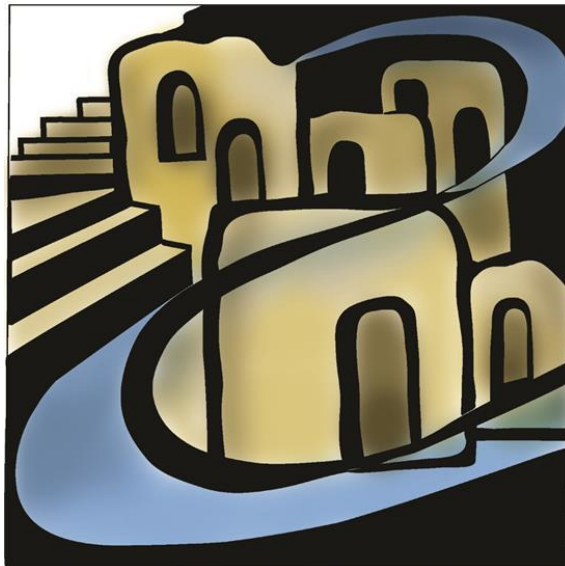




May 7, 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are glad you are here.
Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering.

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

ELW 645

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants, what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

*THE GREETING

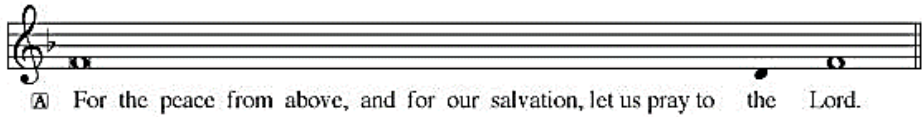
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*THE KYRIE



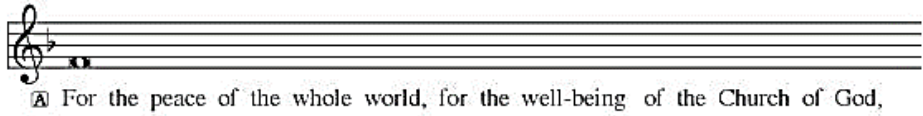
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



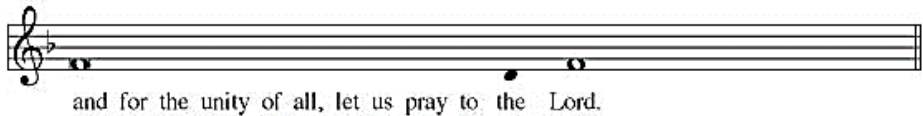
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



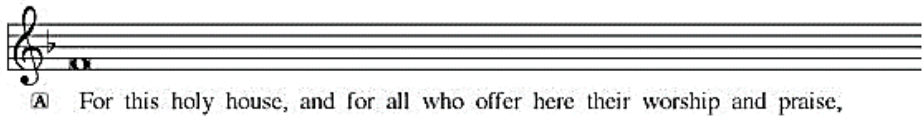
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



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



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



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.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK

Timothy Pitchko, Stewardship Representative

THE PSALM: *Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16*

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.

³Be 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.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me.

THE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chris Berry

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



***THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***THE GOSPEL**

John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

THE SERMON



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989

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*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 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

*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem (8:30): "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments"

Tallis

Piano Solo (11:00): "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen


***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

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 him thanks and praise.**

***THE SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"



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.

THE DISTRIBUTION



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN "Go, My Children with My Blessing"

vs. 1-3 WOV 721

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
 Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh; arr. R. Vaughan Williams
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THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Marc & Debbie Neely in celebration of Debbie's birthday, and Tim & Kari Pitchko in celebration of their anniversary.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

THANK YOU Miriam Conrad for accompanying worship today. MLC continues to seek a permanent Music Director/Accompanist. Information at www.mlutheran.org

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee in the Fellowship hall.

CONGREGATION MEETING WITH COUNCIL ELECTIONS will take place TODAY in the sanctuary between services. All confirmed members of MLC are asked to attend via in-person or via Zoom. Please refer to the official meeting notice and agenda mailed and e-mailed to members for more information. These documents are also available at: mlutheran.org/documents or by request at the church office.

"RUSH TO SERVE" STEWARDSHIP EXPO is next Sunday, May 14 in the Parish Hall. Come learn about all the ways you can serve at MLC. MLC's missions & ministries will be on hand to answer questions. This will also be a time where you can complete your Time & Talent Form.

BLESSING BASKETS for MLC's four HS Graduates are ready to be filled in the Narthex with items a young adult needs in the next chapter of their lives. Deadline to bring items is May 14, 2023 by 8:30 a.m. service.

MESSIAH MUSIC CAMP IS JUNE 5 - JUNE 11 - Give your child or grandchild a memorable week of music, fun, and recreation for just \$100 (\$20 discount for each additional sibling). Register online at www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org **Adult and Youth Volunteers needed.** If interested and available, please contact Camp Director Stephanie Gillespie at musiccamp@mlutheran.org

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Bars of Soap **FOOD PANTRY** Deodorant

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand		(11:00)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Greeter</u>	(8:30)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt		Dagmar Miller (11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Virgil & Susan Burrer (8:30)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Bruce Peter, Tom McNamara (11:00)
<u>Interim Director/Faith Formation</u>	William Strand	<u>Lector</u>	Lee Smith (8:30) John Shriver (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Peirce (8:30)
			Pat Esteppe (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Adam Neely
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby, Paul Zutter
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Mary Burke

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, May 7

- 8:10 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for children, Congregational Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. - Installation of Pastor Kris Schroeder
- 4:00 p.m. - 1st year Confirmation class
- 5:00 p.m. - Junior/Senior Youth Group Meetings

Tuesday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday - May 10

- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday - May 11

- 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, May 14 Rush to Serve-Graduate Recognition

- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: LBW 2 with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Rush to Serve, Sunday School
- 10:40 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: LBW 2 with the Lord's Supper
- 4:00 p.m. - 1st year Confirmation class
- 5:00 p.m. - Junior/Senior Youth Group Meetings

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD

June 5-11 - Messiah Music Camp - Register Today at www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org

June 21 - "God's Good Creation" VBS begins

Attendance:

April 23 Online: - 96

April 30 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 107, 11:00 a.m. - 62

Offerings Counted April 30, 2023

Church Ministries
Current Mortgages
Wednesday Night Dinners
Messiah Mugs
Flowers

Lunches for Learning
Rummage Sale
Property
Disaster Relief Trip
Kids to Love - Camp Hope Family Day

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Pastor Kris Schroeder

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