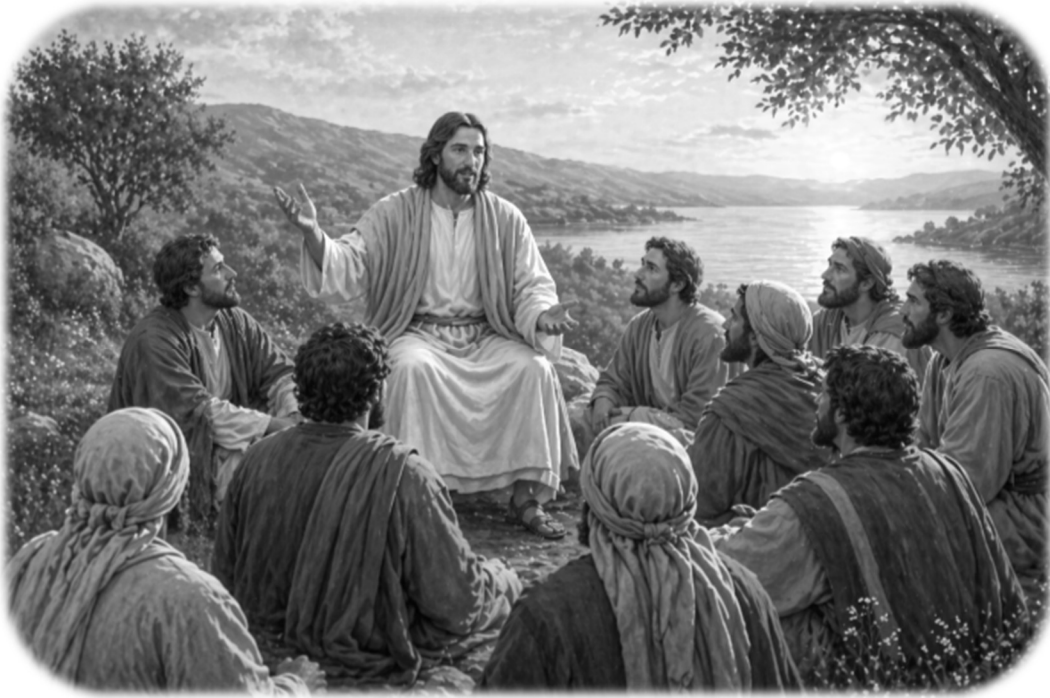


St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May 3, 2026      8:15 AM and 10:30 AM

(both services in-person)



***“Little Children, yet a little while I am with you. But a New Commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you. . . .<sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.<sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places . . . .”- John 13:33 and 14:1***

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**Welcome to worship here** at St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA. We gather around the story of Jesus! We are glad you have joined us to worship our Lord in this Service of Word and Meal. If you are visiting, longing to be a part of a community, want to join, are searching for faith, need a good-news-shaped word, or seek healing and peace, we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the Entry Narthex, complete the goldenrod "Connections" page, give us your contact information and the opportunity to respond and welcome and get to know you. Please return to worship with us again. Read our weekly announcements on the white GPS page. If you are in need of assistance or have questions of any kind, please speak with an usher, a Staff member, a Council member or Pastor Brad Brauer, our Interim Pastor. This is Christ's Church. Here the scriptures are opened and preached. Here is Christ's Welcome Table of grace and mercy. There is a place for you here. Join us in Jesus' mission.

