

deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
forever. Amen

OFFERING

*The season of Easter is unfolding while the gifts of spring
also remind us of God's generosity in Christ and in creation.
May the gifts we offer show our gratitude for God's goodness to us,
and the hope for new life we have in Christ Jesus.*

***RESPONSE** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God,
Whom we adore. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life
renewed through Christ's love,
and through springtime growth in fields and gardens.
Bless the gifts we bring and make them signs
of hope and renewal in the world we serve
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

***HYMN** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" 853

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** "Now Go in Joy" 745

*POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able**



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***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***
May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyn Stewing

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another...

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all you angels; praise God, all creatures high and low!

Rulers of the earth and all peoples, praise God's holy name!

All people together!

With one voice, let us praise the Lord!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Liturgist Joe Glatz

Holy God,

the first and the last, beginning and end of all things,

you are worthy of praise from all your creation.

Sun, moon and stars praise you.

Earth, sea, and sky praise you.

Every living thing praises you in its own way.

And so, we praise you in our human diversity,

joining our varied voices with all

your creatures in heaven and on earth.

You fill our lives with the wonder of your love in Christ Jesus.

Your Spirit moves throughout the world

to reveal your purposes for every living thing.

**Receive our prayers and praise this day,
for you are the Source of our life and our hope,
Holy God, Ever Three and Ever One. Amen**

*HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth”

14

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
Jesus commanded us to love one another
so the world would know we follow him.
Yet we confess we do not always love one another,
as Jesus loves us.
The world has seen our squabbling,
our history of hypocrisy,
and our lack of compassion for those who are in pain.
Loving God, forgive us.
Lord Jesus, continue to love us.
Holy Spirit, fill us with love,
so that the world will witness your love in our words and actions.
Amen

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
Christ has laid down his life for us
and invites us to love one another as he has loved us.
Let us rejoice in his forgiving love and share it with each other day by day.*

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen

*RESPONSE “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

654

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM “To God Be the Glory”

634

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Liturgist Joe Glatz

*Your word, O God, is our source of hope and truth in a world filled
with deception. Fill us with your Spirit as we listen to your word
read and interpreted, so that it satisfies our thirst for wisdom and
truth. Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE John 13:31-35

Liturgist Joe Glatz

SECOND SCRIPTURE Acts 11:1-18

SERMON “Who Am I”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

**O God, you are calling us out
into a completely new day,
a day in which we will encounter
the unexpected, the strange, the unknown.
May we go forth, as the disciples did, long ago
abandoning the comforts of conformity,
rejecting all that is false and dishonest,
and trusting only in you,
your promises,
your presence to guide,
your power to preserve us from evil.
When we are challenged, let us respond out of love,
the depth of your love—
that we may give of ourselves to the utmost
for you and for your gospel. (Oswald Chambers)**

*HYMN “Blessed Assurance (All My Attempts Be Satisfied)” see insert

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Pastor: Gracious, loving, and healing God bless these shawls that they
may be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of this
congregation.

**All: Bless the ones who receive these shawls. May they be
cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and
wrapped in God’s love, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation but

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following Children's Chat
Adult Sunday School-9am to 9:45am

Sunday, May 18-Women's and Girls' Tea following worship

Sunday, May 18-Youth Group Flag Football & pizza party 7 to 8:30pm

Monday, May 19-Deborah Circle at 6:30 pm. Meeting at Bruster's for ice cream. All women of the church are welcome!

Tuesday, May 20-Manna at 5:15pm

Monday, May 26-Office closed for observance of Memorial Day

The Choir will be ending their season on Sunday, May 18. We are looking for volunteers who would like to share their talents with us this summer. Do you like to sing, play an instrument, dance, read a poem? Any other way that you like to praise God. If so, please sign up for a Sunday or two on the sign up sheet located outside the choir room. Any questions, please see Chris Mathias.

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller's friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Pat Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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OUR SESSION

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