

Light of Christ Lutheran Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Church Office ~ (949) 786-3326

May 7, 2023

Worship Times: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
18182 Culver Dr. Irvine, CA 92612

Worship Christ

Grow with Others

Serve Christ



**We are thankful to God that you are here to worship with us this morning. Your presence with us is a gift from the Lord!
May He bless our worship.**

CHURCH FOR THE YOUNG CHILD

We rejoice in Christ's invitation: "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not." Our goal is to help parents teach their children how to sit and worship with their family. Infants and young children are always welcome in our worship service, and their occasional unexpected voices simply add "happy sounds" to our praise of God. If a child is making enough noise to interfere with other people's worship, we ask that you walk them out of the main sanctuary, wait for them to quiet down and then return to the sanctuary with them. It is important to show kids that making noise doesn't get them out of church. You may feel awkward leaving a couple of times during the service, but we understand. You may find it helpful to sit in the back, near the doors to make the process a little easier.

Announcements

Stand

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Invocation

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

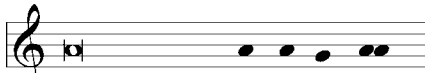
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



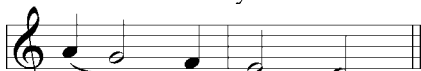
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

This is the Feast

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

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

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray, O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 5:1-9

¹Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’”
²But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”
³Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”
⁴But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens.”
⁵And Pharaoh said, “Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens!”
⁶The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen,
⁷“You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves.”
⁸But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’
⁹Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Exodus 5:15-23

¹⁵Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, “Why do you treat your servants like this?”
¹⁶No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ And behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people.”
¹⁷But he said, “You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.’”
¹⁸Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks.”
¹⁹The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in trouble when they said, “You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day.”
²⁰They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh;
²¹and they said to them, “The LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

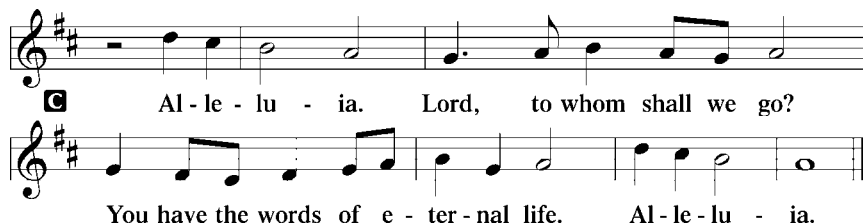
²²Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, “O LORD, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me?”
²³For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

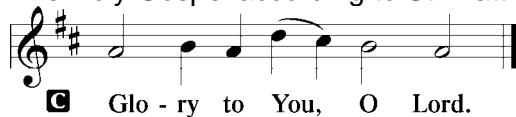


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:1-7

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?"

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

Prayer of the Church

Battling Cancer

Ted Paulet (*friend of Barbara Manske*)
Sara Gschwendtner (*niece of Gale Paul*)
Carl Schubert
Lee DeLeary (*brother of Eric Peters*)
Sophie Szilagyi (*neighbor of the Voelz*)
Tiara Bland (*friend of Pak Family*)
Kathy Durocher (*friend of Marilyn Schubert*)
Lisa Ciampa (*friend of Tom and Helga Butz*)
Mark Haunschild (*cousin of Jan Massmann*)
Claire Fu (*preschool family*)
Fred Martinez (*friend of Julie Giron*)
Al Nelson
Cheryl Adamec (*gr-mother of Margo Adamec*)
Kim Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)

Lori Stewart (*friend of Julie Voelz*)
Marla Lichtsinn (*friend of Tom Butz*)
Paul Massmann
Don Bayley (*friend of the Voelz/Schuberts*)
Robert Lingenfelter
Ken Howe (*neighbor of Sciarani's*)
Jerry Rose (*friend of Julie Giron*)
Brandon Gekeian (*relative of Irene Iverson*)
Marlayne Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)
Michael Held (*father of Jeff Held*)
Bart Jessen (*uncle of Barb Pak*)
Helen Edler (*mother of Lauren Couch*)
David Ambler (*brother of Jan Massmann*)

