

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 10, 2026

*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

# Weekly Update



1090 Sterling Road, Herndon, VA 20170  
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Sunday, May 10, 2026

**VISITORS:** It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. For more information, you can fill out a visitor form in the narthex, speak to an usher, or scan the QR code to the right.



**FAMILIES:** Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

**FLOWERS:** Today's flowers are given by Beverly Siecker to honor all mothers, and by Lauren Gist in honor of her mother, Cherie – Happy Mother's Day!

## WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, email [Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org](mailto:Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org)  
Names are removed after one month unless advised otherwise.

### OUR CONGREGATION

Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler | Joy Caveney  
Joel Flegel | Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson | Reed Morgan | Mike Muller  
Craig Reichow | Jeremy Shoop | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow  
Friends of Thomas Newcomb currently serving in Iran

### RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)  
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)  
Gianna Carter (granddaughter of Sam & Sharon Carter)  
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)  
Madilyn Gross (cousin of Desirae Peral)  
Uwe Gutschmidt (nephew of Ellen Atwell)  
Matt Kim (friend of John & Tammy Breene)  
Michael Levrini (friend of Jared Lem)  
Georgia Kirby and Cain Mason (friends of Cherie Weatherhead)  
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)  
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)  
Dale, John, and Jeff MacPherson (friends of Jared Lem)  
Sue Mason (sister of Pam Darby)  
Sharon Massen & Dorie Miller (friends of Craig Reichow)  
Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)  
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)  
Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott)  
Tracy Radican (daughter of former HCLC pastor, Pastor Harper)  
Dylan Roe (nephew of Mark & Jo Roe)  
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)  
Joseph Strada (father of daughter-in-law of Sam & Sharon Carter)  
Nancy and Steven Swancutt (sister and brother of Lynn Russo)  
Diana Todd (friend of the Russos)  
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Supply Pastor: Rev. Pam Mitcham  
Director of Music and Liturgy: Jeremy Shoop  
Sound Technician: Bob Thompson  
Video Technician: Sylvia Moran

### Serving May 10<sup>th</sup>: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Assisting Minister: Kathy Makowski  
Reader: Helen Wolfe  
Acolyte: Gary Wolfe  
Greeter: Jared Lem

### Serving May 17<sup>th</sup>: Ascension of Our Lord

Assisting Minister: TBD  
Reader: Andrew Barden  
Acolyte: TBD  
Greeter: TBD

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: MAY 10 – MAY 17

SU 10	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Kingdom Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – Sixth Sunday of Easter
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
TU 12	6:30 pm	Bldg. Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12
W 13	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	7:00 pm	ELL ~ Education Wing
TH 14	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
SA 16	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	11:00 am	Bldg. Use: Called2Be 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist ~ FH
SU 17	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Kingdom Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – Ascension of Our Lord
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	12:00 pm	Council Meeting
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

As the Easter season continues, so does the celebration of flowers in the sanctuary, reminding us of God's enduring faithfulness.

There are slots available to dedicate flowers in the coming weeks. Up to two vases can be dedicated each Sunday. Scan the QR code and sign up to celebrate a life event or remember a loved one.



## SAVE THE DATE



Herndon Pride - Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Loudoun Pride - Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

More details to follow

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### Did You Know?

- Stephen Ministers meet once a month for additional training and support.
- Has a presence in 30 locations in D.C and 406 locations in Virginia.
- Is named after the apostle Stephen from Acts 6.
- Has a presence in 30 countries and in 13,945 congregations worldwide!

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called *Stephen Ministers*—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

If you are interested in becoming a **Stephen Minister**, or for additional information on how to become a **Care Receiver**, by meeting with a Stephen Minister weekly, please contact the church office at 703-437-1883 or [admin@holycrossherndon.org](mailto:admin@holycrossherndon.org).

## HOME COMMUNION

If you or a loved one is unable to attend worship due to illness, age, or mobility issues, and would like to receive Communion, you can schedule a visit by contacting the office at [Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org](mailto:Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org) or 703-437-1883.



## NOTARY SERVICES



Marie (one of our Church Administrators) is available to provide notary services for members of the congregation. If you need a document notarized, please contact the office to make arrangements ([Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org](mailto:Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org) or 703-437-1883). She is happy to assist!

