

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 3 May 2026
+ Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One, who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn # 645 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

Apostolic Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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 teachings, 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.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Acts 7:55-60

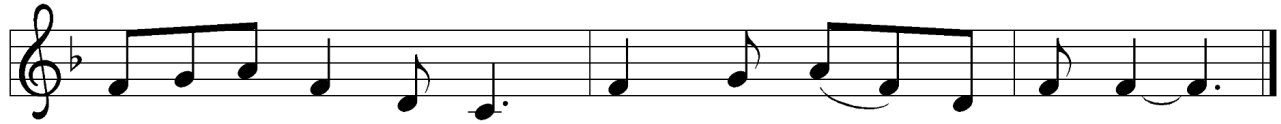
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son-of-Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged Stephen 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Sung Congregational Refrain



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.

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.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength. ***Refrain***

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who
persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.” ***Refrain***

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

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 the Lord, 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 it will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, it is precious; 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 race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into the marvelous light of God.

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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel John 14:1-14

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 14th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “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 Jesus, “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 and have seen my Father.”

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 it is the Father who dwells in me who does these works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #796

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Prayers and Peace

P:Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

From your place in the congregation, feel free to share a sign of peace with other members of the assembly.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Prayer

Please stand

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

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:

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.

Eucharistic Liturgy

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.

Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.

Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.

In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.

Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.

Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

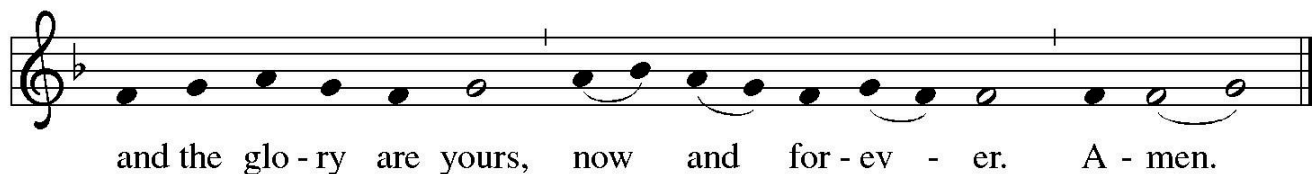
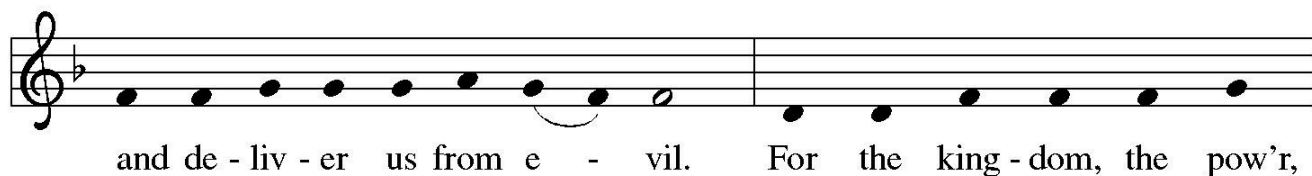
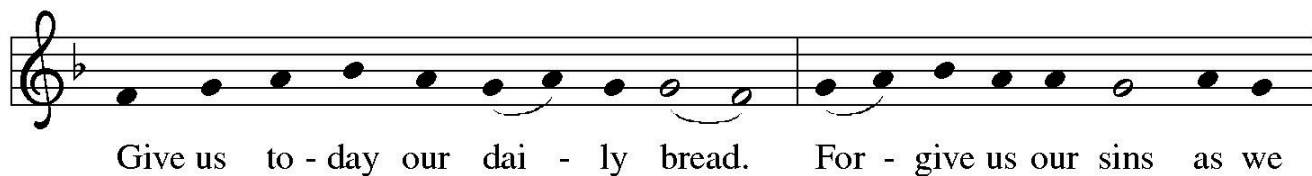
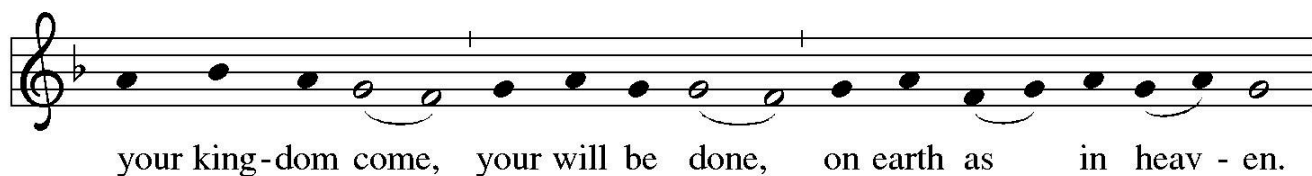
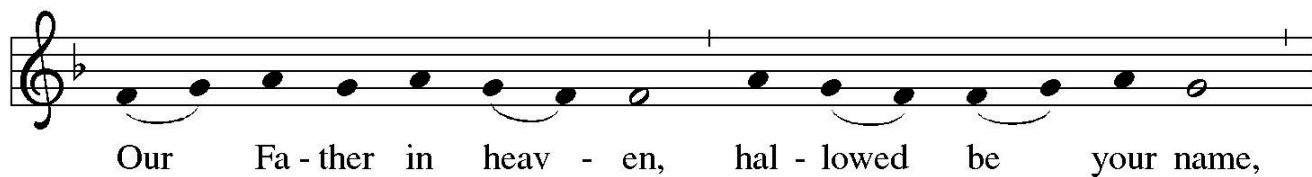
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and Amen.

