

# Fifth Sunday of Easter



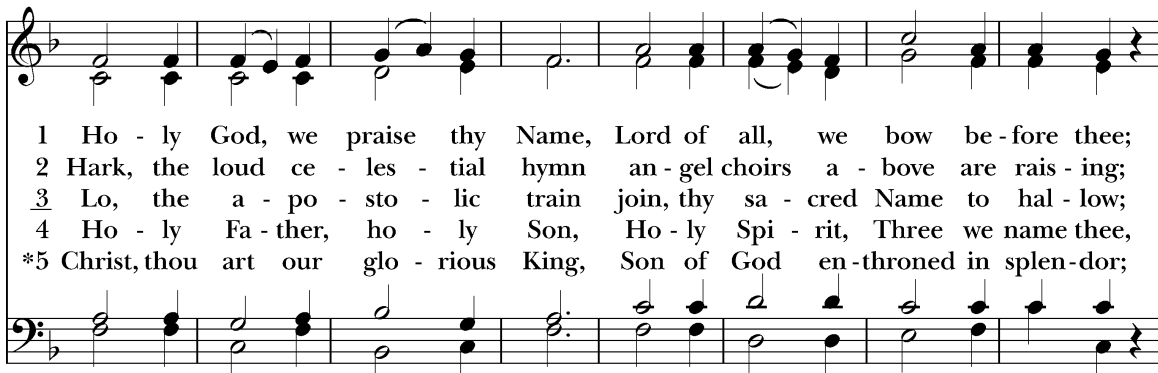
May 3, 2026  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak to the Lord;  
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;  
After the service, speak to one another.*

## Prelude

*The People stand as they are able.*

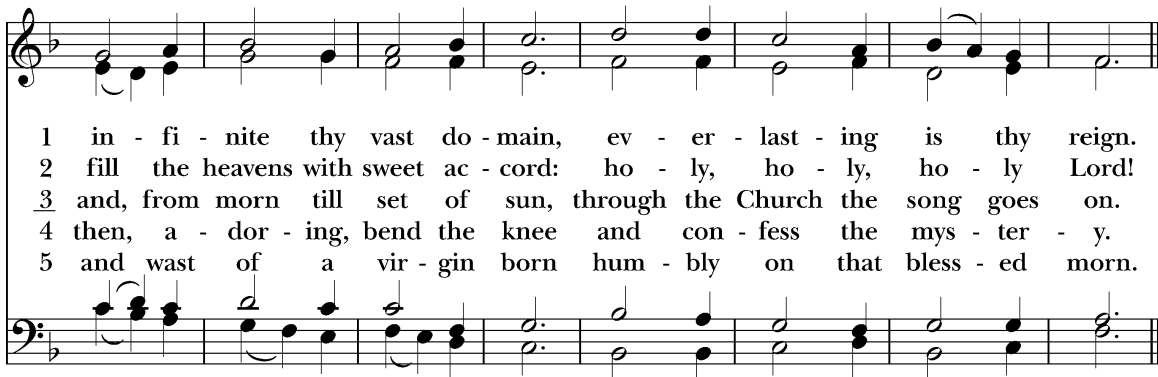
### Entrance Hymn H 366 "Holy God, we praise thy Name" (vs. 1, 2, & 6)



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,  
\*5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;  
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;  
5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.  
5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

6 Thou didst take the sting from death,  
    Son of God, as Savior given;  
on the cross thy dying breath  
    opened wide the realm of heaven.  
In the glory of that land  
thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.  
    Savior, who hast died to win us,  
help thy servants, drawing near.  
    Lord, renew our hearts within us.  
Grant that with thy saints we may  
dwell in everlasting day.

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## Opening Acclamation

*BCP p. 355*

*Cele.* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

*Cele.* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All say this Hymn of Praise (9 a.m.)*

*BCP p. 83*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
    therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
    but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

**Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
    death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
    but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
    and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
    the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \*  
    by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \*  
    so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

All sing this Hymn of Praise (11 a.m.)



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

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

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## The Collect of the Day

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*Cele.* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Cele.* Let us pray.

