



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 6, 2023~ 5:00 pm Sunday, May 7, 2023 ~ 9:00 am

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

PRELUDE (9:00 am)

"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"

Resounding Joy

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (9:00 am)

"Grand Chorus"

Resounding Joy

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

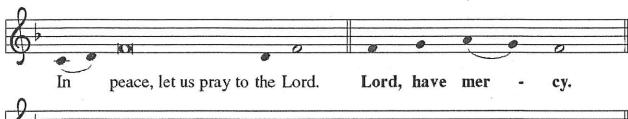
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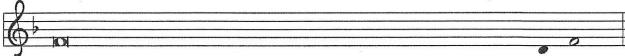
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

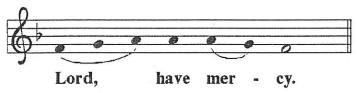
And also with you.

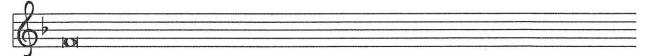
KYRIE





For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

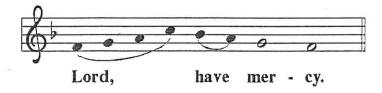


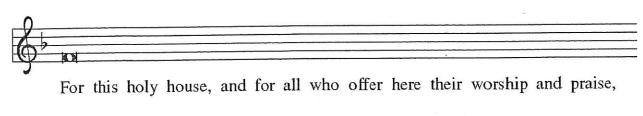


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

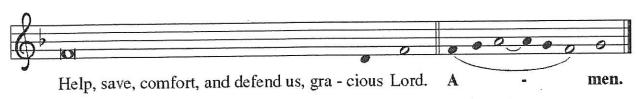


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

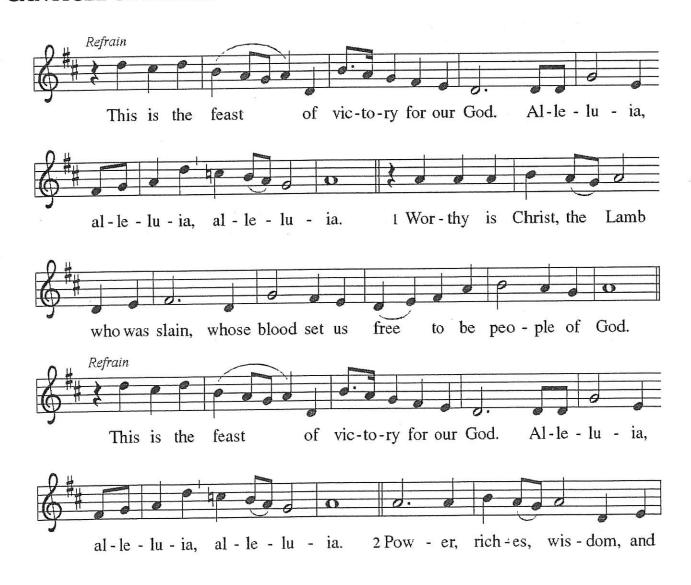








CANTICLE OF PRAISE







PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM (9:00 am)

"All to Us"

People of Praise

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

A reading from Acts.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then 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. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

³Be 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.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,

for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

15My times are in your hand;

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

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from First Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow

into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like 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. ⁶For 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."

⁷To 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,"

⁸and

"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.

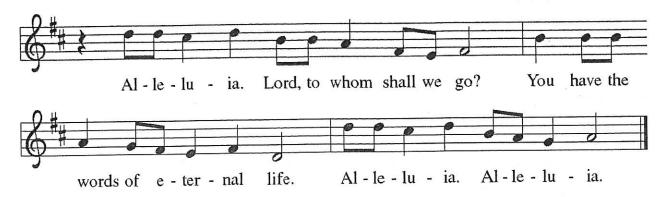
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

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

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus 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'? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe 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. ¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

SERMON

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.

