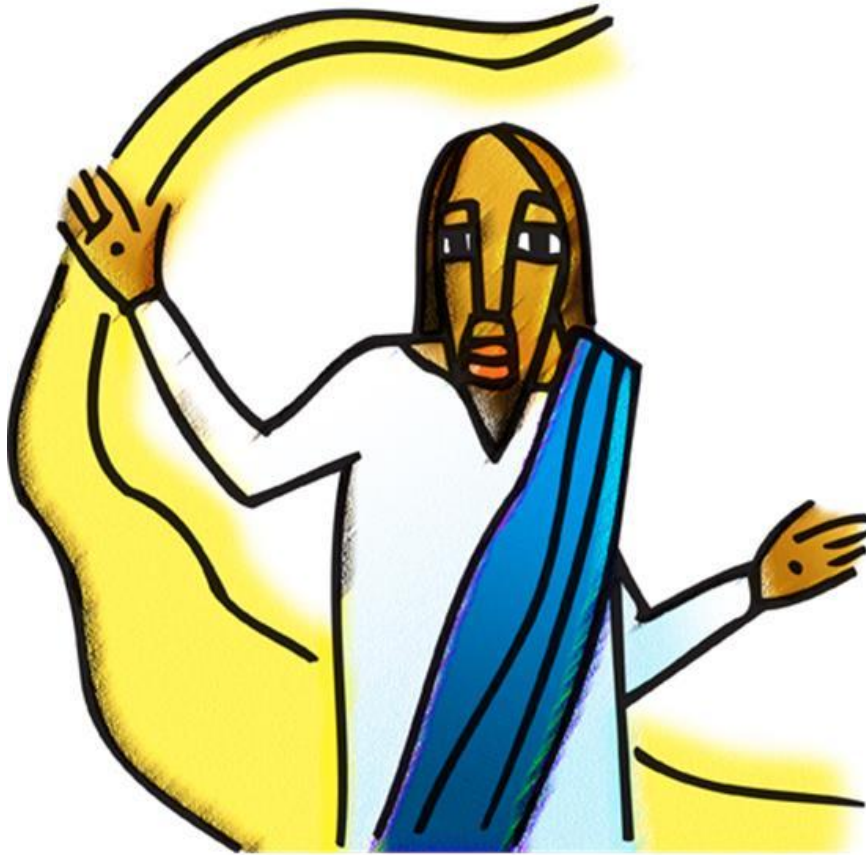


# Fifth Sunday of Easter



**May 3, 2026 + 10:00 a.m.**

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...  
*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Services of worship and other events at Redeemer are routinely livestreamed or photographed. If you do not want your image to be captured on livestreaming or in photographs, please speak to an usher or the leader of the event so that you can be offered alternative seating in the gathering area or can be excluded from the photograph.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.*

**Prelude**

*How Great Thou Art*, arr. Janet Linker

**Welcome**



## Hymn

## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

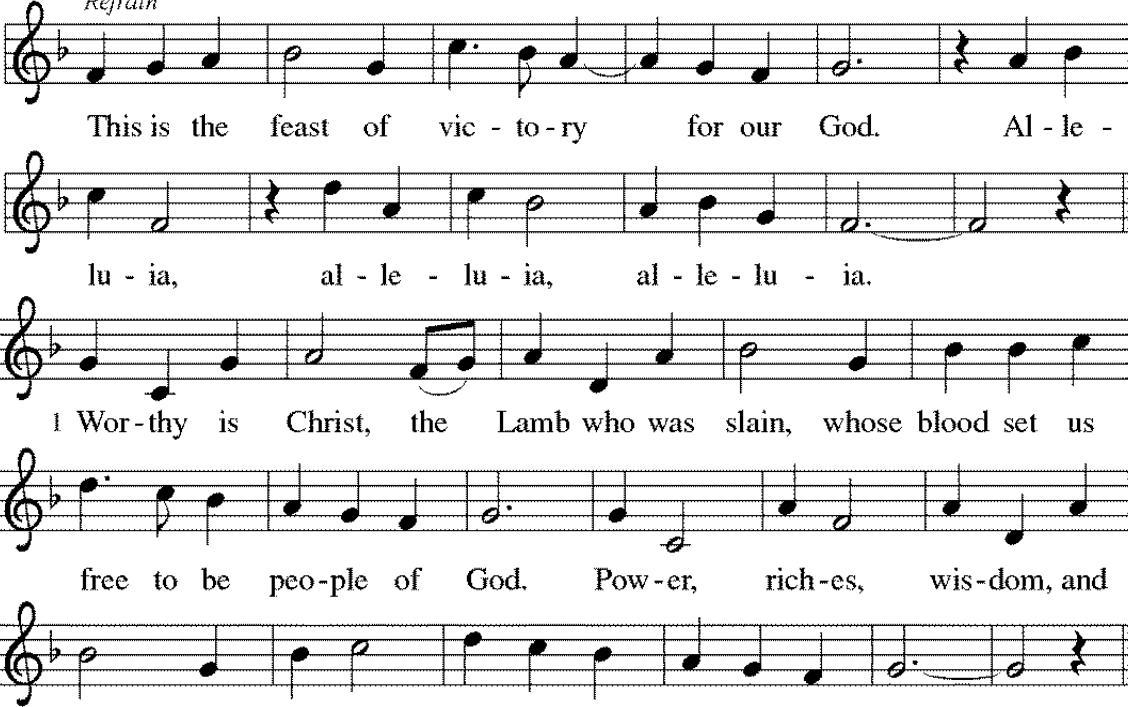
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

