



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025  
8:30 am



*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

# Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING MEDITATION

"Turn Towards the Light" ..... Willard Gayheart  
Dynamic Range

## (stand) THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**P** In the name of + the One,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C** Amen.

**P** Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

**P** Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C** make us one as you are one.

**P** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C** make us one as you are one.

- P** We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,
- C** **make us one as you are one.**
- P** Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
- C** **Amen.**

*(stand)* **GATHERING HYMN**

**"If That Don't Make You Wanna Go" ..... The Isaacs**

**John saw a golden city, New Jerusalem come down  
Twelve jasper walls and gates of pearl/Such splendor all around  
And he tells about a river of life that flows beneath the throne  
Where we'll drink and live eternally in a mansion all our own**

**Chorus**

**Oh, if that don't make you wanna go (Brother)  
If that don't make you wanna go (Sister)  
If that don't make you wanna go (To Heaven)  
I don't know what does**

**They say there is no heartache there, and no more curse of sin  
No sickness and no cross to bear and death can't enter in  
No fighting and no battlefields, no war, no enemies  
Where the lamb and lion lay side by side in that land of perfect peace      Chorus**

**No worries and no more to fear, our faith will be made sight  
It's a glorious land of endless day where Jesus is the light  
Got a lot of friends and loved ones there and the Savior I will meet  
And I'll lay my crown of jewels down when I bow at Jesus' feet      Chorus**

(stand) **GREETING**

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

**G** **And also with you.**

(stand) **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray...  
O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

(sit) **FIRST READING.....Revelation 21:1-6**

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S TALK**

(stand)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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(stand)

## GOSPEL READING.....John 13:31-35

**P**

The holy gospel according to John.

**G**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**P**

The gospel of the Lord.

**G**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit)

**SERMON..... Pastor Katie Christie**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"In Christ There is No East or West" ..... ELW 650**

*(stand)*

## **NICENE CREED**

**P** God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **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.**

(stand)

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Silence for reflection.*

*Each petition will close with the words: "Hear us, O God."*

*The response is "Your mercy is great."*

**P**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C**

**Amen.**

## PEACE

**P**

The peace of our Lord be with you always.

**C**

**And also with you.**

(sit)

## THE OFFERING

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### OFFERING PRAYER

**P**

Let us pray. Risen One,

**C**

**you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.**

**Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
Amen.**

(stand)

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P**

The Lord be with you.

**C**

**And also with you.**

**P**

Lift up your hearts.

**C**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**P**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **(sit) COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

*Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.*

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ..... ELW #631**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen!



*(stand)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P**

Let us pray...  
Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell the story of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

**C**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P**

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always,

**C**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

**"I Love to Tell the Story" ..... ELW 661**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P**

Alleluia! Christ is risen

**C**

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P**

In Christ you are made new.  
Go in peace to share the story of God's love. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

**"When I Get to Glory, I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing " ..... Hiram Williams Sr**  
**Dynamic Range**

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