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Lord's Prayer



Distribution of Holy Communion

You may be seated

Please proceed up the center aisle to pick up a piece of bread from the Presiding minister and a glass of either wine or grape juice from the assisting minister.

There will be a basket off to the side where you can dispose of your used cup. The communion bread is all gluten free, but does contain honey. All are welcome to receive from Christ's table.

You may also come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn #493

Taste and See

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Lord; for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*

2 Glo-ri-fy the Lord with me. To-gether let us

all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an-swered

me; from all my trou-bles I was set free. *Refrain*

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for

noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is

good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34
Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.
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Communion Hymn ACS #979

Making Their Way

1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,

Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,

the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003

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Post-communion Prayer

P: 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,
C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn #367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "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!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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Postlude

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Judy Brennan

Pastor Sara Funkhouser

Chrissie Goldstein

Julie Moe

Carolyn Boswell & Lynne Greenup

Allene Steinberg (1st)

Kerry Keyes (2nd)

Mary Hinderliter

Christine Lawson

Preacher

Presider

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Broadview Transport

Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Acts 17:22-31*

Psalm: *Psalms 66:8-20*

Second Reading: *1 Peter 3:13-22*

Gospel: *John 14:15-21*

Announcements:

Potluck and Board Games: We're going to have one more Potluck and Board Game time before taking a break for the summer, so you're invited to join us for a time of food, fellowship, and fun next Sunday, May 10th, after worship!

Art Exhibition: Lynne Greenup and Leia Smith are inviting you to view their current photo exhibit at La Copa Cafe on 2410 NW 80th St (near Larsen's Bakery). Their artwork will be on display until May 31. We hope you can stop by!

May Grief Group: Our grief group will be gathering during the following times in May. As always, if you are interested in the grief group, but are unable to attend any of these sessions, please talk to Pastor Sara.

- Thursday, May 7th at 2:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, May 19th at 11:00 A.M.
- Saturday, May 23rd at 11:00 A.M. on Zoom



NWWA Synod Gathering: Every 3 years, the Northwest Washington Synod has a gathering instead of a formal assembly. This year is a gathering year, and folks are invited to join together around the theme of **Life in God's Garden: Seeds of Generosity** at Trinity Lutheran in Lynnwood on Saturday, May 30th from 9a-5p. ***"This is generosity rooted in God's***

abundant love for God's creation. Generosity of time, space, talents, money - and generosity of our hearts." If you are interested, please use the link to look at the different workshop options, as well as lunch options. Pastor Sara will register everyone, so please do not register yourself, but she will need to know which workshops you would like to attend and what you would like to eat. Talk to her if you have any questions, but we hope you will consider joining her there! [Synod Gathering Northwest Washington Synod](#). She will be registering the group on Thursday, May 7th, so please email her by then if you would like to attend.

May Food Pantry Theme: Sandwiches (Continued)!

Thank you for all of your support of our Little Free Pantry! One of the biggest things that people who use our pantry are asking for right now are items to make sandwiches, please consider donating any of the following:

- Mayo
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Tuna
- Canned lunch meat or pouches
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Bread
- Soup
- Crackers
- Apples
- Oranges
- Carrots
- Avocados
- Anything else that you find which is a good buy!

Pride Parade: Are you interested in walking with Pastor Sara and other Loving Lutherans of the Northwest Washington Synod in the Seattle Pride Parade on Sunday, June 28th? If so, please let Pastor Sara know by May 16th so that she can get our group registered. She hopes you'll join her for this annual tradition!

Book Club: Our book club will be meeting again on Friday, May 15th, at 12:30 P.M. on Zoom. All are welcome to join us as we read and discuss the book, A Letter of Mary by Laurie R. King.

Upcoming Events

3	MAY, SUN	● 10:30 – 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary
		● 4 – 6pm	Skandia Society Rehearsal Celebration Hall
4	MAY, MON	● 6 – 9pm	NW Chorale Concert Rehearsal Sanctuary
		● 6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
5	MAY, TUE	● 1 – 3pm	Quilting Group - Elaine Celebration Hall
6	MAY, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Seekers Bible Study Library
		● 6:45 – 8:30pm	Nar-Anon 12-Step Group Library
7	MAY, THU	● 6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
8	MAY, FRI	● 12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom
		● 6 – 8pm	NAMI Library
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	NA Pink Progress Club Celebration Hall

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