

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota



Holy Communion

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

How Can I Keep From Singing?
Handbell Choir

arr. Cathy Moklebust

Entrance Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

631

Stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church.

All of today's hymns were chosen by Pastor Lois.

All are welcome in the many ways we inhabit bodies, minds, and spirits. Throughout the liturgy, the assembly is encouraged to participate as needed in gesture, posture, and movement. Children are, of course, invited to be children, bringing their own joy, sound, and movement to worship.

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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.

¹ 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, the 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,

“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;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

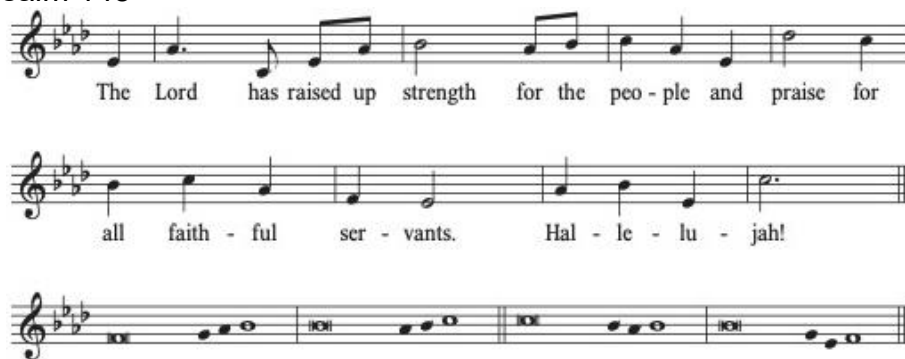
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ 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.” ⁶ 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.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148



¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
praise God¹ in the heights.

² Praise the LORD,¹ all you angels;
sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.

³ Praise the LORD,¹ sun and moon;
sing praise, all you¹ shining stars.

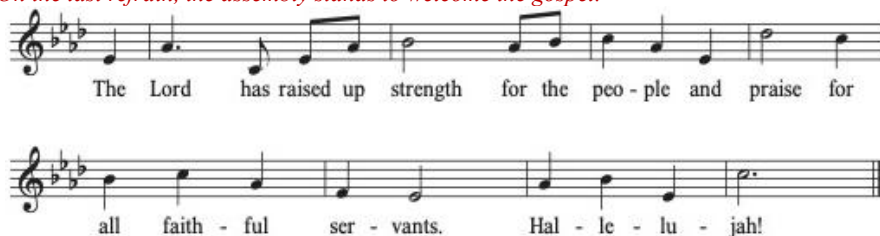
⁴ Praise the LORD, heav-¹ en of heavens,
and you waters a-¹ bove the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they¹ were created,

⁶ who made them stand fast forev-¹ er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not¹ pass away. R

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.
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! R

On the last refrain, the assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel

John 13:31-35

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.

After the Gospel is announced the assembly responds: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

After the Gospel has been read the assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sit.

Prayers of Intercession

The assembly responds to each prayer petition, God of grace: **Hear our prayer.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Peace

The assembly may greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

We practice living a life that offers its hand in healing peace. People may say, "Peace be with you," as well as shake hands, or place two hands together over the heart, or bow, or by sitting and praying for peace, We recognize that the people of God carry different stories about touch, medical risk, or mental and physical vulnerability. This one, holy body has many gestures. Take care of one another.

Offering

The Earth Adorned

Waldemar Åhlén

8:15 –Matins Singers; 10:00 Chancel Choir

Sit.

The offering is an act of worship, responding with our gifts of talent, time, and money in thanksgiving for God's love made known in Christ. All have gifts that build up the body of Christ. Passing the plate is a sign of sharing in ministry together. The green papers in the bulletin are a way of participating if you give electronically.

Website

Text

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833-608-0559



Setting the Table

In the Singing

The assembly sings as gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward.



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

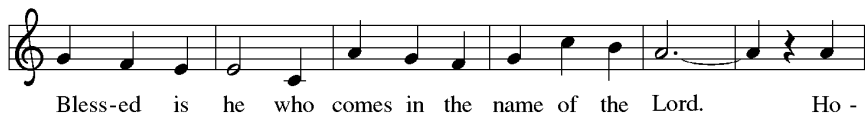
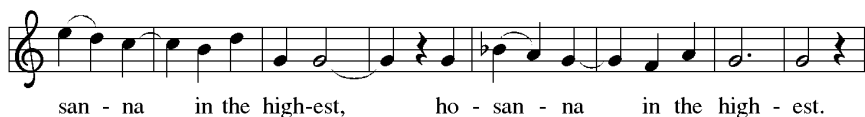
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours,
Holy One, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Mother,

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 risen Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread.

