

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**700 County Road B Stoughton, Wisconsin**  
**Pastor:** Paula Geister-Jones  
**Organist/Pianist:** Linda Kunz  
**Cantor:** Kyla Betts **Special Music:** Edvard Grieg Chorus  
**Director:** Linda Svanoe **Accompanist:** Linda Johnson  
**Acolytes:** Brady Sickles & Charlie Brabender  
**Ushers:** David Olson and Amy Gunsolus

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 18, 2025**



## *Syttende Mai Celebration*

**Please join us for our Bake Sale and Syttende Mai Buffet** of meatballs, herring, cucumber salad, red cabbage, rice pudding, rømmegrøt, fresh fruit, Norwegian goodies and plenty of coffee and milk. The Bake Sale is in the narthex and the Buffet is being served in Fellowship Hall following worship. We hope that you stay and enjoy Christ's Lutheran's hospitality.

**Alle er velkommen!**

**Norwegian musical selections before worship.**

## **Welcome/ Announcements**

### **The Complete Order for Morning Worship**

The 1922 Liturgy from The Liturgical Service of the Lutheran Church by John Dahle and M. Casper Johnshoy, B.D.

### **Call to Worship: “Hil Dig Norge” Rudolph Forwald Edvard Grieg Chorus**

*While the Call to Worship is sung the Minister proceeds to the Altar and kneels before it. The Minister remains in this position while she reads.*

#### **1. The Opening Prayer**

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Thy presence to hear Thy holy word. We pray Thee to open our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Thy word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

*The Minister rises and stands facing the Altar.*

#### **2. The Opening Hymn #413 ELW “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Hellig, Hellig, Hellig Herre Gud Almektig  
Dag dor dag vaar lovsang, Sakl stige op til dig  
Hellig, Hellig, Hellig, Naadeful og prekid,  
Fader, Sonn og Aand, All ære være dig!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

#### **3a. The Confession of Sin**

*The Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall say:*

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins,

*Then the Minister, kneeling before the Altar, shall say:*

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by

thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### 3b. The Kyrie

*The Congregation shall sing:*

Her - re Gud Fa - der i Him - me - len, Mi - skun - de dig o - ver os!

5 Her - re Je - sus, ver - dens Frel - ser, Mi - skun - de dig o - ver os!

9 Her - re Gud Hel - lig - aand, Tros - ter sand, Mi - skun - de dig o - ver os.

### 3c. The Absolution

*Then the Minister shall turn to the Congregation and say:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father; hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgiveth all our sins. To them that believe on His name, He giveth power to become sons of God, and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

### 4a. The Gloria

*Then the Minister shall turn to the Altar and chant or say:*

Ære være Gud i det høieste

*Congregation:*

Og fred paa jor - den, i men - ne - ske - ne en vel - be - ha - ge - lig - het.

### 5. The Collect for the Day

*Cantor* Herren vaere med e - der.

*Congregation* And with they spir - it.  
Og med din \_\_ aand.

*The Collect shall be chanted in Norwegian by the Cantor.*

Lad os alle dede. O Gud, fra hvem alle gode ting kommer: Giv os, dine ydmyge tjenere, at ved din Hellingaands kraft vore tanker kan søke de rette ting, og ved din

naadige hjælp maa kunne gjøre dem; ved din Søn, vor Herre Jesus Krist, som lever og regjerer med dig og den Hellingaand, en sand Gud is al evighet. Amen.

*English Translation:*

Let us pray. O God, from whom all good things come: Grant to us, Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration, we may think those things that be right, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



## 6. The Lesson

*The Lector, standing at the lectern, shall read the Lesson of the Day, announcing as follows:*

The lesson for the fifth Sunday of Easter is written in the 11th Chapter of Acts beginning with the 1st verse.

<sup>1-3</sup> The news traveled fast and in no time the leaders and friends back in Jerusalem heard about it—heard that the non-Jewish “outsiders” were now “in.” When Peter got back to Jerusalem, some of his old associates, concerned about circumcision, called him on the carpet: “What do you think you’re doing rubbing shoulders with that crowd, eating what is prohibited and ruining our good name?”