**As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' "Pre-Easter" promise** that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. A contemporary song sings it this way: *"In my Father's house/ There's a place for me/ I'm a child of God/ Yes, I am. I am chosen, not forsaken/ I am who You say I am."* (lyrics © Hillsong Publishing, Hillsong Music Publishing Australia, Writers: Reuben Timothy Morgan/Benjamin David Fielding, 2018) Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—who is our way, our truth, and our life.- Pr. Brad

**Please join us today to receive HOLY COMMUNION:** At St. Luke, all Christians who desire to receive Christ's presence and blessing, in, with and under the forms of bread and wine in the Holy Communion Meal are welcome to do so, regardless of your age or denomination. If you or your children are not yet baptized into the Christian faith, please contact the pastor or multi-generational ministries coordinator who would love to help you begin to receive this sacrament of grace and belonging and learn about its meanings. As Lutheran Christians, we trust and teach what Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism: *"These words, (given for you) and (shed for you for the forgiveness of sins) when accompanied by the physical eating and drinking, are the essential thing in the sacrament, and whoever believes these very words has what they declare and state, namely, 'forgiveness of sins, new life, and salvation.'"* Jesus Christ humbles himself to become fully present in his real body and blood, given to each of us, and all of us together. This Meal is for you. All are welcome here! Come up the center aisle to the Pastor or Assisting Minister and receive the bread into your open, flat palm/ hand, go left or right and receive/or take the cup of wine/juice from the server at Table. If you cannot receive, please do come up (with arms crossed) to receive a blessing.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Easter Greeting & Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

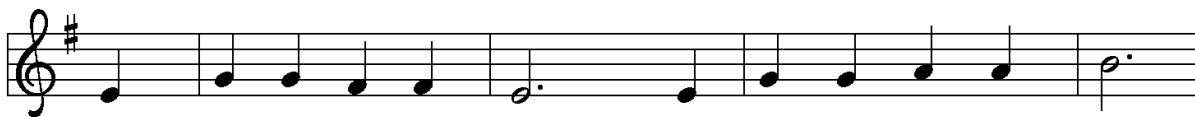
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

## Kyrie

Setting 10



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Confession of Sin & Forgiveness

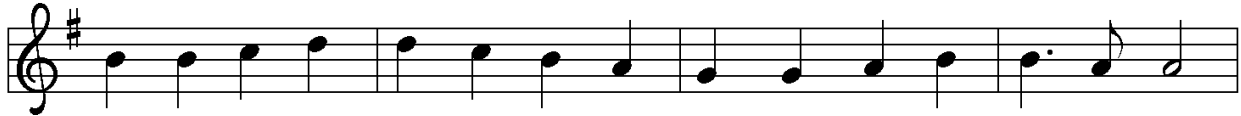
(ACS Liturgy 11)

To you, O God, . . .

**all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

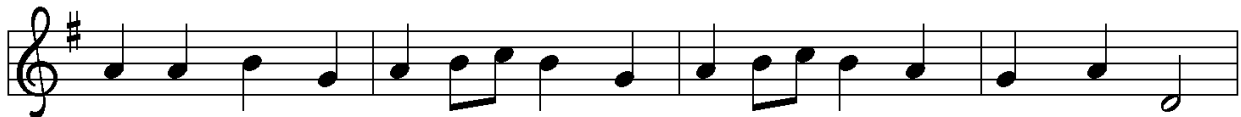
By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and love strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion and gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all: **and also with you!**

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.**

## WORD

*(In our Sunday Readings during the 7-week Easter Season, and post-Easter . . . except for April 19 (Luke 24) we will hear John's Gospel's "pre-Easter" stories each weekend (instead of Matthew's in this Year A). We will hear Peter's New Testament Letters almost continuously. Sermons "in series" may "work" Peter's texts. Homily departures will certainly focus on the Gospels. The New Testament Book of Acts replaces the Old Testament scriptures each week as we overhear Peter's long sermon message at Pentecost about Jesus' resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit. These weekly scriptures, set next to the Lord's Supper, help us encounter the Risen Jesus. For every Sunday in Easter is a little Easter.)*

### First Reading

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 (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> 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. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

**for you are my crag and my stronghold;**

**for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.**

<sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,

**for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit,

**for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.**

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;

**save me in your steadfast love."**

## Epistle Reading

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.*

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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."*

