

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026 ~ 8:30 & 11:00

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: 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.

C: Amen

P: 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.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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 presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: 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.

C: Amen

HYMN: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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GREETING:

P: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This Joyful Eastertide*

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Sit

ANTHEM: *Surrender (8:30)*

~ Choir
Lily Brubaker, piano

FIRST LESSON: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word. Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

A: The First Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ 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. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ 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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Please join in saying the prayer for the call process:

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for our church family. May we be encouraging and supportive of one another as we continue on this journey. May we always be thankful for our freedom to worship you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of 1 Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.”

⁷ 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,” ⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:



GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ 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’? ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON:

Pastor Jim Neal

Stand

HYMN: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

1. Hail the day that sees Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There for Him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See, He lifts His hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; Al - le - lu - ia!
 See, He shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Raise our hearts to reach Thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
 He hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 There Thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

En - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Bless - ings on His church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

APOSTLES' CREED:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

PRAYERS:

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

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Sit

OFFERING: *Collected as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.*

Stand

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



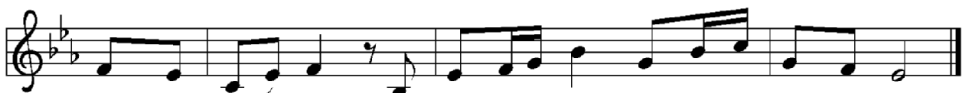
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Blessed are you

C: O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

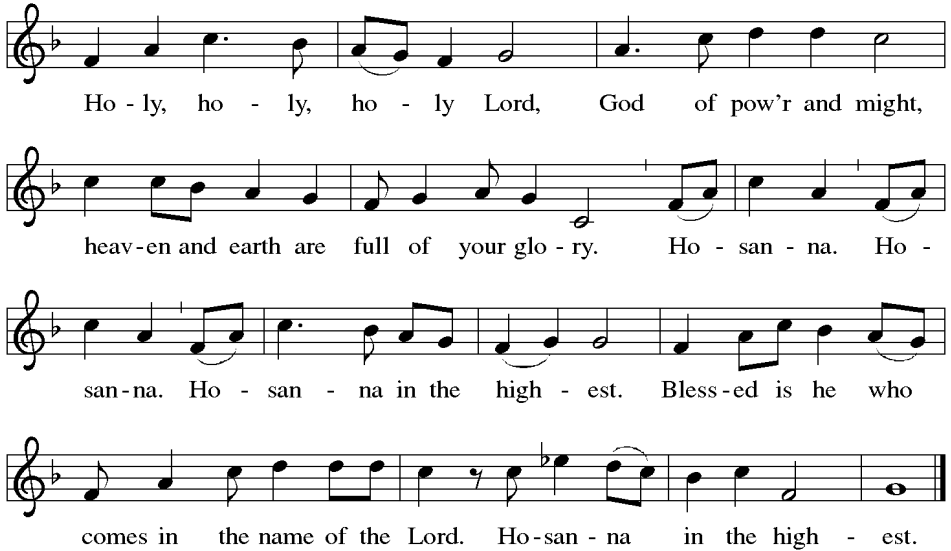
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses
of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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.

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**

LAMB OF GOD:

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.

COMMUNION: *(Please be seated)*

For those at home or taking communion at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

Stand

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. C: **Amen**

BLESSING:

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Worship Attendance last Sunday: 8:30-38; 9:45-58; 11:00-39

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 14:15-21

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DUBOIS IS EMPOWERED BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND NOURISHED THROUGH WORD &
SACRAMENT TO HEAR, STUDY, AND PROCLAIM
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.**

*The flowers in the chancel vases are presented to the
Glory of the Risen Lord and in memory of Randy Spaid's
Heavenly Birthday by Kim Clyde.*

8:30: Ushers: Darwin & Linda London

Lector: Linda London

Communion Assistants: Linda London, Lindsey Bernardo

Acolytes: Bentley & Lincoln Bernardo

11:00: Ushers: Bill & Debbie Fye

Lector: Tom Schott

Communion Assistants: Tom Schott, Joanne Fitzpatrick

Acolyte: Grace Prontock

+ Calendar for this Week +

Mon-May 4: 9:00-Quilters

Tue-May 5: 2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal 6:30

Thurs-May 7: 6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

We welcome Pastor Jim Neal as our worship leader today. Thank you for your presence among us.

Our new Church Directory has arrived! All who were photographed or submitted a photo for the Directory, please pick up your copy in the narthex; it will be marked with your name. At this time we do not have extra copies. Thank you for your patience!

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders is **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "Elijah."

Confirmation Event . . . TODAY from 6-7:30 p.m. Confirmation rehearsal is **Sunday, May 17** from 6-7:30; and confirmation will be held on **Sunday, May 24**.

Youth Gathering Fundraiser . . . Our youth will be attending the NALC Continental Youth Gathering in Roanoke, VA in July and are holding a Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser, on **Monday, May 18** from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Choice of meatloaf or chicken dinner, plus side and vegetable by Paulette Bembenic. Cost is \$12/dinner. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for information about purchasing your ticket(s). Thank you for supporting our youth!

Check out the Road to Roanoke 100 Envelope Challenge poster in the narthex. Each envelope is labeled \$1 to \$100. Choose an envelope and place the amount labeled inside. Place it in the offering tray or drop it off in the office and watch the donations grow for our Youth Summer Mission Trip! Thank You!

Graduate recognition . . . We will recognize our high school graduates and present them with a gift from the congregation **Sunday**,

June 7. We would like to know about our grads' future plans, so please email (christlutheran@penn.com) or call the church office with that info ASAP. College Graduates – we want to recognize your accomplishment too! Parents/families please contact the church office and let us know about your college graduate (school, degree, employment). Thank you!

We are looking for someone who can help with the church's media and Facebook. Call Donna Bush (814-591-8101) for more information.

Mission of the Month: Youth Summer Mission Trip. There are many ways to support our youth for their upcoming Mission Trip. If you would like to contribute as a Mission of the Month donation, please use a pew envelope and write "Mission Trip" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support.

May Food Pantry Items: SPAGHETTI and/or SPAGHETTI SAUCE.

Call Committee Update. . . . This past April, the Call Committee gathered in prayerful conversation and careful work to complete our Congregation Profile. We are joyful to share that the written portion is now complete! The NALC encourages congregations to include a short video as part of the profile, offering a heartfelt glimpse into the life, ministry, and spirit of the congregation. We are delighted that our videographer is currently putting the final, thoughtful touches on this video.

Once the video is finished, the Call Committee will review the full profile and submit it to the NALC to be posted on the Call Process Vacancy List on the NALC website. This will allow pastors throughout the NALC to get to know our congregation and prayerfully discern whether God may be calling them to walk alongside us in ministry. We are grateful for the many ways God continues to guide this process, and we thank you for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and trust as we take this next hopeful step forward together.