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, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

**First Reading**                      **Acts 7:55-60** (New Revised Standard Updated)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**



**Second Reading**            **1 Peter 2:2-10** (New Revised Standard Updated)

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter to the early church

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

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like 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. For 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.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

and

“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.

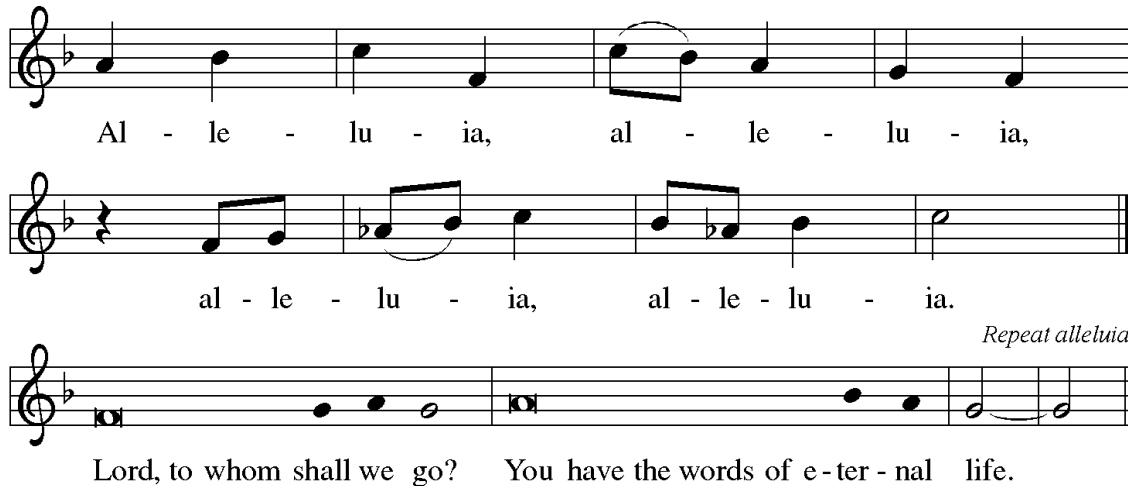
But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church.    **Amen.**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel **John 14:1-14** (New Revised Standard Updated)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus 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’? Do 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. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

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**Musical Reflection**

***In My Father's House***

Pepper Choplin  
*Choir*

The disciples grew closer to hear the words of promise of the Lord.  
"If you hear the truth, I say, and follow in my way,  
Then great will be your heaven's reward." And he said,

***REFRAIN***

"In my Father's house there are many mansions.  
In my Father's house there is room.  
And all who believe will come to live with me,  
For in my Father's house, I'll prepare a place for You"

Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe now in me.  
For if you will believe, in heaven you will see the glory of the great I Am.  
And He said ***REFRAIN***

I will always be with you, through every step you'll never walk alone.  
And when your earthly days are over, I will come again to welcome you  
home.  
I tell you ***REFRAIN***