<sup>7</sup> 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,"*

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.*

<sup>10</sup> 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Setting 10



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **Holy Gospel**

John 14:1-14

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

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

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

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

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

**All God’s Children Message**

Pastor Ben Larzelere

**Sermon**

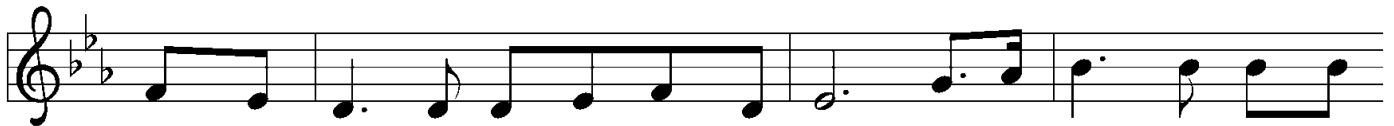
Pastor Ben Larzelere



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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## **Profession of Faith (the baptismal Apostles' Creed)**

Together in trust and hope, let us confess our Faith.

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. Response after each petition: Merciful God, **receive our prayer**. Response after the final petition: **Amen**.

## **Peace & Offerings Received**

God has reconciled us to the Father's heart of love through the blood of Jesus' Cross. Let us therefore be reconciled with each other and share in the Peace that Jesus offers us.

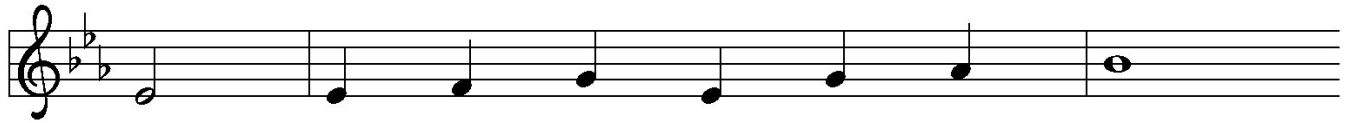
The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We are invited to give joyfully our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission to and through the Church. Place your offerings in the basket in the aisle. You may also send gifts directly to **St. Luke** via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>. You are also invited to give, in addition, to our May Bucket of Change recipient and its ministry. The Bucket of Change recipient for **May** is **The Storehouse New Mexico**, which is one of New Mexico's largest food pantries. Its mission: fight hunger in our community by offering **FREE** groceries to people in need. New Mexico ranks among the worst in the nation for hunger, for both children and adults.*

Offertory Hymn (8:15 AM) ELW 367, vs 1, 4

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Offertory Anthem (10:30)

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation  
In Latin, by Henry Purcell (1659-95);  
Translated by J. M. Neale, et al; Fanfare & arrangement by John Rutter  
*St. Luke Sanctuary Choir*

Christ is made the sure Foundation,  
Christ the Head and Cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Sion's help forever,  
And her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving kindness  
Hear thy servants as they pray.  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls away.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
Praise and honour to the Son,  
Praise and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three, and ever One,  
Consubstantial, coeternal,  
While unending, unending,  
unending ages run.  
Amen.

All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
Pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Thee adoring  
In glad hymns eternally.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
What they ask of thee to gain,  
What they gain from thee forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And here after in thy glory  
Evermore with thee to reign.

## Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labors, gathered here to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more and death is swallowed up forever. Nourish us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our lives and bless the world that you so love. We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