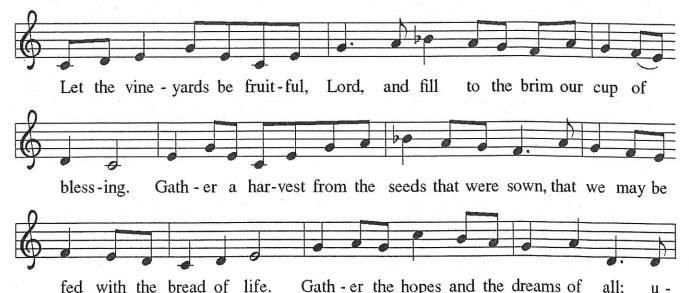
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of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

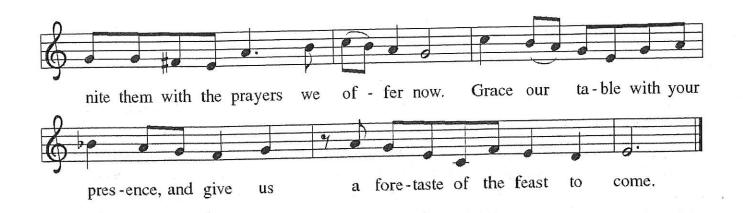
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG





OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

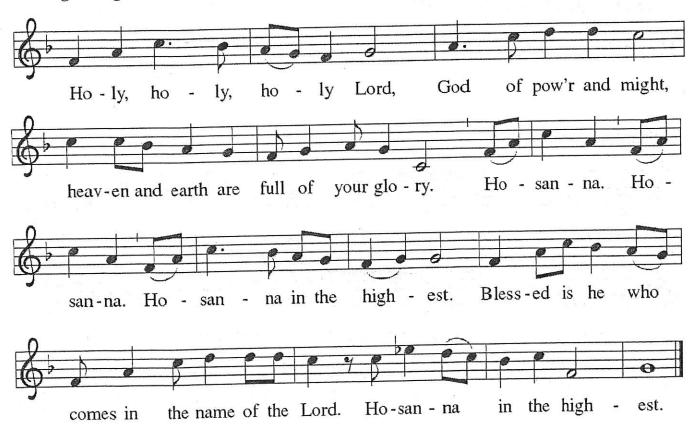
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

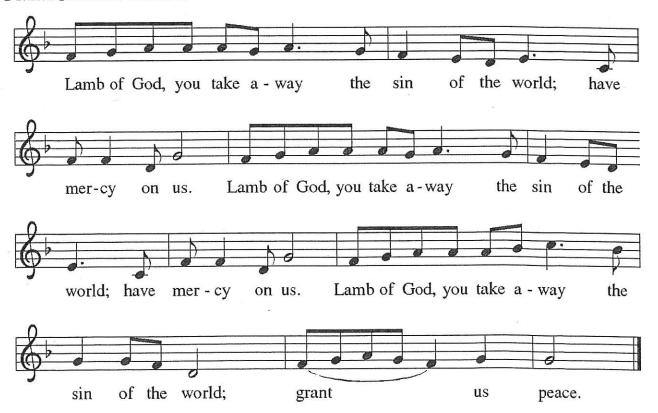
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. The ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastors. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward to receive a blessing. There are baskets at the end of the front pews where you can deposit your cups as your return to your seat by the side aisle. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION SONG

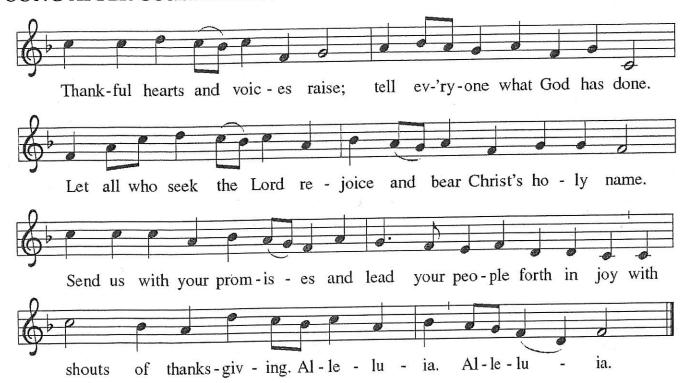


POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW # 654

CHORAL BENEDICTION (9:00 am)

"Pray for the People"

People of Praise

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service	
Ushers	Dennis Kelly & Becky Stutt	
Reader	David McCammant	
Communion Assistant	Garry Mueller	
Counters	Mike & Rita Smith	

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service	
Ushers	Carol Marten & Nadine Schwarz	
Reader	Karen Schmitt	
Communion Assistants	Rhonda Webber	
Counters	Chelsey Dingbaum & Carol Marten	

Choir Director	Susan Becker	
Organist	Teri Wittkowski & Susan Becker	
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker	



Are You New Here?