*Cele.* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson Acts 7:55-60

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 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. 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

### The Response Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

You have re - deemed me,

O LORD, O God of truth.

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- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

**Refrain**

- 3 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.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength. **Refrain**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me." **Refrain**

## **The Second Lesson**      1 Peter 2:2-10

*Lector* A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter

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 him, 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 him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he 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 him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn H 508 "Breathe on me Breath of God"

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

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*Silence is kept for reflection. Then, all stand as they are able for the proclaiming of the Gospel.*

### The Gospel John 14:1-14

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon* 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 him, "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 him and have seen him.” 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 the Father who dwells in me does his 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.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**            The Rev. Matthew Roney

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## **The 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

### The Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear us when we pray in the name of your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church and the world.

Father, enliven your Church for its mission,

**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Strengthen and accompany those who lead your people, including Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our assisting bishop; and the future Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes.

**Grant them grace, wisdom, and discernment.**

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom all those whose decisions affect the lives of others,

**that all may act with justice and mercy, integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Remembering especially **Angeline, Janice, Hazel, Sid, Ken, Marley, Julian, Tim, Joan, John, Reed, Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Lee, Ginny, Matthew, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Carol, George, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Amy, Chuck, Becky & Dante, Willow & Tato, Kim, Morgan, and Geoff.**

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Give comfort to those who mourn.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**May their example inspire and encourage us.**

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence:**

**your love in our hearts,**

**your truth in our minds,**

**your strength in our wills;**

**until, at the end of our journey,**

**we know the joy of our homecoming**

**and the welcome of your embrace,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Cele.* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **AMEN**

## **The Peace**

*Cele.* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another with a sign of peace. After the Peace, the People are seated for announcements and the offering.

## Announcements

### Offertory

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

### Doxology

*Unison*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
*Harmony*  
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-  
*Unison*  
lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise  
Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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Clergy and People (11 a.m.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

At 11 AM:



*Cele.* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Clergy*

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All present are invited forward. If you are not a baptized Christian or choose not to receive, please cross your arms in front of your chest and instead receive a blessing.*

*If you would like to learn more about receiving the sacrament of baptism, Fr. Matthew would be overjoyed to speak with you after the service.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

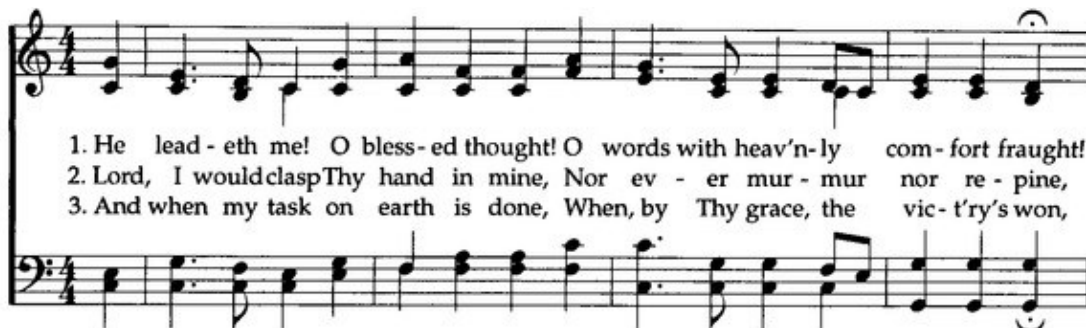
*Optional prayer for those who cannot receive due to absence, such as those worshipping at home*

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

The people may be seated.

## Hymns During Communion

Hymn "He leadeth me!"