## QUILT BLESSING – SUNDAY, JUNE 21



Join us Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> as we bless the quilts made by our Quilting Group which meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 am. These beautiful quilts are sent all over the world to those in need through Lutheran World Relief.

## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL!**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.



We welcome you, and you are safe with us...  
 Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage;  
 Whatever your relationship status;  
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression;  
 Whatever your socio-economic status;  
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance;  
 Whatever your physical and mental ability.  
 You are a beloved child of God, you are valued, and you are welcome here.

## **What to Expect in Worship**

Worship services can be intimidating for newcomers. While we try to make worship as accessible as possible for everyone, we know that some aspects can be confusing. Feel free to ask an usher or someone near you for help if you have any questions today. We are happy to help and want all voices to be included in praise to God.

Our worship style is traditional at Holy Cross. A full liturgy is used to focus our praise and prayers to God. Notes are included in the side gutter of the bulletin to explain why we use the various liturgical elements. Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Holy Cross. The table (altar) is not our table, but Christ's table. Just as Christ welcomes all, all are welcome to receive communion at Holy Cross. Pastor will give instructions on how we celebrate communion at that part of the service. Written instructions are also included at that point in the bulletin.

Throughout the year we emphasize each liturgical season differently to mark the passage of time. Liturgical texts change to reflect aspects of that season, some elements are removed or added to reflect the mood of that season, and colors used to decorate the chancel are changed to provide visual reminders of the current season.

# Holy Cross Lutheran Church

*Transforming the world & ourselves, together in community, fellowship, and faith.*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

10:00 AM



WE GATHER



### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen  
 Assembly: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

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.

Assembly: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

*It is still Easter! So much so that the church stretches the celebration across seven Sundays: a whole week of Sundays. "We Know That Christ Is Raised" was written in 1967, when its author was serving as a tutor at Cheshunt College in Cambridge, England. At the time, groundbreaking scientific work nearby was exploring the creation of living cells—what people were beginning to call "test-tube babies."*

*Rather than resisting these developments, the hymn engages them, drawing a striking connection between scientific discovery and the Christian understanding of baptism as new life in Christ. One particularly vivid line captures this interplay: "the Spirit's fission shakes the church of God," borrowing the language of atomic energy to express the power of resurrection*

**Pastor:** 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.

**Assembly:** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**Pastor:** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. To you be all honor and praise, now and forever.

**Assembly:** **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re-born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932  
 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924  
 Text © John B. Geyer.

*life at work in the world.*

*Originally written for baptism, the hymn has found a lasting home in the Easter season. Today, as we gather on this Sixth Sunday of Easter and give thanks for baptism, it invites us to hear again the promise at the heart of the season: that Christ is raised—and so, in Christ, are we.*

## GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
 Assembly: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

(Setting 9)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



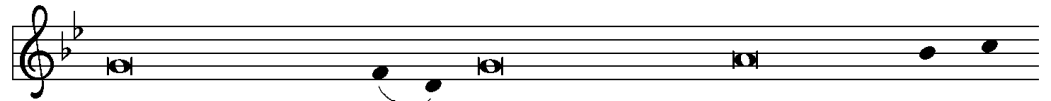
Lord, have mer - cy.



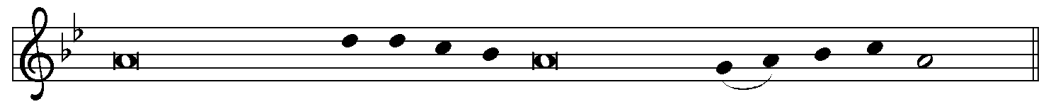
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



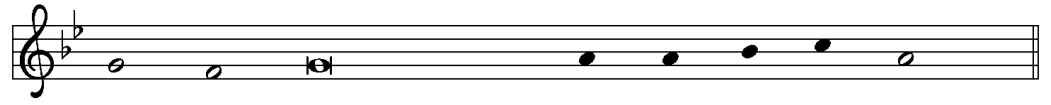
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

(Setting 9)



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The prayer of the day, inspired by prayer #922 in the seventh-century Gregorian Sacramentary, asks God to give to all the world that Spirit of truth and peace of which the gospel speaks.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Assembly:** Amen.

