



A PLACE

Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 3, 2026

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“Serving Christ-Serving Others-Changing Lives”

(**P**=pastor, **L**=liturgist, **C**=congregation, **R**=reader, **A**=cantor)

As we gather, please take a minute to fill out your Connect Card.

Prelude
Announcements

(Bells rung to begin services.)

(Please stand)

8 AM Opening Hymn—LSB 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1. Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed!
Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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(8 a.m. attendees, please proceed to the Invocation on pg. 3⇨)

(Please stand)

10:30 AM Opening Song 1—Open up the Heavens

1. **Verse 1**
We’ve waited for this day
We’re gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
- Will burn our hearts with truth
2. **Pre-Chorus**
You’re the reason we’re here
You’re the reason we’re singing ***(Cont. →)***

3. Chorus
Open up the heavens
We want to see You
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

4. Verse 2
Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud

You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

5. Pre-Chorus
You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

6. Chorus

7. Bridge (3x)
Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

8. Chorus (2x)

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Opening Song 2—Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

2. Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

3. Be Thou my shield
And my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity
Be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter
And Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'nward
O pow'r of my pow'r

4. Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

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Invocation

L In the Name of the Father and of the **✠** Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

- C** who made heaven and earth.
- L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- L** Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

*(10:30 a.m. attendees, please proceed to the **Salutation & Collect of the Day** on pg. 5 ⇨)*

Service of the Word

(Please stand)

8 AM—Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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| <p>1. To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
God, our heav’nly King.</p> | <p>2. To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father’s Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow’r are seated
At God’s right hand on high— <i>(Cont. →)</i></p> |
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3. For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply

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Salutation and Collect of the Day *(Please stand)*

L The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

L Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ. **C** **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Scripture Reading Introduction

L "There's no place like home" is a classic saying that recalls the unmatched comfort, safety, and emotional belonging of home. The scripture readings for this morning provide hints about the place God has prepared for us as our home with him.

First Reading—Acts 6 & 7 (selected verses) In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen.

^{7:2} To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me!

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— ⁵³ you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading—1 Peter 2:2-10 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.

But to those who do not believe,
“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel (*Please stand*)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter, verses 1-4

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

L Let us with one voice confess our faith saying the Creed.

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message (10:30 a.m.)

(The children may depart for Kids Connect.)

Hymn of the Day—LSB 748 I’m But a Stranger Here

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| <p>1. I’m but a stranger here,
Heav’n is my home;
Earth is a desert drear,
Heav’n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand
Round me on ev’ry hand;
Heav’n is my fatherland,
Heav’n is my home.</p> <p>2. What though the tempest rage,
Heav’n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage,
Heav’n is my home;</p> | <p>And time’s wild wintry blast
Soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
Heav’n is my home.</p> <p>3. Therefore I murmur not,
Heav’n is my home;
Whate’er my earthly lot,
Heav’n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord’s right hand;
Heav’n is my fatherland,
Heav’n is my home.</p> |
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Sermon

A Place

John 14:1-4

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

(Please fill out your Connect Cards.)

10:30 AM Voluntary Song—Soon and Very Soon

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| <p>1. Verse 1 (3x)
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King</p> <p>2. Chorus
<i>Hallelujah hallelujah</i>
<i>We’re going to see the King</i></p> <p>3. Verse 2 (3x)
No more crying there</p> | <p>We are going to see the King</p> <p>4. Chorus</p> <p>5. Verse 3 (3x)
No more dying there
We are going to see the King</p> <p>6. Chorus</p> |
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(Please stand)

Offertory—Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church *(Please stand)*

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

(After each petition, P Lord in Your mercy C Hear our prayer.)

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

As we turn our thoughts toward Holy Communion we are reminded that this is a sacrament of God's Grace intended for baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, repent or turn from their sins and believe that in and with the bread and wine is Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to live a new life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray... **C Amen.**

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.

Words of Our Lord *(Pastor)*

Peace of God

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

Agnus Dei

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| 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray. | 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray. |
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Distribution *(Please be seated)*

Holy Communion is a gift from God. It is the Lord's Table to which He invites us.

*As we prepare to receive the Sacrament, we might **ask ourselves the following questions:***

- *Do I realize that I am a sinful human being?*

- Do I understand that our Lord gave His life, His body and blood, for me on the cross that I might be forgiven of my sins and in His resurrection raised me to a new life?
- Do I realize that in the Lord's Supper He gives me His true body and blood that I might be assured of forgiveness and that my faith is strengthened that I might serve my Lord and through Him serve others?

If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please join us in the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not yet been baptized or received instruction, please come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving the elements.

General Distribution:

For the **8:00 a.m. service**, those who are able may commune at the **altar**.

For the **10:30 a.m. service**, we invite you to participate in the Lord's Supper by joining the **continuous line of communicants** leading to the **foot of the chancel**, as prompted by an usher.

Individual cups are available **year-round**, while the **Common Cup** is offered **only during special services**.

White grape juice is available in the **center of the tray** with the individual cups for those who prefer not to have wine.

Special Distribution:

If you are unable to use the stairs to commune at the altar, please remain seated. A Communion assistant will come to you (either at the bottom of the stairs or at your seat) and an usher will guide you as needed.

8 AM Distribution Hymn—LSB 537 Beautiful Savior

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| <p>1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.</p> | <p>3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.</p> |
| <p>2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.</p> | <p>4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!</p> |

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10:30 AM Distribution Song— I Can Only Imagine

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| <p>1. Verse 1
I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side</p> | <p>I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine (Cont. →)</p> |
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2. Chorus

*Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine (2x)*

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine (2x)

3. Verse 2

4. Chorus

5. Tag (4x)

I can only imagine

Dismissal (*Please stand*)

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **✝** in peace. **C** **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. **C** **Amen.**

Benediction (*Pastor*)

Closing Hymn—LSB 588 Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
[Refrain]

2. Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven’s gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lets His little child come in.
[Refrain]

[Refrain]

**Yes, Jesus loves me! (3x)
The Bible tells me so.**

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P Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Serving Christ—Serving Others—Changing Lives"



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