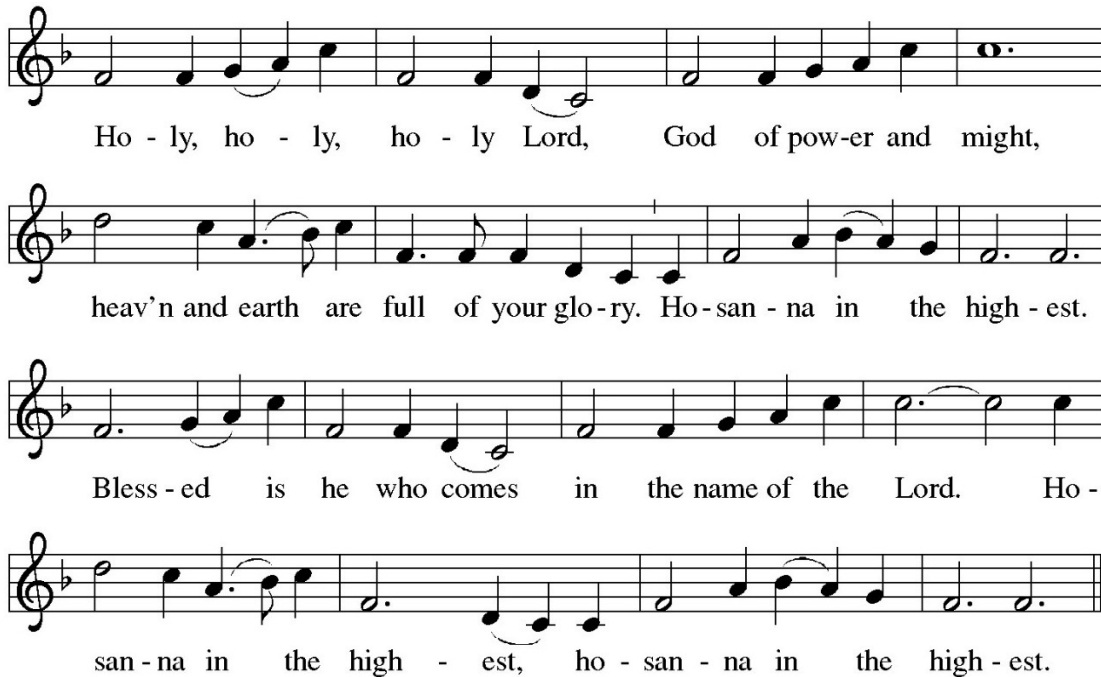
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, 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 his dying has destroyed death, and in his 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:

# Sanctus

Setting 10



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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.

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
whom you sent in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

Hippolytus, 210 AD

He is your Word,  
inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things,  
and in him you take delight.

He is your Word,  
sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot  
and was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will  
and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands in suffering  
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death,  
to break the bonds of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot,  
to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant,  
and to show forth the resurrection,

*taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This is my blood poured out for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup before you,  
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.  
And we ask you:  
send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may ever praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor are yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

## **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**The Distribution of Communion**



You are invited to move up the center aisle and receive bread (gluten-free bread is also available) from the pastor or assistant. Go left or right. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray held by the assistant. After receiving it, please walk back by the side aisle where you can place your empty disposable cup in the basket. All are welcome. If you desire only a blessing, please do come and stand before the Pastor or minister with crossed arms to receive a blessing

prayer and sign of the Cross.

*The body of Christ, given for you;  
 the blood of Christ, shed for you.*

**Prayer after Communion**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

**Benediction**

God Almighty, our Creator, who is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega Lord Jesus the Christ, the firstborn of the dead, ✚ the Risen Son of Glory and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Defender, Guide, and our Peace, bless you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn ELW 781**

Children of the Heavenly Father  
Swedish folk tune: "Tryggare kan ingen vara"



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune  
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**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Let us give praise to the Lord! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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**Scripture Readings for Easter 6, May 10**  
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Participating in Today's Worship  
Preacher and Presider: The Rev. Ben Larzelere  
Pianist: Danielle Cordova  
Sacristy Care: Steve & DeAnn Eaton Azar  
Nursery Care: Taylor Hollowwa

8:15 AM

Reader: Rebecca Weatherford  
Sound: Andy Hochstein  
Ushers: Cindy Callisto, Deanna Vendel

10:30 AM

Reader: Mary Voelz  
Vocalists: St. Luke Sanctuary Choir  
Sound: Maribel Alvarez  
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Sacristy Candle for May: D'Ann Anderson, in loving memory of Les Anderson