You know the way to the place where I am going," Jesus tells his followers (John 14:4), but they aren't so sure. So he goes on, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), but they're still confused. Finally, he asks, "Have I been with you all this time . . . and you still do not know me?" (John 14:9). It's as if he's asking them, "Are you new here?"

They've had him all this time. They've watched him and listened to him and learned from him. But, suddenly faced with the idea that he won't always be there in quite the same way, it's as if they remember nothing.

Yet, Jesus isn't one of those teachers who says, "Do as I say, not as I do." He lived his very life here on earth as a model for us, even now. Our road map to the place where he is going is to understand his words and actions, not only as his way, truth, and life, but as our own as well.

It's as complicated as that, but it's also that simple. "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1), Jesus tells them. Indeed, road maps are meant to reassure us, by giving us direction and setting us on the right course.

He didn't say it would be easy. He also didn't tell this to any of them alone, and his words are intended for us to hear in community today as well. Living out our understandings of Jesus as the way, truth, and life is a collective act, not an individual one. We do this every time we gather in community, whether that's a congregation, a parent-teacher organization, an extended family, or a neighborhood Buy Nothing group.

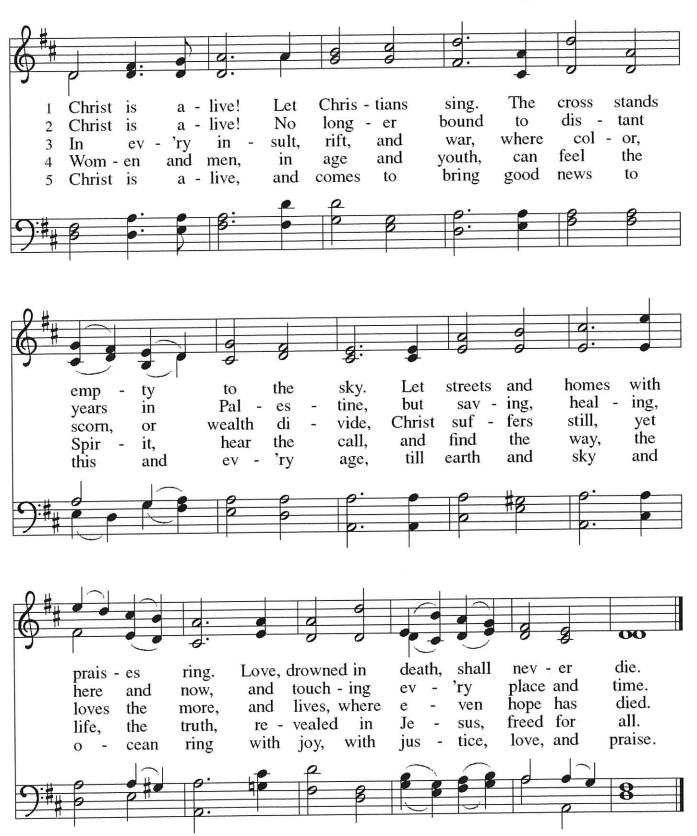
"You know the way to the place where I am going," Jesus tells us. We might feel new here, but it turns out we've had the road map all along.