1. He lead - eth me! O bless - ed thought! O words with heav'n - ly com - fort fraught!  
2. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine,  
3. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic - t'ry's won,

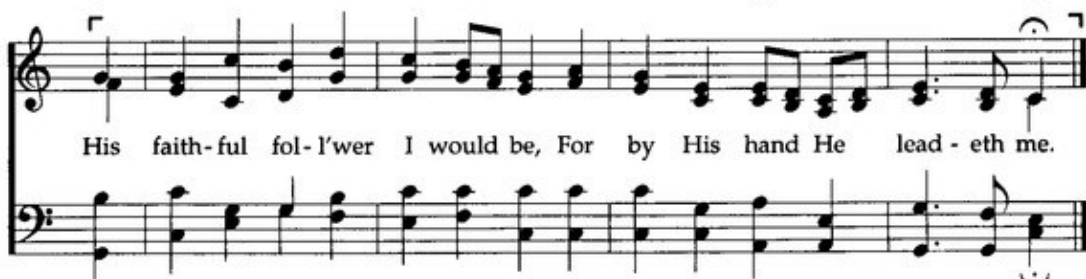


What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis Thy hand that lead - eth me.  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thro' Jor - dan lead - eth me.

*Refrain*



He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me; By His own hand He lead - eth me:



His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me.

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HE LEADETH ME  
L.M. with Refrain

# Hymn "He lives"

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1. I serve a ris-en Sav-iour, He's in the world to-day; I know that he is
2. In all the world a-round me I see his lov-ing care, And tho' my heart grows
3. Re-joice, re-joice, O Chris-tian, lift up your voice and sing E-ter-nal hal-le-



liv-ing, what-ev-er men may say; I see his hand of mer-cy, I  
wea-ry I nev-er will de-spair; I know that he is lead-ing, thru  
lu-jahs to Je-sus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek him, the



hear his voice of cheer, And just the time I need him he's al-ways near.  
all the storm-y blast, The day of his ap-pear-ing will come at last.  
Help of all who find, None oth-er is so lov-ing, so good and kind.

## REFRAIN



He lives, he lives, Christ Je-sus lives to-day! He walks with me and  
He lives, he lives,



talks with me a-long life's nar-row way. He lives, he lives, sal-  
He lives, he lives,



va-tion to im-part! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives with-in my heart.

## Hymn "To God be the glory"

To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the  
O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev - ery be -  
Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -  
world that he gave us his Son, who yiel - ded his life an a -  
lie - ver the pro - mise of God; the vil - est of - fen - der who  
joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pu - rer, and high - er, and  
tone-ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go  
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re -  
grea - ter will be our won - der, our tran - sport, when Je - sus we  
in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the  
ceives.  
see.  
Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thru  
Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!

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*The People stand as they are able.*

*All say this post-communion prayer*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

### Closing Hymn "Christ be my leader"

UNISON



1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,  
2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way. }  
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth. }  
death can - not hold me, for he is the Life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, }  
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, }  
dark - ness, nor doubt - ing, nor sin and its stain can

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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*The Deacon dismisses them with these or similar words.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

### **The Flowers On The Altar**

Given to the Glory of God  
and  
In Memory of Lew Kunze  
by  
Kathryn and Family

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**LARCC:** All who do tasks for the church at First Congregational UCC

**For Healing & Convalescing:** Angeline Collins, Janice LeMonds, Hazel Farnum, Sid Urbanowicz, Ken Hubbard, Marley Hamp, Julian Liske, Tim Fitzpatrick, Joan Campbell, John Precord, Reed Hamp, Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Matthew Van Zetten, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, George, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Amy, Chuck, Becky & Dante, Willow & Tato, Kim, Morgan and Geoff.

**Birthdays:** Patricia Harbson (28), Faith Cousins, Grace Cousins (29), Carole Cadarette (30), Susan Fitzpatrick (1)

**Military:** Ian Hamp, Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

**Cycles of Prayer:** The Bishop Wittemore Foundation, St. Matthew, Saginaw and Church of the Epiphany, South Haven; Anglican: the Church of Nigeria

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	9 & 11 AM 11 AM 4 PM	Holy Eucharist Children's Sunday School Sunday Supper
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:45 PM 5:30 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group Alpena Groove - Lower Level Tuesday Night Activities AA
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1 PM 7 PM	Holy Eucharist Bible Study AA
Thursday	9 AM  5 PM	Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time) Monthly Potluck
Friday	5:30 PM	AA
Saturday	10 AM 2:30 PM	Annual Spring Clean Up Diocesan Regional Confirmation Service/Trinity

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BUILDING RESTORATION AND REPAIR FUNDRAISING**

We're more than halfway to our \$200,000 goal for the repair of our beautiful 1883 building, and we need your help to get the rest of the way! Absolutely any amount is needed and deeply appreciated. We can only accomplish goals like this with the help of the whole community.

