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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PEOPLE OF EMMANUEL, MINISTERS

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DAVID KAZIMIR, ORGANIST

IAN HAMILTON, CANTOR

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* INDICATES TO PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE RITE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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 (local waters may be named).

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 SONG — BY ALL YOUR SAINTS

ELW NO. 420

By all your saints still striv - ing, for all you saints at rest, your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for -
 We praise your name for Phil - ip, blest guide to Greek and Jew, and for young James the faith - ful who
 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble throng who wear the spot - less rai - ment and
 Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son, and sing to God the Spir - it, e -
 ev - er - more be blessed! For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the
 heard and fol - lowed you. Oh, grant us grace to know you, the way, the truth, the
 raise the cease - less song: for those passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a -
 ter - nal Three in One, till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the
 crown and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
 life, and wres - tle with temp - ta - tion till vic - tors in the strife
 new and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
 throne, and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - scribe to God a - lone.

This is Hymn No. 420 from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
 Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913)
 Music: *King's Lynn*, English melody, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*GREETING

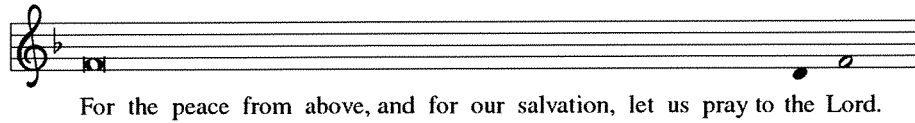
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*KYRIE

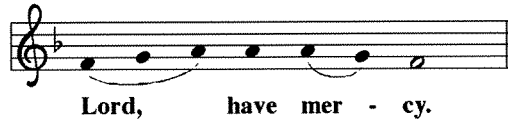
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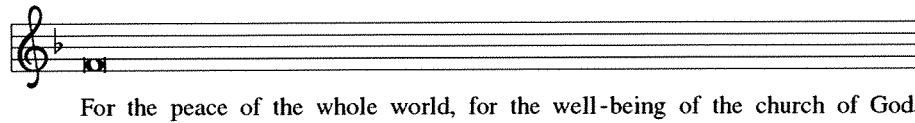
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



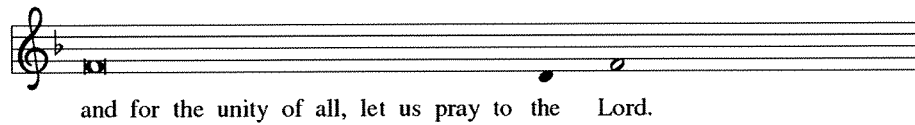
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



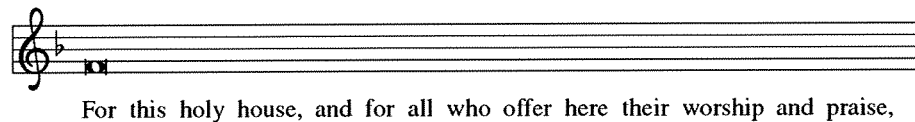
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



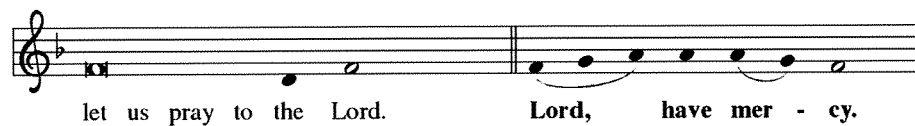
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



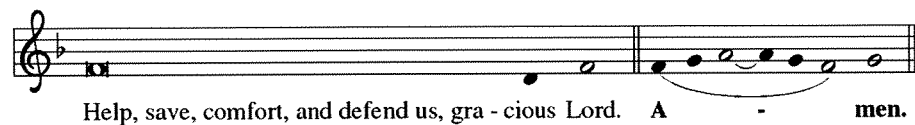
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pow - er rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 **Amen**.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 7:55-60

A Reading from Acts.

⁵⁵ Filled 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!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

⁵⁸ 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. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

PSALM – SUNG RESPONSIVELY

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

The Cantor introduces the refrain which is repeated by the Assembly.

All join in repeating the Refrain where indicated.

In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

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 de- | liver me.

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 tow- | er of strength. R

⁵ Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | 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 Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.” **R**

SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:2-10

A reading from 1 Peter.

² Like 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.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.”

⁷ 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,” ⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor introduces the Gospel Acclamation which is repeated by the Assembly.

The verse is sung by the Cantor. All repeat the Acclamation following the verse.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, | and the life.* No one comes to the Father ex- | cept through me. *Alleluia.* (John 14:6)

*GOSPEL READING

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. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place 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 know me, you will know 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 we will be satisfied.” ⁹ 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’? 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, 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, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. TIM SCHOLL

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

*HYMN OF THE DAY — COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE ELW NO 816

*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW P. 105

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After “Merciful God,” congregation responds, “Receive our prayer.”

