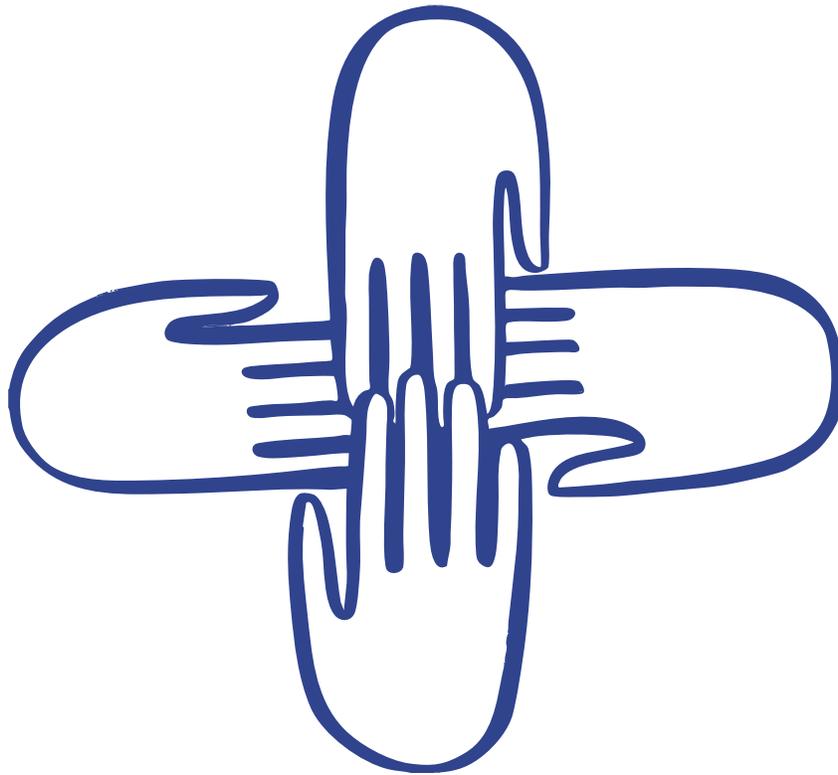




**Pilgrim**  
LUTHERAN  
**Church**

## Divine Service



**May 18, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

# Welcome

## Opening Hymn

### O God, Who Gives Us Life



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,  
3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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## Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Songs of Praise

## God of Wonders

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of all Creation

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy

Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
Precious Lord, reveal you heart to me,  
You are holy holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me  
You are holy holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy holy holy

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of all Creation

## Ever Be

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold  
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old  
Your love is enduring through the winter rain  
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be  
You pledge Yourself to me and it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
(REPEAT)

You Father the orphan  
Your kindness makes us whole  
You shoulder our weakness  
And Your strength becomes our own  
You're making me like You  
Clothing me in white  
Bringing beauty from ashes  
For You will have Your bride

Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame  
And known by her true name and it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
(REPEAT)

You will be praised You will be praised  
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord  
You will be praised You will be praised  
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord  
And it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
Your praise will ever be on my lips  
Ever be on my lips  
(REPEAT)



## Refrain

Sing prais - es to the Lord, and

bless His ho - ly name. Sing prais - es to the

Lord and bless His ho - ly name.

**Refrain: Sing praises to the Lord, and bless His holy name.  
Sing Praises to the Lord and bless His holy name.**

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord • from the heavens;  
praise God • in the heights.

**2 Praise the Lord, • all you angels;  
sing praise, all you • hosts of heaven.**

3 Praise the Lord, • sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you • shining stars.

**4 Praise the Lord, heav- • en of heavens,  
and you waters a- • bove the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name • of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they • were created,

**6 who made them stand fast forev- • er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not • pass away.**

**Refrain: Sing praises to the Lord, and bless His holy name.  
Sing Praises to the Lord and bless His holy name.**

7 Praise the Lord • from the earth,  
you sea monsters • and all deeps;

**8 fire and hail, • snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- • ing God's will;**

9 mountains • and all hills,  
fruit trees • and all cedars;

**10 wild beasts • and all cattle,  
creeping things and • flying birds;**

11 sovereigns of the earth • and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers • of the world;