## **Apostles' Creed**

We honor and celebrate our oneness with Christians in this time and throughout time as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

## **Community Prayers**

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

**Amen.**

*Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:*

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Becky and Larry Trover's son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank and Trina Thornton, Kelley's mother Charlotte Frank, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie Turner's friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott's sister and brother-in-law Paulie and Jerry Shaffer, Barbara Hairston, Drusanne Shaulis; WilFrantz Raymond's sister Cheslie; Don Luck, Greg Williams, Kathy and Tom Mimplitch's daughter Holly Ragland, Nate and Alyssha Bird, Linda Williams' sister-in-law Georgeann Neuzil, David Williams, Karen Rider's friends Nancy McGinnis, Karen McCune, and Eileene Welker, Michelle Clemence, LaVerna Reinoehl, Michelle Clemence and family on the death of her brother Ollie Lindquist, Mimplitch's daughter Cindy Batts's father-in-law and the Batts family

For the people of Zion Lutheran Church in Danville  
For Redeemer community member Petra Williams

## Time with the Young People

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.*

*For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.*

*We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.*

### **WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.*

*Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.*

*In body or spirit, please stand*

## Offertory

## You Are Holy

1\*

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

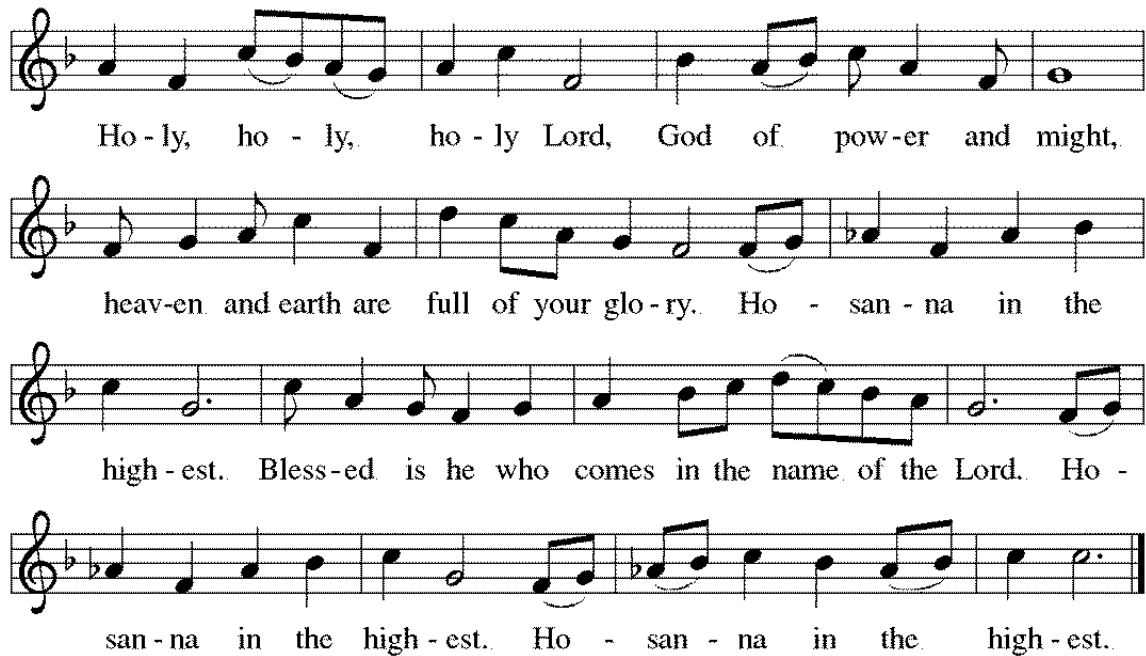
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Christ – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ. Come and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### 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.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

## Sharing the Meal

Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

*Please be seated*

*You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.*



### Hymn

### Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a  
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a  
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632

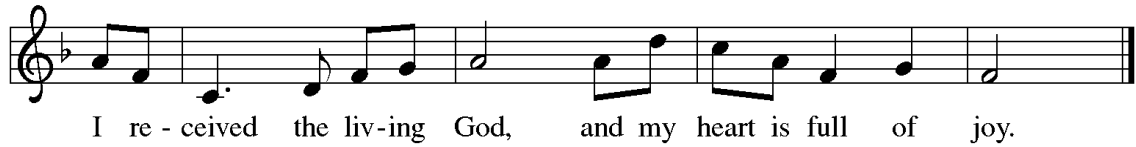
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## Hymn