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*PEACE

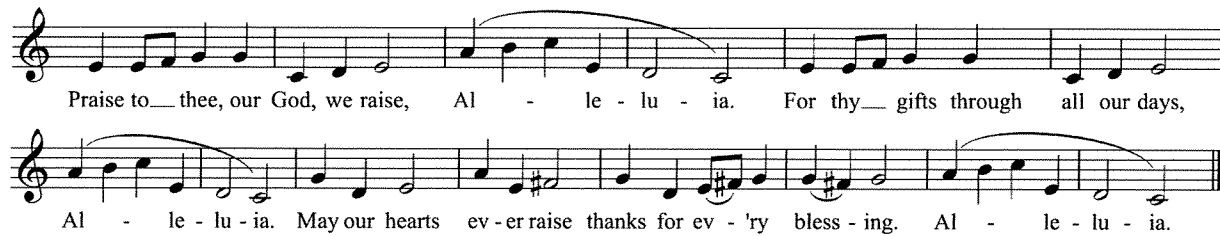
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

*HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION



Praise to thee, our God, we raise, Al - le - lu - ia. For thy gifts through all our days,
Al - le - lu - ia. May our hearts ev - er raise thanks for ev - 'ry bless - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

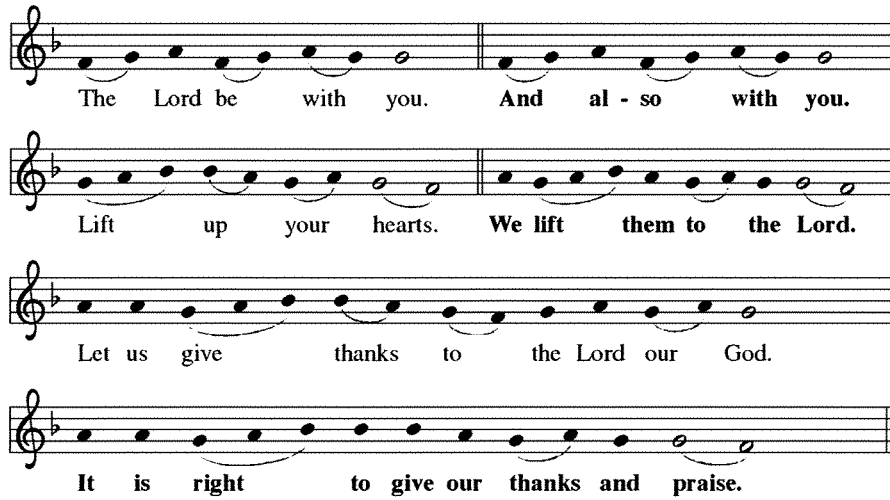
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All who are baptized and believe with us that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to communion. Ushers will assist with the communion. Please pick up an empty cup from the small table at the altar rail to receive the wine. Baskets will be placed on either side to dispose of your cup. Individual communion kits will be available from the ushers for those who prefer them. We serve low-gluten bread. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform an usher and the ministers will bring Communion to you in your pew.

*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

This is the day that in joy and delight
we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth
to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,
all holy and mighty and glorious God.

For Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

This is the day that you gave light to the earth.
This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea
and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.
Now every night is as bright as day,
and that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.
This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth,
you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace.
The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,
for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

On the night before he died,
our Lord Jesus Christ 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit.
Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior.
Illumine our lives with your presence,
and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race,
for that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

All holy and mighty and glorious God,
radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit,
we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy,
and we praise your victory through all time and space,
for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

Amen and amen.

Amen and amen.

Presider

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.
 Receive the risen Lord.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor *All*
 The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the
Cantor *All*
 break - ing of the bread. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of — Christ. The dis
Cantor
 ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu - ia, though
All
 ma - ny we share one bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. —

This is Hymn No. 877 from *Wonder, Love, and Praise: A Supplement to The Hymnal 1982*
 Mark Sedio (b.1954), Cantor (1984-2000), Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION — SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY
ELW NO 426

*TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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,

Amen.

*BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN — CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING ELW NO. 389

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE

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PRAYER LIST

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. We especially pray for: Bryan, Leisha, JoAnn, Char, Debbie, Laura, Jan, Ron, Mark, Dennis, Jenny, John, Barbara, Kendra, Lisa, Edna, Diane, Tom, and all those whom we now name before you. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

If you would like to have a family member or friends name added to the list, please be sure to get their permission before having their name(s) added. Names will be listed for a month and removed. You can then request to have them added again for continued prayers. Thank you.

SERVING YOU TODAY

The assisting minister for the service is **Ian Hamilton**. The reader for the service is **Helen Dupont**. All are sharing service on the altar guild.

FLOWERS AND CANDLE

The Altar Flowers are to the Glory to God,
in memory of Bill & Betty's anniversary.

The Altar Flowers are to the Glory to God,
from Ruth Exstrom.

The Sanctuary Candle to the Glory to God,
and to let there be peace, from Ruth Exstrom.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL MAY 3 TO MAY 10

Sunday (03)	10:30 AM –	Worship Service
Tuesday (05)	6:00 PM –	TOPS
Wednesday (06)	10:30 AM –	Adult Bible Study
Sunday (10)	10:30 AM –	Worship Service

	Last Week's response			
	April 26	YTD		Attendance
Given —	733	35,712	10:30 in-person	32
Needed —	<u>3,154</u>	<u>53,618</u>	Abbewood Service (3/29)	11
Over/(Short)	(2,421)	(17,906)	Livestream Total Views Past 7 Days	179

CAN YOU HELP?

- Pastor Tim needs help with the church website. If you can help, or know someone who could help, please let Pastor Tim know.
- We are looking for one more church member to attend the NEOS Assembly on June 5th & 6th at the Knight Center in Akron. If you're available, please contact the church office at 440-323-45552 or talk with Pastor Tim.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387
Monday, May 4, 2026

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416
Friday, May 8, 2026

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)
Friday, May 8, 2026

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