*Please sit.*



*This learned proclamation of the resurrection, beginning with God's creation of the world, assumes a sophisticated, polytheistic society, and it sounds newly applicable to us in the twenty-first century. Christians are called to share in this worldview that culminates in the resurrection.*

## LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EARS

### FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

*This first-century use of Noah's flood as a metaphor for baptism became commonplace over the centuries in the church. For example, calling the worship space a "nave," or ship, imagined the church as the ark of salvation, and one option for a reading at the Easter Vigil is the Noah legend. Verses 21-22 remind us that the resurrection is proclaimed in many places outside the gospels' narratives of Easter Day.*

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

Reader:                   A reading from the first letter of Peter:

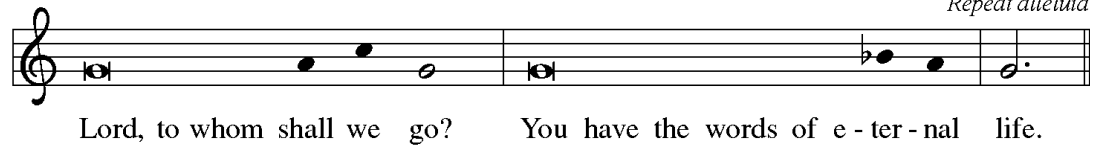
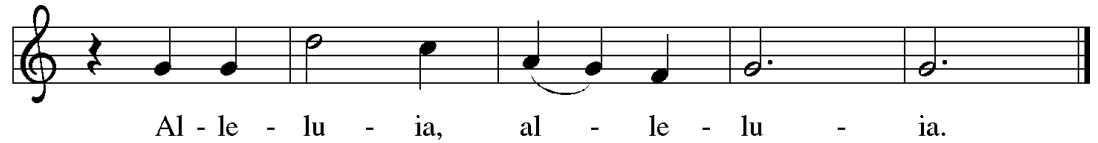
<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader:                   Word of God, word of life.

**Assembly:           Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Continuing last Sunday's proclamation of John 14, we hear Jesus promising that he will remain with the community in the person of God the Advocate. The Spirit is on our side, defending us before the divine judge. Jesus is calling us to a life of love.*

## GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

**Pastor:** The Gospel according to John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Assembly:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Assembly:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

Shout for Joy, Loud and Long combines the festive Easter text of David Mowbray with the exuberant medieval tune PERSONENT HODIE, a melody long associated with joyful proclamation and celebration. Mowbray's text invites the whole church to rejoice in Christ's resurrection with bold and unrestrained praise, echoing the ancient Easter tradition of proclaiming victory over death with song and acclamation. The dancing energy of PERSONENT HODIE gives the hymn a sense of movement and triumph, carrying the assembly forward with repeated cries of joy and alleluia. Together, text and tune embody the overflowing celebration of Easter morning, reminding us that the resurrection is news meant to be sung with all our strength.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Shout for Joy Loud and Long

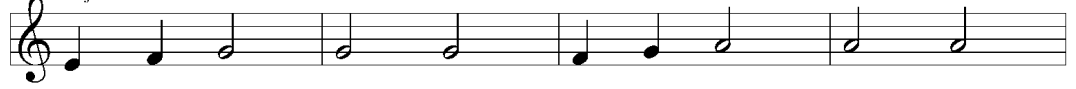


1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord  
 2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -  
 3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ -  
 4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those



we be - long; chil-dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.  
 ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun-da - tion.  
 teous to call— by his cross and pas - sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.  
 un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

#### Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938  
 Music: PERSONENT HODIE. *Piae cantiones*, 1582

## APOSTLES' CREED

Assisting Minister: With the whole church let us profess our faith,  
**Assembly:** **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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

<i>We pray for the greater church.</i>	Assisting Minister: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.
<i>We pray for creation.</i>	Assisting Minister: God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God, <b>Assembly: receive our prayer.</b>
<i>We pray for those in need.</i>	Assisting Minister: You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, <b>Assembly: receive our prayer.</b>
<i>We give thanks</i>	Assisting Minister: You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill, including those we name before you now ( <i>the assembly offers names</i> ). Merciful God, <b>Assembly: receive our prayer.</b>
<i>We pray for those in need.</i>	Assisting Minister: We give thanks for the many people who have been part of our lives. On this day we give thanks for mothers and for anyone who nurtures and cares for others. We lift all who reflect the image of your love through their tender care and guidance. Let us bless the Lord. <b>Assembly: Thanks be to God!</b>
	Assisting Minister: You hold us in your loving care. Pour out your Spirit on those who find Mother's Day to be difficult. Surround them with healing, hope, peace, and forgiveness. Guide us to nurture and be life-givers for them. God of grace, <b>Assembly: hear our prayer.</b>
	Pastor: 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. <b>Assembly: Amen.</b>

*The sharing of The Peace is an ancient ritual that puts us right with our neighbors before we offer our gifts to God.*

## THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Assembly: And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY

(Stanza 4)

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. 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,

**Assembly: Amen.**



**WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Assembly: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

Pastor: It is our duty and delight... and join their unending hymn.