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



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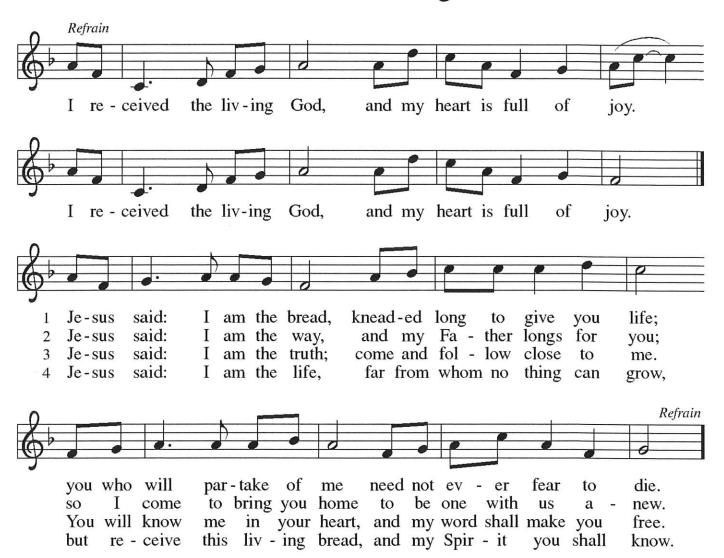
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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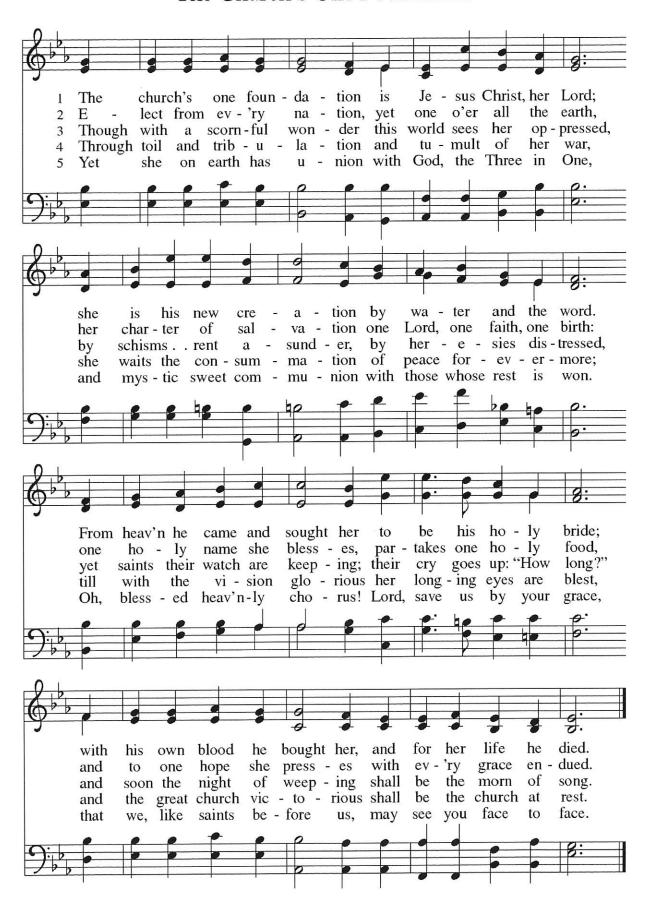
I Received the Living God



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GRACE - GIFTED

FAITH - LIFTED

CALLED TO SHARE SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST



The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 6 & 7, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheraneldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



The flowers on the altar this weekend are given by the La Plante Family in celebration of Madelyn's 14th baptism birthday.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheraneldridge.com

Lord, S Hegr Our Prayer S
Ron McFate

Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

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Ron McFate	Kathy Stoltz	Melissa Alden	Sharon Baker
Sally Puls	Steve Mixdorf	Sue Vogel	Glen
Jensen Spencer	Duane Miller	Andrew Arp	Kelly
Ann Kuehl	Roger Lewis	Kim Pierce	Vaughn
Carol Judge	Ed Stoltz	Jeanette Myers	Mary Lou
Carolyn Scheibe	Jerry Schwien	Bill Lind	
Madison Russo	Judy Knoer	Ed Precht	
Janet Bowman	Jan Kluever	Hugh Lickiss	

CHURCHES UNITED MEAL Churches United is a partnership of Quad City area churches that provides services for needy people, including meals. Our church has volunteered to serve the May 16th meal at 5:30 pm, at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. The Service in the World Team has

planned the menu and welcomes help from the congregation. There will be a signup posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for <u>menu items</u> and <u>serving the meal</u>. Please help us feed our neighbors in need.