Strength and Healing

George Beaty (*cousin of Marlene Eich*)
Arlene Tom (*mother of J Tom*)
Noel Hill (*preschool family*)
Ted Pawloski (*preschool family*)
Jane Kum (*gr-mother of Jeremy Tom*)
Simon Rosenau (*gr-nephew of G Rosenau*)
May Fynaardt (*wife of Nathan Fynaardt*)
Alma Rich (*mother of Leigh Ann Unger*)
Shirley Vogel
Marilyn Schubert
Eva Albes (*preschool family*)
Shadman Shaker (*son of Niloo Rad*)
Deborah Floor (*sister of Pastor Rosenau*)
Andria Butz
Galina Chtcherbak (*mother of Oksana Hack*)
Judy Rainey (*sister of Nancy Shurtleff*)
Monique Giron (*sister-in-law of the Giron Family*)
Dimaris Diaz (*friend of Kirk Butz*)

Kris Cosain (*cousin of Marco Adame*)
Janet Brewer (*friend of Paul Massmann*)
Dan Armstrong (*friend of Marlene Eich*)
Eli Lee (*friend of Siekmann family*)
Nancy Nash (*mother of Julie Giron*)
Mario Gonzales (*uncle of Jose Lizarraga*)
Dorothy Schmidt (*mother of Debbie Wienert*)
Ed Wathen (*family friend of Girons*)
Ellen Waterstadt (*family of Paul Massmann*)
Jerry Wednt (*friend of Tom Butz*)
Pastor Graeme Rosenau
Ruth Rosenau
Mark Shurtleff
Michael Beltran (*family friend of Adames*)
Melissa Thomure (*sister of Andria Butz*)
Jane Johnson (*sister of Ruth Rosenau*)
Jeff Pierini (*cousin of Kandie Schmehr*)
Linda Condon (*co-worker of Julie Giron*)

Military

Mateo Casas (*cousin of Steve Giron*)
Michael Lamb (*cousin of Eric Peters*)
Alexandra Crosswait (*family of Rosenaus*)
Gregory Spaulding (*nephew of Stellings*)

Matt Grobelch (*cousin of Michael Grobelch*)
Rob Bryant (*Preschool Family*)
Jason Lizarraga (*brother of Jose Lizarraga*)

Grieving

Friends and Family of Penelope DeLong
Friends and Family of Dick Roche (*grandfather of Jolie Roche*)

Persecuted Church

All those suffering persecutions for their faith in Jesus Christ

Mental Health

All those struggling with mental health issues

Mission Field

Light of Christ Preschool Ministry and Missionary-Teachers

Relief and Mission Organizations We Support

Lutheran World Relief; O.C. Rescue Mission; Jesus Love Lutheran Church; Pacific Southwest District; Kobon Ministry; Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army

Stand

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

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

People: Amen.

Godspeed to Organist Josh Jacobsen

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

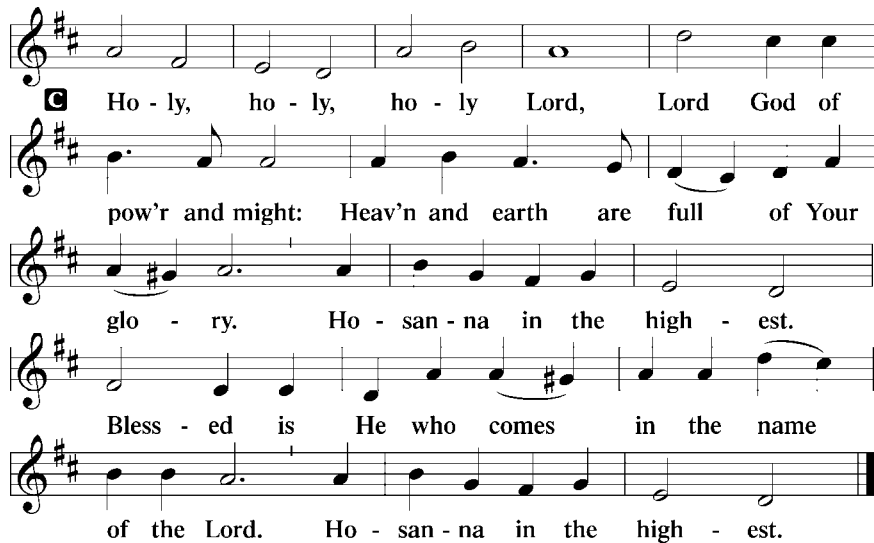
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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

