

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Worship for Sunday, 10 May 2026
+ Sixth 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 ACS #1038 *God, We Gather As Your People*



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

First Reading Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, the one who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is God served by human hands, as though needing anything, since that very God gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. “From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for and find God—though indeed God is not far from each one of us. For ‘In God we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are the offspring of God.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now God commands all people everywhere to repent, because God has fixed a day on which to judge the world in righteousness by a man whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20

Sung Congregational Refrain



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.
Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip. ***Refrain***
For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—
those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. ***Refrain***
Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.
If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me. ***Refrain***

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

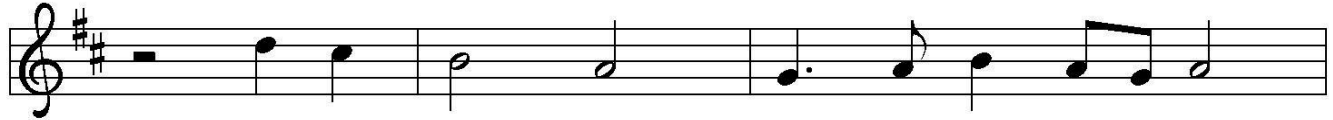
Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, who will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, whom the world neither sees nor knows. You know the Spirit, because the Spirit abides with you, and will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine.
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine.
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, law di - vine, reign with - in this soul of mine.

Voice of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it from its night.
 Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire, pu - ri - fy me with your fire.
 Bold - ly may I al - ways live, brave - ly serve, and glad - ly give.
 Be my law, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Louis Moreau Gottschalk was the first American musician to be acclaimed at home and abroad as a virtuoso pianist and gifted composer, often incorporating folk and popular tunes into his own concert music. Mercy was arranged from his piano composition, "The Last Hope."

Tune: MERCY 7.7.7.7.
 Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1867
 Arr. Edwin Parker, 1888

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

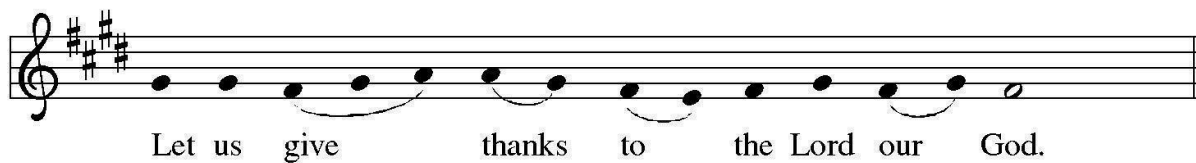
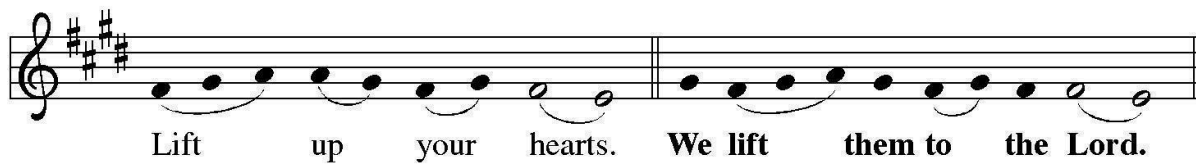
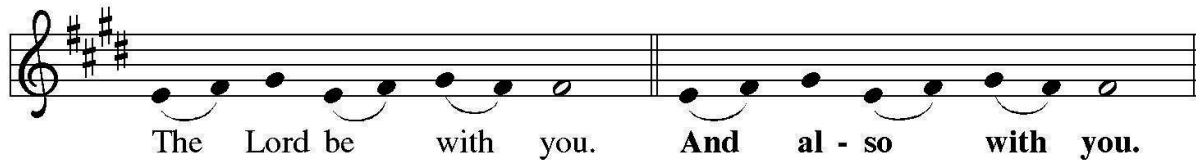
Offertory Prayer

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



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.
Amen, and Amen.

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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 #548

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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 Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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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.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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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 #449

We Know that Christ is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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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 Sara Funkhouser

Chrissie Goldstein

Leia Smith

Raj & Colleen Lingappaiah

Andrew Wesley (1st)

Donna Smith (2nd)

Mary Hinderliter

Christine Lawson

Preacher/Presider

Musician

Communion Assistant

Ushers

Lectors

Broadview Transport

Altar Care

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Acts 1:6-14*

Psalm: *Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35*

Second Reading: *1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11*

Gospel: *John 17:1-11*

Announcements:

Memory Garden Committee Meeting: If you serve on the Memory Garden Committee, there will be a meeting on Sunday, May 17th, 2026 right after worship to begin discussing plans for the Memorial Garden. Talk to Donna if you have any questions.

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 **today**, 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.

- Saturday, May 23rd at 11:00 A.M. on Zoom
- Tuesday, May 26th at 11:00 A.M. *Please note this is rescheduled from the 19th.

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 14th, 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.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! After talking about it for several years, we are finally planning a group outing to a Seattle Mariners game this summer! Pastor Sara is currently working on putting together some potential options for dates, but in order to do so, she needs an estimate on who would be interested in attending. Please fill out this form by Sunday, May 17th to help us gauge interest and begin putting together some options for dates and seating locations.

<https://forms.gle/74nRa1YPT2WiPqCK7>

Upcoming Events

10	MAY, SUN	● 10:30 – 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary
		● 4 – 6pm	Skandia Society Rehearsal Celebration Hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	NA Pink Progress Club Celebration Hall
11	MAY, MON	● 6:45 – 7:45pm	NA - Afterparty Group Celebration Hall
12	MAY, TUE	● 6:30 – 9pm	Seattle Photograph Society 1 Celebration Hall
13	MAY, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Seekers Bible Study Library
14	MAY, THU	● 6 – 9:30pm	Sound Harmony Sanctuary
		● 6:30 – 9pm	Broadview Garden Club - Katy Celebration Hall
15	MAY, FRI	● 12 – 1pm	Pause for Prayer Zoom
16	MAY, SAT	● 3 – 6pm	NW Chorale Concert Sanctuary
17	MAY, SUN	● 10:30 – 11:30am	In-Person & Live Stream Worship Sanctuary
		● 11:45am – 12:45pm	Committee for Memory Garden Meeting Celebration Hall
		● 4 – 6pm	Skandia Society Rehearsal Celebration Hall

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