

# **Welcome to Worship!**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Altar flowers have been given by  
Charles & Heather Varnell in  
celebration of daughter  
Lilly's birthday.*

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

JOHN 13:34



# Prelude – Ben Corwyn



## *A New Commandment*

*(by David Blackwell)*

WELCOME

THANKS FOR COMING

# Opening Hymn



*On Jordan's Stormy  
Bank I Stand*

**red** hymnal, ELW #437

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Verse 1*

***On Jordan's stormy bank I stand,  
and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land,  
where my possessions lie.***

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Refrain*

***I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
oh, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.***

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Verse 2*

***All o'er those wide extended plains  
shines one eternal day;  
there God the Son forever reigns  
and scatters night away.***



*On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Refrain*

***I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
oh, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.***

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Verse 3*

***No chilling winds or pois'nous breath  
can reach that healthful shore;  
sickness and sorrow, pain and death,  
are felt and feared no more.***

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Refrain*

***I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
oh, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.***

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Verse 4*

***When shall I reach that happy place  
and be forever blest?***

***When shall I see my Savior's face  
and in God's bosom rest?***

*On Jordan's Stormy Bank, ELW #437, Refrain*

***I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
oh, who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.***

# **Easter Confession**

**P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal.**

**P:** In the presence of the living God,  
**C:** **we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from You towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt Your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect Your creation.**

**Resurrect us, O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.**



**P:** Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
+ proclaims, “Do not be afraid!”  
Know that you are washed anew  
in His rising, and your sins are  
forgiven. Be at peace and live in  
the everlasting love of God.

**C: Amen.**

# Greeting

**P:** 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.**

# Hymn of Praise

***Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
To the God of life and love  
and freedom  
Praise and glory forevermore!***

***Now is the feast of the Lamb  
once slain,  
whose blood has freed  
and united us  
to be one great people of God.***

***Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
To the God of life and love  
and freedom  
Praise and glory forevermore!***

***Power and riches,  
wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ  
forever.***



***Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
To the God of life and love  
and freedom  
Praise and glory forevermore!***

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***For God has come to  
dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new.***



***Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
To the God of life and love  
and freedom  
Praise and glory forevermore!***

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# Prayer of the Day

**A:** Let us pray.

**C:** **O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



# **First Reading**

## **Acts 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.

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There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

<sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

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<sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

<sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”



<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”



L: Word of God,  
word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# Second Reading

## Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also He said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

<sup>6</sup>Then He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”



**L:** Word of God,  
word of life.

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

# **Gospel Acclamation**

***Alleluia, alleluia.***

***Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life.***

***Alleluia.***





**P:** The Holy Gospel  
according to John.

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

**John 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup>When He had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself and will glorify Him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’

<sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you,  
O Christ.**



# Children's Conversation



**Sermon – Pastor Brad**

# Hymn of the Day



*They'll Know We are  
Christians By Our Love*

*Verse 1*

***We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord.***

***And we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored.***

***And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.***



*Verse 2*

***We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other,  
we will walk hand in hand.***

***And together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land.***

***And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.***

*Verse 3*

***We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other,  
we will work side by side.***

***And we'll guard each man's dignity  
and save each man's pride.***

***And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.***

*Verse 4*

***All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
His only Son.***

***And all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one.***

***And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes they'll know we are Christians  
by our love.***



# Nicene 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

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before You in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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*The prayers conclude:*

**A:** We commend these and all our prayers to You, O God, trusting that You are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

# Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

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## Anthem

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

*(John Ness Beck)*

**Sanctuary Choir**

# Offertory

***As the grains of wheat  
once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one  
to become our bread;  
so may all Your people  
from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in You.***

***As this cup of blessing  
is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence  
of Your love.***



***As the grains of wheat  
once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one  
to become our bread;  
so may all Your people  
from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in You.***

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***Let this be a foretaste  
of all that is to come  
when all creation shares  
this feast with You.***





***As the grains of wheat  
once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one  
to become our bread;  
so may all Your people  
from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in You.***