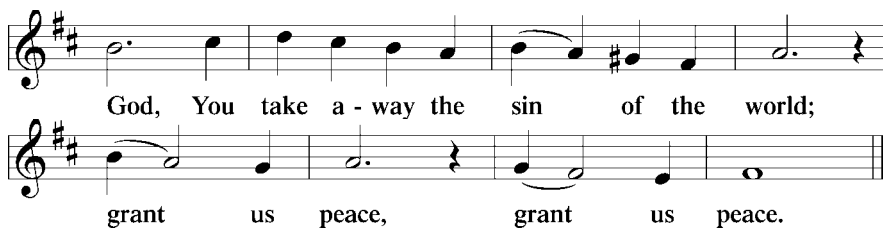
Pax Domini

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Agnus Dei



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.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Distribution Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my
I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Post-Communion Collect

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **And His mercy endures forever.**

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love towards one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen

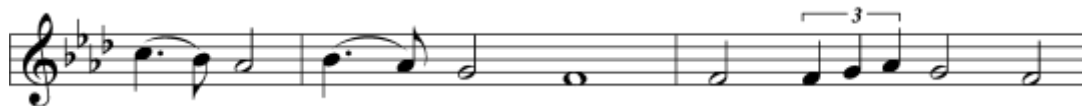
Closing Song

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



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



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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The Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Weekly Announcements

Council Meeting May 9th at 6:00pm

Building Team Meeting May 9th at 7:15pm

Elders Meeting May 16th at 6:30pm

Building campaign Kickoff meeting: Today, 11:45am.

We will have our first building campaign kickoff meeting on May 7. We will review the plans we submitted to the city, answer questions you may have, talk about our goals with the new buildings and talk finances of the project. In addition, we will talk about the financial cost of what we are looking at doing. The meeting will last approximately one hour, and lunch will be provided. Our Smoke Team will be heading up the meal! So, join us for this exciting chapter in the life of the congregation.

Set Up Help Needed

Help is requested with some minor set up for the lunch on May 7th. Please meet Julie Giron in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. if you do not attend the second service. We will be laying out table clothes and some decor for the luncheon. No heavy lifting!

2023-2024 Council Positions

We have some openings on our Church Council for 2023-2024. We have openings for two at-large spots and a secretary. Meetings are mostly business related. We deal with budget items, repair items and get updates on how the various ministries are doing. Meetings are typically on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Meetings usually are done in an hour. We meet about 10 months of the year. This is an important role for the life of the congregation. These positions are for members only. If you would be interested in helping in one of these roles, or you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Jim.

Music Staff Updates and Changes

We have been blessed to have Josh Jacobson as our organist for the past couple of years. He came in at a difficult time and was a blessing to Light of Christ. Josh is ready for the next chapter of his life and May 7 will be his last Sunday with us.

Chris Hauser will be our new organist. We all know and love him and are excited about this new chapter for us as well. Ben Johnson will take over the second service music. Ben has been with us a few years now and has been Chris' fill in.

Sophia Flores will also be back as choir director next year. We have also been blessed by her ministry and we are excited for her to continue next year. Linda Sims has been leading our Bell Choir and she will also be back next year. We are blessed to have her continue with us too!

Sermon Series: Exodus

We will be working through most of the book of Exodus between Easter and summer (April 16-July 2). It is a great book and a lot of foundational theology that will carry through all of scripture and through today. Our daily readings will cover Exodus for part of this series. Read up on Exodus as we learn about God's plan of deliverance- for them and for us.

Vocational Identity - New Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Study

"Who are you?" Has that question ever been asked of you before? If so, what is your typical response? How does your response reflect what you think of yourself and your identity? For the next two Sundays we are going to be exploring the "Who am I?" question in light of what God has to say about you. Come and engage in conversation around this topic and explore the difference between a performance based identity and one that is based in freedom. We will be meeting in the upper room.

Men's Kegger Bible study:

We will meet for four weeks- May 10, 17, 24 and 31. We meet at 6pm and finish at 7:30pm. We have hotdogs, chips, beer and coke. If you want something else- different drink, desserts, etc., bring your own. If you have never been to a kegger you are missing out! It is a relaxing and casual time. If you can show up at 5:15 or so to help set up that would be great!

Men's Retreat:

We will have our summer retreat August 4-6. We will be going down to Palm Dessert. The best part of the trip is the food. We usually eat at a couple of 'Diner, Drive ins and Dive' places. There will be golf on Saturday and/or Sunday for those who are interested. If you want to hang out at a pool all weekend, you can do that. Basically, the mornings and afternoons are yours to do what you want. We will have a bible study in the evenings. We try to keep the costs down. It will be about \$100 for the condo for the weekend. And yes, it will be hot.

Reading the Bible in a year.

