

Order of Worship

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Marvelous Light”

Chorus: Into marvelous light I’m running, out of darkness, out of shame.
By the cross You are the truth, You are the life, You are the way.

I once was fatherless, a stranger with no hope;
Your kindness wakened me, wakened me, from my sleep.
Your love it beckons deeply, a call to come and die.
By grace now I will come and take this life, take Your life.

Sin has lost its power, death has lost its sting.
From the grave You’ve risen Victoriously! *Chorus*

My dead heart now is beating, my deepest stains now clean.
Your breath fills up my lungs. Now I’m free, now I’m free!
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Your breath fills up my lungs. Now I’m free, now I’m free!

Sin has lost its power, death has lost its sting.
From the grave You’ve risen Victoriously! *Chorus Twice*

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 PETER 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

SONG

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus’ Name. *Repeat*

Chorus: **Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior’s love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.**

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev’ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus twice.*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless stand before the throne.

Please stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:1-14

¹ [Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG

“Way Maker”

You are here, touching ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending ev’ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

Chorus:

**You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.**

**You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.**

**You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.**

**You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.**

That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working. *Repeat*

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working. *Repeat*

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.
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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

"Resurrection Pilgrimage in Grace Knowing The Way"

John 14:1-6

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

At this time, you may give your offering electronically.

Use the e-Giving Card in the pew or visit

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You may also place your offering in the offering plate as it passes.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"You Are"

You are holy, You are faithful, You are Savior, You are friend,
You are all I'll ever need; Lord, You are.

You are ev'ry question's answer, You are ev'ry reason why,
You are moving, You are still; Lord, You are.

Chorus: **You are the Lord on high. You are the way, the truth, the life.
You are the Word made flesh, You are the bright Morning Star, You are.**

You are Glory, Hallelujah! You are hope of peace on earth,
You are Alpha and Omega; You are.

You are comfort, You are refuge, You are love personified,
You are kindness and compassion; You are. *Chorus*

You are my God and my King, You are the words that I sing.
You are the reason I make this offering. *Sing 3 times.*

You are the Lord on high, You are the way, the truth, the life.
You are the Word made flesh, You are the bright Morning Star.

And You are the Word made flesh, You are the bright Morning Star; You are.
You are my God and my King, You are the words that I sing.
You are the reason I make this offering.

You are my God and my King, You are the words that I sing.
You are the reason I make this offering.

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RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

Confirmands: Yes, I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil?

Confirmands: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

Confirmands: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

Confirmands: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Confirmands: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

Confirmands: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Confirmands: I do, by the grace of God.

Pastor: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Each confirmand kneels to receive the confirmation blessing.

The pastor places his hands on the head of each confirmand and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead and blesses them.

Pastor: **Claire Michelle Ballou**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

Confirmand: **Amen.**

Pastor: **Logan Daniel Carrillo**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

Confirmand: **Amen.**

Pastor: **Emma Chaney**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

Confirmand: **Amen.**

Pastor: **Makena Eyre Oyagi Hoenecke**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

Confirmand: **Amen.**

Pastor: **Lily Roselyn Jacobs**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

Confirmand: **Amen.**

Pastor: **Natalie Lynn Morris**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

Confirmand: **Amen.**

Pastor: **Paxton Robert Olson**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

Confirmand: **Amen.**

Pastor: **Leah Allyson Welch**, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

Confirmand: **Amen.**

After the confirmands have been welcomed as members, the pastor invites the congregation to pray for the newly confirmed.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen!**

The pastor dismisses the newly confirmed, saying:

Pastor: The almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you.

All: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“This Changes Everything”

The God of creation took our place;
the God of redemption opened the way.

The day You gave Your life seemed a failure in our eyes;
But the stone; it rolled away, as You walked out of that grave.

Chorus:

Let this place erupt with praise.
Why do you look for the living among the graves?
Jesus lives! All the earth sing out.
The power of death has been broken, and this changes ev’ry thing.

The God of perfection became sin;
the God of salvation changed ev’ry thing.

The day You gave Your life seemed a failure in our eyes;
But the stone; it rolled away, as You walked out of that grave. *Chorus*

Because You live our hope begins. Because You live our song will never end.
Because You live now we can live. This changes ev’rything, this changes ev’rything.

Because You live our hope begins. Because You live our song will never end.
Because You live now we can live. This changes ev’rything, this changes ev’rything. *Chorus*

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POSTLUDE

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Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams
Terri Green

Alexander Hernandez
Jeanne Kelly

Brad Morton