**12 young • men and maidens,  
old and • young together.**

**Refrain: Sing praises to the Lord, and bless His holy name.  
Sing Praises to the Lord and bless His holy name.**

13 Let them praise the name • of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over • earth and heaven.

**14 The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all • faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. • Hallelujah!**

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son  
and to the Holy • Spirit;  
as it was in the be - • ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

**Refrain: Sing praises to the Lord, and bless His holy name.  
Sing Praises to the Lord and bless His holy name.**

## Second Reading

### Revelation 21

Then 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. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And 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 from the spring of the water of life without payment

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

## Children's Message

**Gemma Rodriguez**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Sing praises to the Lord, and bless His holy name.  
Sing Praises to the Lord and bless His holy name.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixteenth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

16 "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."  
17 So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am

going to the Father?" 18 So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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

## Sermon

**Rev. Lew Upchurch**

## Confession of Faith

### Apostles' Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, +**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Following each prayer petition:*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

# Offering

## The Sacrament of the Altar

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 our duty and our joy...evermore praising You and saying:

**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.**

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## Words of Institution

### 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 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.**

## O Lamb of God...

## Ways to Commune

**Intinction** – Pastor places bread in hands. Communicant dips bread in chalice held by Communion Assistant.

**Sealed Cups** – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together).

**Prayer** – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest.

## Communion Song

### Come Just as You Are

Come just as you are hear the Spirit call  
Come just as you are  
Come and see (come and see)  
Come receive (come receive)  
Come and live (come and live) forever

Life everlasting  
And strength for today  
Taste the Living Water  
And never thirst again

Come just as you are hear the Spirit call  
Come just as you are  
Come receive (come receive)  
Christ the King (Christ the King)  
Come and live (come and live) forever

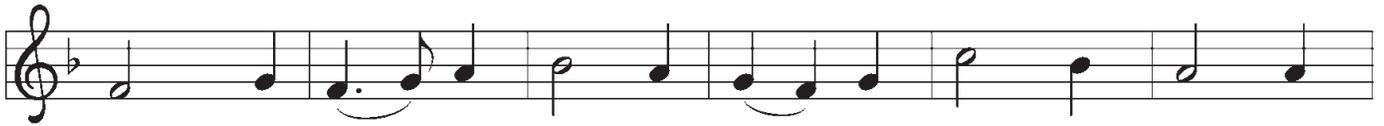
Life everlasting  
And strength for today  
Taste the Living Water  
And never thirst again

Come just as you are hear the Spirit call  
Come just as you are  
Come

## Blessing

# Closing Hymn

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## That's Why We Praise Him

He came to live, live a perfect life  
He came to be the living word, our light  
He came to die, so we'd be reconciled  
He came to rise, to show His pow'r and might

That's why we praise Him that's why we sing  
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything  
That's why we bow down and worship this King  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything

He came to live, live again in us  
He came to be our conquering King and friend  
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love  
He came to go prepare a place for us

That's why we praise Him that's why we sing  
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything  
That's why we bow down and worship this King  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything

Halle hallelujah  
Halle hallelujah

That's why we praise Him that's why we sing  
That's why we offer Him our ev'rything  
That's why we bow down and worship this King  
'Cause He gave His ev'rything

## Announcements

*Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used  
Holy Communion Cups as you leave the Sanctuary*

# Serving at Worship Today

## **Preaching & Presiding**

Rev. Lew Upchurch

## **Director of Music**

Mary Harper

# Upcoming Events



**Learn more about all upcoming events at [pilgrimsm.org/calendar](https://pilgrimsm.org/calendar)**

## Pilgrim Giving



Your faithful financial stewardship is as important as ever. We will be creating cards with QR code to access online giving.

## Serve at Pilgrim



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## Bible App



Scan this QR code to download a Bible app and access scripture, devotionals, and more right from your phone!

## Happening this Week

### **Sunday, May 18**

Bible Study, 9:00 am  
Divine Service, 10:00 am

### **Monday, May 19**

Alpha Prayers, 9:00 am  
*Online*

*Contact Barbara P. to join.*

### **Tuesday, May 20**

### **Wednesday, May 21**

### **Thursday, May 22**

### **Friday, May 23**

### **Saturday, May 24**



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