Do you want to read the bible in less than a year? If you read four chapters a day, you will finish the bible in about 10 months. The readings will take between 25-30 minutes. You can read two chapters in the morning and two at night or two in the morning, one in the afternoon and one at night? Add your five minutes of prayer and you will be good to go. THIS CHALLENGE IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! Maybe now is not the time. You can build up to it. Try reading at least two chapters a day and you will be developing the discipline to get to this project. There is a reading guide to help you with this reading project. I recommend a Psalm a day and three chapters starting with Genesis 1. When you complete the book of Psalms, read one chapter from Proverbs and three chapters of where you are at the time. Don't be afraid to try this one. It is hard but it is doable. Look for the yellow card stock sheet on the counter as you enter the sanctuary.

Thank you for your Navajo Mission Trip Donations!

I (Pastor Jonathan) wanted to say thank you to everyone who has generously given to help my students for the Navajo trip. Each student needs to fund raise for the trip, and your donations help with keeping the cost down regarding what they have to raise. The money that we raise goes towards our van rentals, fuel, food, and supplies for our children's ministry events. If you are still interested in giving funds we could use a little extra to help with the purchasing of food during our training week prior to our leaving. Our training week is happening on campus the week after graduation (May 8-14). Any amount is appreciated. If you'd like to write a check please write it to Concordia University and in the memo line put "Navajo Mission Trip." I would need to receive those funds no later than April 30 in order to get them deposited in the university account for me to use. Again, thank you for your generosity and your prayers.

Online Giving

Back in August, we started using a new online giving company. The new company is called Rebel Give and replaces Tith.ly. If you have automatic payments scheduled with the old company, you can stop those and use the new company. The reason for the switch is to save on the fees being charged. This new company has lower fees and will benefit the ministry with this change.

LOC Ministry Update

Encouraging members to be doing the things that lead to Spiritual growth: Hear the Gospel and read God's Word and pray daily.

May Reading Plan



Growth Groups

2023

				Tuesday	May 16	Exodus 16
Monday	May 1	Exodus 1		Wednesday	May 17	Exodus 17
Tuesday	May 2	Exodus 2		Thursday	May 18	Exodus 18
Wednesday	May 3	Exodus 3		Friday	May 19	Exodus 19
Thursday	May 4	Exodus 4		Saturday	May 20	Exodus 20
Friday	May 5	Exodus 5		Sunday	May 21	Exodus 21
Saturday	May 6	Exodus 6		Monday	May 22	Exodus 22
Sunday	May 7	Exodus 7		Tuesday	May 23	Exodus 23
Monday	May 8	Exodus 8		Wednesday	May 24	Exodus 24
Tuesday	May 9	Exodus 9		Thursday	May 25	Exodus 25
Wednesday	May 10	Exodus 10		Friday	May 26	Exodus 26
Thursday	May 11	Exodus 11		Saturday	May 27	Exodus 27
Friday	May 12	Exodus 12		Sunday	May 28	Exodus 28
Saturday	May 13	Exodus 13		Monday	May 29	Exodus 29
Sunday	May 14	Exodus 14		Tuesday	May 30	Exodus 30
Monday	May 15	Exodus 15		Wednesday	May 31	Exodus 31

Sunday Youth Announcements

Spring Sunday School

Preschool-5th grade meets on Preschool Playground

6th-8th grade meets in the Room next to the Kitchen with Autumn & Charles

9th-12th grade meets in the Fellowship Hall with Carrie & Hannah

College Study meets on the picnic tables

High School Spring Sunday School

Today a new study starts called The Lineage of Jesus. *Today we discuss Noah.* Can't wait to see you there!

Summer High School Youth Group is now on SUNDAY nights from 6-8 pm. Starting June 4th!!!

Middle School Spring Sunday School

Today a new study starts called The Life of David. *Today we discuss David and Goliath.*

Summer Middle School Youth Group is now on WEDNESDAY nights from 6:30-8 pm. Starting June 7th!!!

Summer Serve Trip to Nevada

Our Middle and High School youth are heading to the desert to Serve God in amazing ways. We will travel to Christ Lutheran Church in Boulder City, NV to lead Vacation Bible School. CLC is an older church and they do not have the "man-power" to run VBS. Our youth will serve each day to reach their community. Each day we will also do a fun activity like kayaking in Lake Mead, bowling, and touring Hoover Dam. Dates are June 25-30, 2023 and the cost is \$200 per person.

-Planning Meeting on May 21st from 4-6 pm at the Fellowship Hall

CollegeLampLight Bible Study

Meets every 2nd & 4th Saturday in our Fellowship Hall.

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