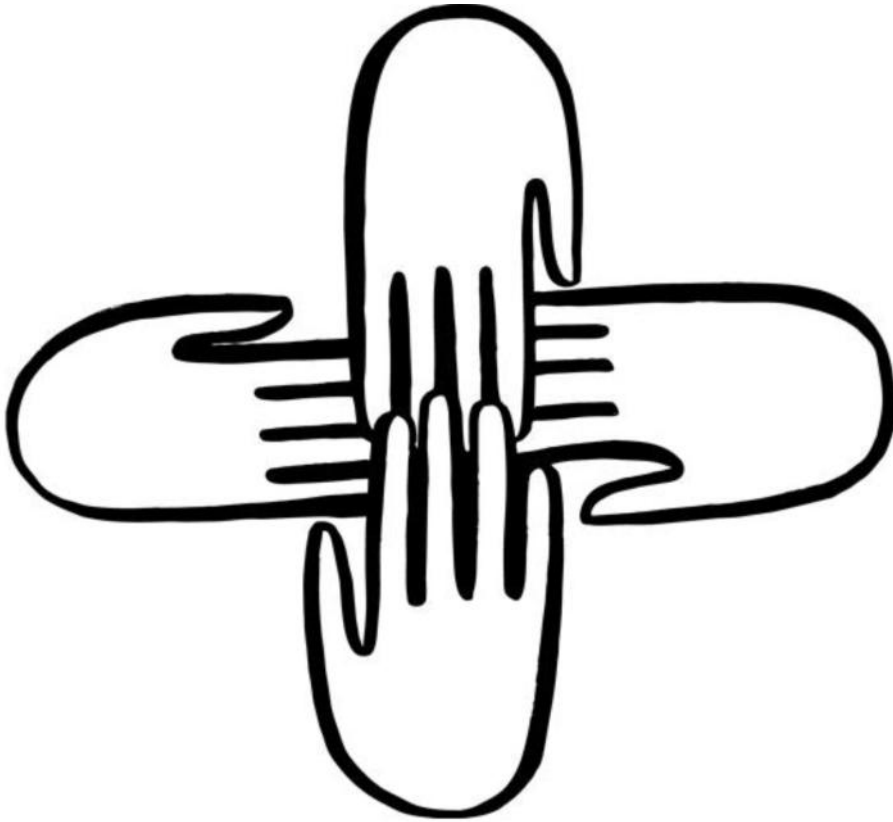


**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 18, 2025**



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***“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”***

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*My Heart Rejoices*

Edward Broughton

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*All Are Welcome*

ELW 641

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Now the Feast and Celebration*

ELW 167

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 148 *Sung responsively by whole verse.*



<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God <sup>1</sup> in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup> shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heav- <sup>1</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they <sup>1</sup> were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not <sup>1</sup> pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, | snow and fog,**  
**tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**  
<sup>9</sup> mountains | and all hills,  
 fruit trees | and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts | and all cattle,**  
**creeping things and | flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers | of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> **young | men and maidens,**  
**old and | young together.**  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for**  
**all | faithful servants,**  
**the children of Israel, a people who are**  
**near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

*Response after the reading:* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

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!

*Optional Repeat*

## **GOSPEL**

John 13:31-35

*The Holy Gospel according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **SERMON**

## **SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

ELW 359

## **NICENE CREED**

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who 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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **ANTHEM**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

*Morning Prayer*

Gilbert M. Martin

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW 465

## **OFFERING PRAYER**



# GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:*

The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:*

And al-so with you.

*Presider:*

Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation:*

We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Congregation:*

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The minister continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 191

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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**

# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of      the  
you break the chains of ha - tred      and  
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,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer - cy      on      us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*



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



grant      us peace,      grant      us      peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor (Gluten-free wafers are available). Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 631, 491, 638, 588

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

**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***Lord of All Life*

Edward Broughton

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**Today's Worship Support**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christopher Frye  
Assisting Minister: Janet Lundblad  
Lector: Tiffany Frazier  
Communion Assistants: Velegai Beyan  
& Donna Hocker  
Acolyte: Gabe Frye  
Greeters: Barb Brown  
& Donna Hocker  
Altar Guild: Dick & JoAnn Wildeson  
Ushers: Dudley & Karen Gayman  
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& Charles Davies  
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**Weekly Worship Schedule***Sundays*

10:00 am Holy Communion  
8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education

*Wednesdays*

11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing  
7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom



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