The Women of Faith are looking for donations of perennial plants, especially hostas, for the Eldridge City Wide Garage Sales on May 20 from 8:00am to 2:00pm. If you need pots for splitting plants or have any extra 9" pots, please call Joni Schneider (285-5829). You can also sell your household items in the church parking lot on May 20. Come join the fun.



Congratulations to all of our graduates—High School, Trade School, Associates, Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral candidates! Blessings to each of you as you begin this next chapter in your lives. We will celebrate our 2023 High School graduates during worship on Sunday, May 21, at 9:00 am. A cupcake reception will follow worship.

Note: Seniors, please send your plans for next year as well as a picture (between wallet and 5"x7") for the Senior Recognition Board by **Wednesday**, **May 17**. You can mail them, drop them off in the office between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, or email them to faitheldridge@netins.net.



WHEN: June 2nd, 1:05-2:30pm WHERE: Faith Lutheran Church Yard WHAT: Join in the fun of celebrating the end to the school year and the beginning of a fun filled summer. All kids are welcome to joins us for games, crafts, snacks and fun on the front lawn of the church.

NEEDS: Volunteers are needed for donations of time and a few other items. On the bulletin board will be a sign up sheet. Please consider

helping to set up, play, or clean up. If you have questions, please contact Carrie Keppy at ctkeppy@netins.net or 285-4484.

Let the love of Jesus shine!



Please join us for our Annual Parking Lot Picnic on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 10:30 am for a potluck brunch following the worship service. Ham, lemonade, water and table service will be provided by the Fellowship Team. Please bring a favorite side dish and/or dessert to share. A variety of yard games for all ages will be available! Of course there will be plenty of time for fellowship! Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can be sure to have enough food and chairs!

2023 Convention and Gathering of the Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA

Come join other women from Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA June 9 and 10, 2023 at the Stoney Creek Hotel, Des Moines for their 35th Annual Convention and Gathering. This event is open to all women of the congregation. You do not have to belong to a women's group or circle to attend. There will be great speakers, workshops, and time to meet other ladies. Speakers include Bishop Amy Current and Kim Crawford form Circle Freedom Women's Center. The Charitable organization to contribute to will be IMPACT community Action Partnership, along with the Stewardship Committee's charity for 2023, the Iowa Veterans Home. This is a fun 2 days - plan to attend! Bring your mother, sister, friend. For more information, and to register and reserve a hotel room, contact Lynda Miller at (563)285-8613 or Imchurchlady56@gmail.com.



Faith Lutheran Church invites all children ages 4 – 5th grade to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! Using Matthew 6:11: "Give

us this day our daily bread", children are invited to pray as Jesus teaches. These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God - and our daily needs are met by God.

The fun begins **Sunday**, **June 25**th and continues through **Thursday**, **June 29**th, **from 6-8 p.m.** at the church, 500 W. LeClaire Rd., Eldridge. Registration will begin in May on the church website at www.faithlutheraneldridge.com.



5pm: 43, 9am: 131 Online: 60, Total: 234

THIS WEEK AT FAITH				
Saturday, May 6	5:00 pm	Worship		
Sunday, May 7	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:15 am	Worship Fellowship Hour Adult Book Study		
Monday, May 8	<i>Office Closed</i> 6:00 pm	Lions Club		
Tuesday, May 9	1:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Food Pantry Jubilation		
Wednesday, May 10	7:00 pm	High School Youth		
Thursday, May 11	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Exec Committee Meeting Women of Faith Board Meeting		
Friday, May 12	9:30 am	Food Pantry		
Saturday, May 13	5:00 pm	Worship		
Sunday, May 14	9:00 am 10:00 am	Worship Fellowship Hour		



The Southeastern Iowa Synod is trying something new this year with a Synod Revival on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Grand View University in Des Moines. It will be a day of fun activities, faith building, great food, sharing of ministry ideas, music, worship and more. The event runs

from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, and there will be a bus going from the Davenport area, so you do not even have to drive (more information is to come)!! Everyone is invited, so please come and join Pastor Carrie and some others from this congregation as well as our siblings in Christ from around the synod for this time of imagining the future together.

For more information on all that will be happening, go to www.synodrevival.org. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the church office (563-285-4501) or sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.