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## Our Prayers and Intercessions

*On the day I called you, O Lord, answered me; my strength of soul you increased. – Psalm 138:3*

**With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.**

### **For the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel -**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? - Psalm 27:1*

† Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, Synod Bishop Meghan Aelabouni and the work of the Rocky Mountain Synod and its ministries

† Navajo Lutheran Mission at Rock Point, AZ, with the restructuring of its Board and staff to make the Mission better in contributing to the overall wellness of the neighbors it serves; Luther House UNM & CNM Campus

† ELCA Missionary Carolyn Schneider serving in Guyana, her students, the churches she visits as a supply preacher, the teens she ministers to at King of Glory church: Emily, Ashton, and Ethan, who would clean the church and setup for worship, whether the adults come to worship or not

† ELC in Jordan and the Holy Land and its ministries; and for her bishops and clergy seeking peace together with the Rabbis of Israel

† For Bible translations to reach minority communities in the Middle East/North Africa region, for hearts to accept Jesus, and wisdom & discernment for the translators (Mission Network News, April 2026)

**For peace and justice in all the nations; for communities; for those in authority -***For he (the Lord) will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. - Psalm 27:5*

† Replace fear, anger and self-interest with trust in the Lord, love and grace.

† *Bucket of Change recipient for May: The Storehouse New Mexico*

† Turning back to Jesus, our Lord, healing for our country, preservation of families, Godly direction and leadership models for our youth, God's peace and unity for his people

### **For the sick, hospitalized, or recovering -**

*Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! - Psalm 27:7*

† *Pastor Janet Morse, Mike, Mary Ann, Carrie, Renee, Leya (toddler), Terry Shirrod, Stephenson's Lodge brother's wife, Frank Johnson, Lindsey, Julie, Wallace, Terry, Diane, Bonnie, & Marjorie Kendrick; Sam, Noel, Larry, Sally Meeks, Myra Lynch, Don Edwards, Steve, Dan Syroid, Jean Klinke, Lola, Andy H., Aleta, Bonnie*

Paine, John English, Renae Brauer, Callie Coughenour, Kurt Coughenour

† In hospice care: Verne

### **For all with special concerns, and who suffer in body, mind, or spirit -**

*Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! - Psalm 27:14*

† *Vera Mae, Stephen & Samantha Steffoin, Max & Linda Steffoin, and Leah Coughenour; Vera Mae; Betty Ann; Michael & wife Dasha; Pamela, Sonny Traeger, Paul & wife Bonnie, Burke family, Julie, Jerry, Pamela, and Erica; Rogene & Peter*

† Persecuted church, children, and elderly in the midst of conflicts in the Middle East.

† We pray for the Afghan family that St. Luke sponsored, that the father's work permit be restored so that they can support themselves and live productive lives in Albuquerque

† Aging parents and their caregivers

† Those who are grieving the loss of their loved ones: Family of Dave Dehart; Family of Don Lange (Curtis Lange & Heidi Lange) as they prepare for Don's graveyard service at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque on Saturday, May 23, at 10:30 AM

† Those who are homebound in our church family: Polly Brodbeck, Melda Burns, Leah Coughenour, Dorela Cole, Karin Duda, Kay Dunbar, Lucille Few, Lorna Hill, Fern Knudsen, Marie Lenard, Marv Plugge, Loretta Roe, Liz Wills

### **For the congregation and for special concerns -**

*Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. - Psalm 27:11*

† *The pastor our heavenly Father will send to our congregation, who, with much love for our Lord and his word, will shepherd St Luke church family*

† Interim Pastor Brad and ministry/committee leaders, and staff

† Church Council and Call Committee

† St. Luke Preschool and children & their families

**Into your mercy, Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting always in your mercy and love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please submit your prayer requests to PrayerChain@StLukeABQ.org or contact the church office. In the absence of any updates, names will remain on the prayer list for a month.*