

May 03, 2026 + Fifth Sunday of Easter

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

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.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Amen.

Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" All on earth with angels say; raise your joy and triumphs high; sing, O heav'ns; earth, reply.

2. Love's redeeming work is done. fought the fight, the battle won. Lo! The sun's elclipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell. Death in vain forbids his rise; Chrsit has opened paradise.

4. Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death is now your sting? Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet triumphant now: hail the resurrection, thou!

6. King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love

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.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading – 1 Peter 2:2-10 *God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Gospel – John 14: 1-14 *Christ the way, truth, and life*

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

2. Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

3. Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the People

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Offering & Giving 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.

Words of Institution

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.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Communion Hymn "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace

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.**

Announcements

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 us now and
forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror,
has gone, bright forerunner to the skies of his
people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and
mournful sigh? Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high, lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.
- 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal waits
for you; joined to Christ, your living head, where
he is, you shall be too; with the Lord, at God's right
hand, as a victor you shall stand.
- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him, ransomed of
the earth. Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of
heav'nly birth. Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.
- 5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of
praise. Let your chorus swell the strain which our
feebler voices raise: Glory to our God above and
on earth his peace and love!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be
to God. Alleluia!**