

**Celebration Lutheran Church**

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

May 3, 2026

*Prelude Music*

*Welcome and Announcements*

**We Gather to Encounter God**

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. 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.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

L: 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.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

L: 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.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:**

**Baptized and Set Free**

**W&P #14**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

*Greeting*

L: 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.**



and <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.”

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup> and

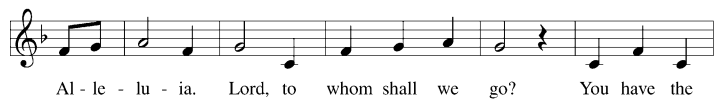
“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

**Gospel Hymn: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? W&P 7**



**Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14**

L: The holy gospel according to St. John in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord. Gospel:**

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

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> 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’? <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

L: The gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

**We Respond to God’s Word**

Hymn of the Day: **Blessing, Honor, & Glory** W&P # 21

C Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C F/A G/B  
 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C G/B C/E F Gsus G C/E  
 Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

F Am<sup>7</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C/E F Am G C<sup>2</sup>/E  
 Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

F<sup>2</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C/E F Dm<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Gsus G  
 Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

<sup>2</sup>Gsus G C Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C F/A G/B  
 God! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C F/A G/B C/E F G C/E F C  
 Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

*Prayers of the People*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick (*especially*). Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

L: Merciful God,

**C: ... receive our prayer.**

*Greeting of Peace*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*We Offer Our Gifts*

Offertory Hymn:

We are an offering

W&P 146

F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our

C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E F C/E 3 Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G G/F

hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

Em<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>/A A Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G Esus D/F# E/G# Am

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E Bb/C Dm<sup>7sus2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> F/G

give to you, we give to you.

G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G 3 C

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Holy One,

**C: ... 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, Amen.**

We Share Christ's Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts

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

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayers and the Story of Our Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion Hymns:

Holy, holy

W&P # 60

C Em<sup>7</sup>/B Am<sup>7</sup> C/G FM<sup>7</sup> F<sup>6</sup> G<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm<sup>7</sup>

- 1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
- 2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra-cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
- 3 Pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -
- 5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .

G<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>7</sup> F F/E Dm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>7</sup>/D#

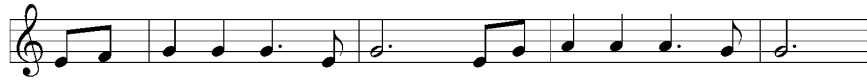
Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a  
 chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be-fore you as a  
 deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be-fore you as a  
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be-fore you as a  
 . . . . . hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a

Em Em<sup>7</sup> Am Dm G<sup>7</sup> F/C C

to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.  
 to - ken of our love, gra-cious Fa - ther, gra-cious Fa - ther.  
 to - ken of our love, pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus.  
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

*Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing*

**Sending Hymn: Go in peace and serve the Lord W&P # 46**



Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day.



Go and tell gos - pel news ev - 'ry - where.



Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day



to bring truth and love to ev - 'ry na - tion.

*Dismissal*

**L:** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

**We Go To Love Others As Christ Loves Us!**