<sup>4-6</sup> So Peter, starting from the beginning, laid it out for them step-by-step: “Recently I was in the town of Joppa praying. I fell into a trance and saw a vision: Something like a huge blanket, lowered by ropes at its four corners, came down out of heaven and settled on the ground in front of me. Milling around on the blanket were farm animals, wild animals, reptiles, birds—you name it, it was there. Fascinated, I took it all in. <sup>7-10</sup> “Then I heard a voice: ‘Go to it, Peter—kill and eat.’ I said, ‘Oh, no, Master. I’ve never so much as tasted food that wasn’t kosher.’ The voice spoke again: ‘If God says it’s okay, it’s okay.’ This happened three times, and then the blanket was pulled back up into the sky. <sup>11-14</sup> “Just then three men showed up at the house where I was staying, sent from Caesarea to get me. The Spirit told me to go with them, no questions asked. So I went with them, I and six friends, to the man who had sent for me. He told us how he had seen an angel right in his own house, real as his next-door neighbor, saying, ‘Send to Joppa and get Simon, the one they call Peter. He’ll tell you something that will save your life—in fact, you and everyone you care for.’ <sup>15-17</sup> “So I started in, talking. Before I’d spoken half a dozen sentences, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as he did on us the first time. I remembered Jesus’ words: ‘John baptized with water; you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So I ask you: If God gave the same exact gift to them as to us when we believed in the Master Jesus Christ, how could I object to God?” <sup>18</sup> Hearing it all laid out like that, they quieted down. And then, as it sank in, they started

praising God. "It's really happened! God has broken through to the other nations, opened them up to Life!"

*The lesson ended, the Lector shall say:*

Here endeth the Lesson.

*The Congregation shall be seated.*

**7. Anthem**  
**"Soon and Very Soon" Andrea Crouch**  
**Edvard Grieg Chorus**

**8. The Gospel**

*The Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall say:*

The Holy Gospel is written in the 13th Chapter of John, beginning with the 31st verse.

*The Congregation shall rise and remain standing until the Confession of Faith has been said. Then the Minister shall read the Gospel of the Day.*

<sup>31-32</sup> When he had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is seen for who he is, and God seen for who he is in him. The moment God is seen in him, God's glory will be on display. In glorifying him, he himself is glorified—glory all around! <sup>33</sup> "Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I'm telling you: 'Where I go, you are not able to come.' <sup>34-35</sup> "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

*The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say:*

Here endeth the Gospel.

*Then the Congregation shall sing:*



**9. The Confession of Faith**

*The Minister shall say:*

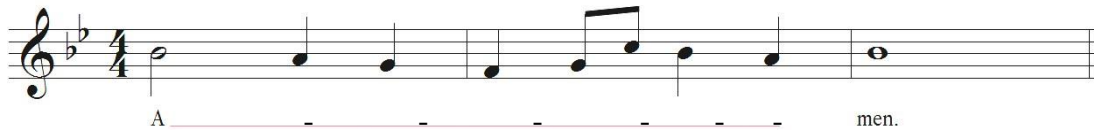
Let us confess our holy Faith.

*Then the Minister shall turn to the Altar and, together with the Congregation, they shall say:*

## **The 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

*Then the Congregation shall sing:*



*The Congregation shall be seated.*

## **10. The Sermon**

### **11. The Hymn #742 ELW**

#### **“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”**

Hvilken venn vi har i Jesus! Alt han vet og alt formar.  
Tyngste byrde han oss letter Nar i bonn til ham vi gar.  
Akk, men titt var fred forstyrres, Sorg og moye blir var lonn,  
Blott fordi vi ikke bringer Alle ting til ham i bonn.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.