## I Received the Living God



- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;  
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.  
4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous  
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. Alleluia! Amen.**

# WE ARE SENT

## Hymn

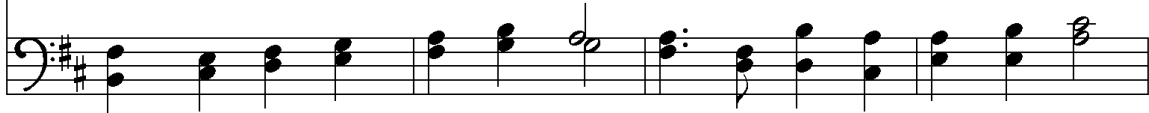
## Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?  
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.  
5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.  
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!



Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.  
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

## Blessing

Go out into the world, and show that things which were cast down are being raised up, things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection through the power of Christ's resurrection. And the blessing of God, who created, redeems, and sustains be with you all.

**Amen**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Announcements

### Postlude

**Alleluia! Jesus Lives!**, arr. G. Winston Cassler

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**Adult Ed**  
**April 19, 26, May 3, 10 + 11:15 am**  
**Room 2**

**Migration and Faith**  
*A look at biblical background, historical development, our congregation's current migrant support efforts, and our own personal family-migration histories to see how global migration builds, enhances, and deepens faith*

**Al Rider**



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**May Birthdays:**

- 1 - Daniel Pawlowski
- 2 - Nicholas Amon
- 2 - Trevor Binau
- 2 - Jon Denniss
- 2 - Jackson Barbour Harms
- 3 - Heidi Sherer
- 5 - Nancy Magargal
- 8 - Kay Ernsthausen
- 8 - Auden Neal
- 8 - Kathryn Ott
- 14 - Ty Pawlowski
- 17 - Mary Benis
- 17 - Ken Jones
- 18 - Maddie Sutphin
- 19 - Al Debelak
- 21 - Paul Voytas
- 22 - Dave Lippert
- 26 - Brad Dana
- 26 - Kathie Ehrich
- 26 - Elizabeth Hoster
- 26 - Melissa Sutphin



## Tuesday Bible Study 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

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*LSS Food Pantry*

*Wednesday, May 6  
12:30-4:00 pm*

*Thursday, May 21  
12:30-4:00 pm*

*Contact Kathleen Zwanziger  
to volunteer*

## KEY ELECTION DATES

May 5, 2026

*Absentee Voting begins April 7*

Deadline for *mail ballots* to be personally delivered to your County Board of Elections: **April 28, 8:30 pm**; Deadline for boards to receive *mail-ballots* via post office or in-person at the Board of Elections: **May 5**

*Early In-Person Voting April 7-May 3. NO voting May 4*

Sign up to be a *Poll Worker* at **614-525-5393**

See *early voting* hours and schedule, check *voter registration*, see your *sample ballot*, view *polling location* at [Vote.FranklinCountyOhio.Gov](http://Vote.FranklinCountyOhio.Gov).

*Election Day: May 5* (Polls Open **6:30 am - 7:30 pm**)





**Nehemiah Action**  
**Tuesday, May 12**  
**6 pm**  
**Celeste Center**  
**(Ohio State Fairgrounds)**  
*See Reflections for details*



RLC Serves  
**First English Lutheran Church**  
**Community Dinner**  
**Thursday, May 14**

Food donations and volunteers needed  
*See Reflections for details*



*Summer Basketball Camp*

*June 15 - July 29*

*Registration now open!!*

*Contact the church office*

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>Cantor</b>	Mary Benis
<b>Organist &amp; Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Ruth Murray
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Kathleen Zwanziger, Eileen Day
<b>Producers</b>	Sue Yehling, Miles Smith
<b>Hospitality</b>	Julianne Johnson, Sara Auman

*The Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 3 – 10

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Monday</b>	4:30 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 am	Member Care Team
	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:15 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Chime Choir
	12:30 pm	Ellen Rose memorial
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
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