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# Offering Prayer

**A:** Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C: Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

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

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## Preface

# **Holy Holy**

***Holy, holy, holy are you,  
God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth  
are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One  
who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest!***

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**Words of Institution**

# **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

# Communion

*You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available.*

*Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.*

**All are welcome,  
for it is the Lord's Table.**





# **Lamb of God**

***Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you break the chains  
of hatred and fear:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you are the way of  
justice and peace:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you are the way of  
mercy and love.  
Have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace,  
grant us peace.***

# Communion Hymn



*You Satisfy the Hungry  
Heart*

**ELW #484**

*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain*

***You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Verse 1*

***As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,  
we follow and rejoice.***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain*

***You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Verse 2*

***With joyful lips we sing to you  
our praise and gratitude  
that you should count us worthy, Lord,  
to share this heav'nly food.***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain*

***You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Verse 3*

***Is not the cup we bless and share  
the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
our oneness in the Lord?***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain*

***You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Verse 4*

***The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
no mortal tongue can tell:  
whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell.***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain*

***You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Verse 5*

***You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name  
in truth and charity.***

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*You Satisfy, ELW #484, Refrain*

***You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.***



# Communion Hymn



*Baptized and Set Free*

**ELW #453**



*Baptized and Set Free, ELW #453, Verse 1*

***We are people created,  
chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently,  
in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more.  
Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing,  
and wholeness and more.***

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*Baptized and Set Free, ELW #453, Verse 2*

***We are fed and we're nourished,  
filled and refreshed.***

***Then our hunger returns and  
again we are blessed.***

***For whatever the need,  
God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper  
than all of our need.***

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*Baptized and Set Free, ELW #453, Verse 3*

***We are nourished by water,  
all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit  
abundantly brings.***

***As we journey toward home,  
may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing,  
now carry us home.***

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*Baptized and Set Free, ELW #453, Verse 4*

***Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
we join the song.***

***All are welcome! We gather  
to sing loud and strong.***

***Not enslaved, but set free!***

***From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water,  
baptized and set free!***



# Communion Hymn



*I Come With Joy*

**ELW #482**

*I Come With Joy, ELW #482, Verse 1*

***I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.***

*I Come With Joy, ELW #482, Verse 2*

***I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.***

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*I Come With Joy, ELW #482, Verse 3*

***As Christ breaks bread  
and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.***

***The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.***

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*I Come With Joy, ELW #482, Verse 4*

***The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.***

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*I Come With Joy, ELW #482, Verse 5*

***Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.***



# Communion Hymn



*Guide Me Ever, Great  
Redeemer*  
ELW #618

*Guide Me Ever, ELW #618, Verse 1*

***Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.***

***I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.***

***Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.***

*Guide Me Ever, ELW #618, Verse 2*

***Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.***

*Guide Me Ever, ELW #618, Verse 3*

***When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.***

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# Post-Communion Blessing

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

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



# Post-Communion Prayer

**A:** Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C:** Amen.

# Blessing

**P:** The triune God, who was,  
who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection  
dawn, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

# Sending Hymn



*He Came Down*  
**ELW #253**

*He Came Down, ELW #253, Verse 1*

***He came down that we  
may have love;  
He came down that we  
may have love;  
He came down that we  
may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.***

*He Came Down, ELW #253, Verse 2*

***He came down that we  
may have light;  
He came down that we  
may have light;  
He came down that we  
may have light;  
hallelujah forevermore.***

*He Came Down, ELW #253, Verse 3*

***He came down that we  
may have peace;  
He came down that we  
may have peace;  
He came down that we  
may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.***

*He Came Down, ELW #253, Verse 4*

***He came down that we  
may have joy;  
he came down that we  
may have joy;  
he came down that we  
may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.***

# Dismissal



P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: Go in peace. In Christ  
you are made new.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



God Bless

HAVE A GREAT WEEK



## **Postlude – Ben Corwyn**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

*arr. David Bednall*

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