## **12. Anthem: “Shout to God” Joseph Martin Edvard Grieg Chorus**

## **13. The Closing Prayer**

*The Minister shall receive the Offering and after placing it on the Altar, shall turn to the Congregation and say:*

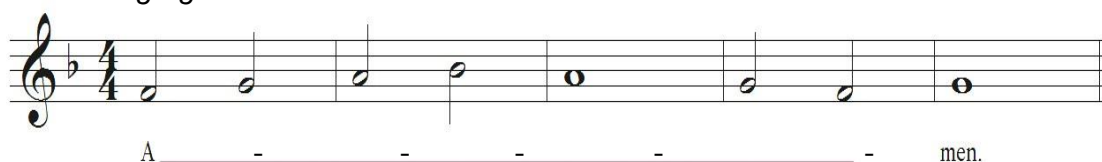
O Lord, we render unto Thee heartfelt thanks that Thou has taught us what Thou wouldst have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Thy Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Thy word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness and comforted in life and in death. Amen.

## 14. The Lord's Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer shall be chanted by the Cantor.*

Fader vor, du, som er i himlene! Helliget vorde dit navn! Komme di trike! Ske din vilje, som i himmelen, saa og paa jorden! Giv os idag vort daglige bröd! Og forlat os vor skyld, som og vi forlater vore skyldnere! Og led os ikke ind i fristelse! Men frels os fra det onde. Ti riket er dit, magten og æren i evighet.

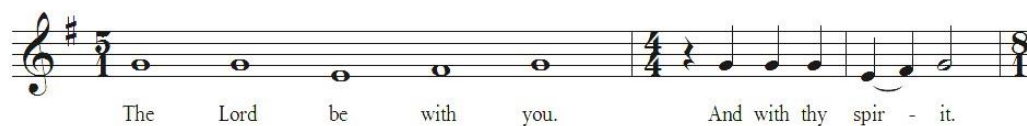
*Congregation:*



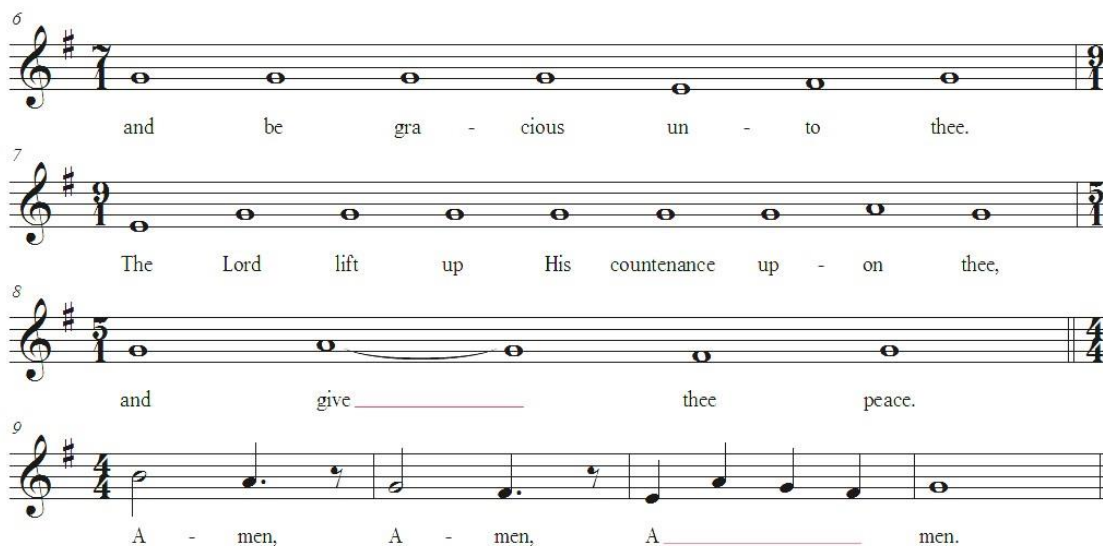
## 15. The Benediction

*Minister:*

*Congregation:*



*Minister:*



**16. The Closing Hymn**  
**“Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet”**

Ja, vi elsker dette landet, Som det stiger frem furet vaerbitt  
Over vannet med de tusen hjem,  
Elsker, elsker de tog tenker på vår far og mor  
Og den saganatt som senker  
Drømme på vår jord, Og den saganatt som senker,  
Senker drømme på vår jord.

**17. Postlude:**  
**“Promised Land” Walker/Carlson**