**SANCTUS**

(Setting 9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**Pastor:** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.  
**Assembly:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please sit.*

### DISTRIBUTION

*This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites **all** who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet. The ushers will direct you forward at the appropriate time. Communion will be by station. The pastor will be in the center with the bread. All the bread we use here is gluten free. On either side will be someone with a tray of red wine and white grape juice. Empty cups can be placed in the basket on either side of the aisle. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms on your chest.*

## AGNUS DEI

(Setting 9)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia is a jubilant Tanzanian Easter hymn that reflects the global song of the church. Its lively refrain and rhythmic energy proclaim the resurrection with unrestrained joy: Christ is risen, and death has been defeated forever. The hymn's call-and-response style echoes the communal nature of Easter proclamation, inviting the whole assembly to join in celebration and witness. Sung around the world in many languages and musical styles, this hymn reminds us that the good news of Easter unites Christians across cultures, generations, and traditions in one song of "Alleluia!"

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia *Mfurahini, haleluya*

*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

#### *Refrain*

*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.  
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922  
 Music: Tanzanian traditional  
 Swahili text © 1968 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress; English text © 1977 Howard S. Olson, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**Pastor:** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Assembly:** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Assisting Minister:** Let us pray. 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,  
**Assembly:** Amen.



## WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



### SENDING HYMN

(Stanzas 1 & 4)

Christ Is Risen!

*Alleluia! pairs the triumphant Easter text of nineteenth-century Irish hymn writer John S. B. Monsell with the serene and soaring tune Morgenlied by Johann Crüger. In stanza 1, the hymn joyfully proclaims Christ's resurrection as the source of hope and victory for all creation, inviting the church into confident Easter praise. Stanza 4 turns that resurrection proclamation toward daily Christian living, praying that Christ's risen life would shape our hearts, guide our steps, and draw us toward eternal joy. Together, these stanzas connect Easter celebration with discipleship, reminding us that the resurrection is not only a past event, but a living promise that continues to transform God's people today.*

### Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;  
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.

Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

### BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** 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.

**Assembly:** **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

**Assisting Minister:** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Assembly:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

*As part of our continuous efforts to make worship more inclusive and sensory friendly, we ask that you refrain from applauding during worship and after the postlude.*

## **THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS**

### **Matthias, Apostle**

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

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## FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

*[Basil, in The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, II, 8.]*

The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of Truth, who proceeds from the Father, the Spirit of virtue, a commanding Spirit. When we hear of the Spirit, the mind must form to itself an idea of an intelligent Being, infinite in power, of greatness without measure, bounded neither by time nor by ages, bountiful of its own goodness, to whom all turn who need sanctification, to whom all aspire who live in holiness, as though watered and assisted by its breath to arrive at their due perfection. This is a Being who perfects others, itself needing nothing; existing, as not needing to be renewed, yet giving life abundantly; enlarging through no addition, but at once complete; at rest within itself, yet in all places; the source of holiness, the light of the mind, and providing light from itself to every faculty of the soul that searches for truth. So the Spirit, to each one who receives it, as though given to that believer alone, pours forth sufficient and perfect grace to each one, and so is enjoyed by each one.

—*Basil*

*Today's second reading likens baptism to Noah's family saved in the ark during the flood. We call the part of our church building in which everyone sits a nave: think "navy." As Christians we are in the ship of the church, sailing across baptismal waters toward God. One famous depiction of Noah's ark was painted in 1846 by the American Quaker Edward Hicks. We are saved with one another: which animal are you? See the lion looking out at you.*



There is a hearing-assistance system (induction loop) in the Sanctuary for those with hearing impairments. Please ask an usher for instructions.

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