Our first priority is the loosening cornice and cracking limestone on the rectory side of the church, estimated at \$115,000, which is the issue with the greatest potential to become a safety risk. Once that is accomplished, we'll shift our focus to the leaks in the roofs.

This is only the first of our projects to restore our building. Once this goal is achieved, we will likely launch a larger capital campaign for other necessary work. These efforts are separate from annual pledging and regular gifts to the Trinity Church General Fund, so please prayerfully discern how you are called to support this much-needed work.

Gifts can be made through the church office or collection plate, annotated as "Restore and Repair work." They can also be made online at <https://bit.ly/trinity-restore>, or using this QR code.



### **DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION AT TRINITY**

Trinity will be hosting a Diocesan Confirmation service with Assisting Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple on Saturday, May 9. More information on help we will need coming soon.

### **MONTHLY POTLUCK**

Our monthly potluck will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to pass and come hungry.

### **ANNUAL SPRING YARD CLEAN UP**

Our annual spring yard clean up will be held on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m. Bring your rakes and shovels and let's make it an easy job. I expect we will be done around 1:00 or 1:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there.

## A SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENT IS COMING TO ALPENA!

First Congregational United Church of Christ in Alpena is thrilled to welcome internationally acclaimed composer and pianist Dr. Joseph Martin for a full day of music-making on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Dr. Martin—whose career includes multiple residencies at Carnegie Hall, performances at the Vatican, and the composition of more than 2,000 choral works—will lead an all-day choral workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Singers of all experience levels are invited to participate.



- Registration is required at [www.alpenachoirclinic.com](http://www.alpenachoirclinic.com)
- Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)
- Participants will rehearse 11 Joseph Martin pieces with the composer himself.

The day culminates in a free community concert at 7:00 p.m. at First Congregational UCC Alpena, located at 201 S. 2nd Ave. The performance will feature the workshop choir, solo selections by Dr. Martin, stories from his musical journey, and a variety of uplifting, joyful, and toe-tapping works.

“I am so excited for this concert! Joseph Martin is one of our absolute favorite composers, and after my very first meeting with him, I knew this was going to be something truly special. His music spans so many styles and genres, but one of our favorites is his modern gospel writing — toe-tapping, clapping, humming-along kind of music that’s deeply rooted in praise. And, his personality matches the music he writes. He is full of joy, and that joy shines through everything he creates. I’ve started calling this ‘The Joseph Martin Experience’ because that’s exactly what it is. This concert is going to be lively, refreshing, and full of heart. My hope is that everyone who walks through our doors leaves feeling lighter, encouraged, and a little more connected to the Spirit moving in and around us,” said Music Director Kat Tomaszewski.

### **Choral Workshop**

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. | Cost: \$10 (includes all music and lunch) Singers are invited to spend the day learning 11 Joseph Martin pieces directly from the composer. Registration is required.

### **Evening Concert (FREE and open to the public!)**

7:00 p.m. | First Congregational UCC Alpena (201 S. 2nd Ave) Featuring the workshop choir, solo works, stories, and more. Expect an evening filled with joy, laughter, and inspiring music. Help us pack the sanctuary for this extraordinary musical experience. Invite your friends and neighbors!

With questions, call First Congregational UCC at 989-356-1795 and leave a message for Kat.

## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

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### **Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday - 1pm to 5pm, Friday - 1pm to 3pm**

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! As part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, ours is a tradition both catholic and reformed—a *via media*, or "middle way," within the historic Christian faith.

Part of the Alpena community since 1864, our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a National Jubilee Center, we work to serve those in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome and wanted in this place. We are delighted that you are here, and hope that you will join us in prayer and fellowship.

## **Lay Leadership**

### **Vestry**

Sue Jackowiak, Co-Warden

Don Stockdale, Co-Warden

Sonya Titus, Clerk

Glenda Aasland • Rich Bates

Michelle Cornish • Ted Rockwell

Betty Westrope • Pam Woida

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