Holy things for holy people.

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

Communion

Lutherans trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. Welcome.

To receive communion:

Receive a cup from the usher.

Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.

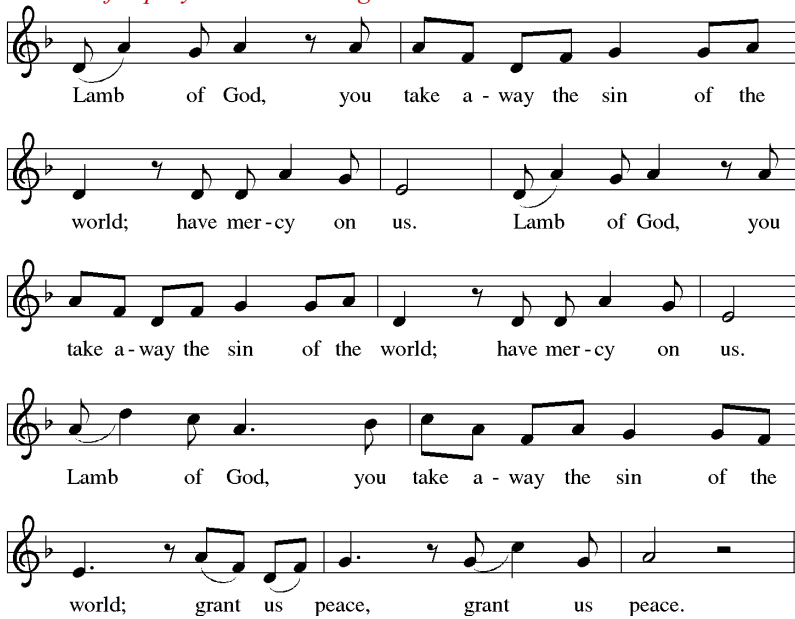
Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.

Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward to for communion, please inform an usher. Communion may be brought to your seat.

Healing Prayers in Chapel

If you would like to light a candle for yourself or for someone who needs healing prayer, you may do so in the chapel after you have received communion. If you would like someone to pray with you, a team is available for prayer and anointing.



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, grant us peace.

Hymn	<i>My Life Flows On in Endless Song</i>	763
Hymn	<i>The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended</i>	569
Hymn	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	815

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call

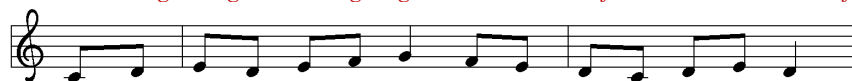
Sending Hymn

Thine the Amen

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Stand.

Stanzas 1-3 sung during the Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call, and stanzas 4-5 following the Blessing.



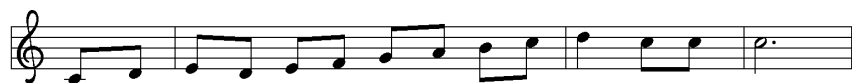
1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

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Those who would like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus are invited to come forward during the hymn.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hallelujah Chorus

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Worship Leaders

Thank you to all those who serve today.

If you would like to participate in worship leadership, speak with any of the pastors.

	8:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Presiding Minister	Bradley E. Schmeling	Bradley E. Schmeling
Preaching Minister	Lois Pallmeyer	Lois Pallmeyer
Assisting Minister	Larry Nelson	Ashley Greenwood
Lector	John Barnicle	Reese Ronneberg
Communion Assistants	Beth Ann Ahlers, Jon Anderson, Kristine Oberg, Dorothy Satre, Tracy Sherbert, Mary Ann Teske	Sharon Ingersoll Dunbar, Lynne Nelson, Kathryn Ostlie, Edie Rapacz, Madelyn Ronneberg, Saul Stensvaag
Acolytes	Jameson Karli (Crucifer), Charlie Branstner	Charlotte Stevenson (Crucifer), Charlie Ronneberg
Ushers	Steven Peterson, Angela Gallant, Tim Gallant, Cindy Hanson-Best, David Hanson-Best	John Barnicle, Leo Robole, Nina West, Ty West, Laura Willemsen
Sacristan	Ellen Whitted	Ellen Whitted
Altar Preparation	Leif Carlson, Barb Veath	Mark Christianson, Maria Conley
Livestream		Thor Carlson, Lila McNellis
Sound	John Teipel	Drew Stevenson
Alb Washing		Amy Hendrickson
Organ	Timothy Strand	Timothy Strand
Piano	Dennis Friesen-Carper	Dennis Friesen-Carper
Library	Bonnie Jackson, Missy O'Neil	Bonnie Jackson, Missy O'Neil
Musician	Paul Damico-Carper	Paul Damico-Carper

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