

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

Setting 3 with Holy Communion *Congregation please stand as you are able.

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Introduction

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

<u>Prelude</u>: Jesus Is My Life T. Kendall A New Commandment (Text: John 13:34-35) Anonymous

<u>Welcome & Announcements</u>: Joys and Concerns Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

Noisy Offering: The Noisy Offering is given so children from our Companion Parish of Bumila Lutheran Church have the opportunity to attend school in the Mpwapwa Region. Thank you for your support of the children of our sister congregation in Bumila, Tanzania.

Prayer for Our Graduates

*Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW 836

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*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.

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

- P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C: Amen.
- P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P: Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

*Kyrie



men.

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

*Canticle of Praise





*Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

R: A reading from Acts, the 11th chapter.

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² 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. 13 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; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 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.' 17 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?" ¹⁸ 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." The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading:

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- ² Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- ³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶ who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- 9 mountains and all hills,
- fruit trees and all cedars;
- wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
- ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 young men and maidens, old and young together.
- Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

R: A reading from Revelation, the 21st chapter.

¹ 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. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ 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;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

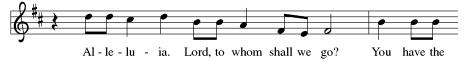
for the first things have passed away."

⁵ 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." ⁶ 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."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation





*Gospel John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(8:00) Children's Choir: One More river

Traditional arr. by Paul Jennings

Children's Sermon

Sermon

*Sermon Hymn: Gather Us In ELW 532

*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

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

R: 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.

- R: Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- R: Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- R: Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- R: Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness, *especially those we name at this time* (*Pause for people to be named*). Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- R: Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- R: We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- R: 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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Sharing of the Peace

- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

(10:30) Sr. Choir: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

L. Smith

*Offertory: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offering Prayer

P: 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.

*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

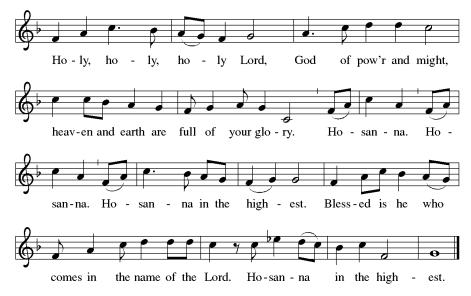
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures. with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Lord's Prayer

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

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,

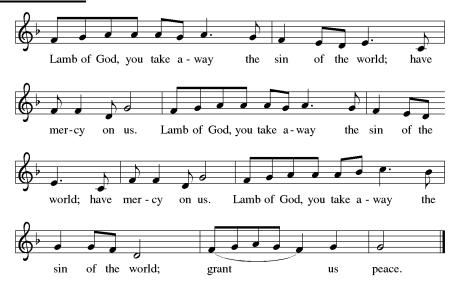
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Lamb of God



Distribution of Communion

Communion will be continuous. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle. You will be handed the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ given for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!". Step to the Communion Assistant and take the cup. They will speak the words, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!" Empty cups may be placed in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer gluten-free bread, please let the Pastor know. If you prefer grape juice, please let the Communion Assistant know. If you prefer not to receive or have children who have not yet received, please let the Pastor know and he will offer a blessing.

Communion Hymns:

ELW 482 I Come with Joy

ELW 453 Baptized and Set Free

*Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

*Prayer After Communion

P: 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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*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.

*Closing Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631

*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.

*Postlude: Pomp and Circumstance (Land of Hope & Glory) E. Elgar

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<u>PSALM 148 CALLS ALL CREATION TO PRAISE THE LORD</u>. We join with springtime blooms and buds, more hours of sunlight, newborn animals, singing birds and greening landscapes. Welcome to worship!

<u>MANY THANKS</u> to the people who stopped in, sent cards, and prayed for me during my stay at Valley View. Gloria Root

SAVE THE DATE OF JUNE 28, 2025 FOR THE NEXT WOMEN'S OUTING.

We will tour the Historic Lyme Village in Bellevue and have lunch at The Twin Lakes Golf Course Restaurant, also in Bellevue. Watch for more details in the weeks ahead! All are welcome!

<u>You are Invited</u> to help us celebrate Erik Garlock's graduation from Vanguard Technology Center and Fremont Ross High School. He will be finishing his Associates Degree in Computer Systems this year at Terra Community College. Please join us for the party on Saturday, June 7th, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Garlock Residence, 1714 Baker Rd., Fremont, Ohio.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM IN ACTION — Our Saturday Christ Care group recently had a \$250 grant proposal approved and invite anyone interested to join us in making no-sew fleece quilts for children who find themselves in foster care. During what can be an uncertain, scary time for youngsters we hope that we can offer them a little love and comfort, and a little coziness in which they can curl up on. Attached to each quilt will be a tag that reads, "As you wrap yourself in this 'fleecey' we pray that you will also feel wrapped in God's love". We'll be purchasing the fleece at a huge discount through Joann Fabrics and will be able to make approximately 40 quilts. Needless to say, your help would be greatly appreciated. See Noelle Leutenegger if you are interested in this ministry of love.

Kenna Lee Tooman will be graduating High School on June 1,2025. We are so very proud of her accomplishments throughout her high school career. Kenna is a 2-year National Honors Society member and also participates in Leadership and Link which has given her many opportunities to volunteer for our community. Along with Kenna's Academic and Volunteer accomplishments she is also a 3-sport student athlete. Upon graduation Kenna plans to attend The Ohio State University studying Pre-Dentistry.





Reese Smith, daughter of Ryan and Jamie Smith, will be graduating first in her class from Fremont Ross with her Associates degree from Terra State Community College. Reese will be going to Tiffin University in the fall for allied health/occupational therapy. Reese will continue to compete on the track and field team with the Tiffin Dragons.

<u>Peyton Heschel</u>, son of JR Heschel (and wife Amy) and Liz Heschel (and Steve Day), will be graduating from Fremont Ross with his Associates degree from Terra State Community College.

Peyton will be going to Tiffin University in the fall for accounting and will continue to compete on the track and field team with the Tiffin Dragons.

<u>Peyton Olivia Brothers</u>, daughter of Julie & Dr. Mike Brothers and granddaughter of Larry & Teri Hineline, will graduate June 1, 2025 from Tuscarawas Valley High School. Peyton will attend Stark State College in the fall for a degree as a Physical Therapy Assistant.

<u>Jacob Lawrence Ridener</u>. son of Sara & Jim Ridener and grandson of Larry & Teri Hineline, will graduate from Oak Harbor High School on May 18, 2025. Jacob will be attending Owens Community College in the fall for two years, then transferring to Bowling Green State University to obtain a degree in Business.

<u>Carson David Ridener</u>, son of Sara & Jim Ridener and grandson of Larry & Teri Hineline, will graduate from Oak Harbor High School on May 18, 2025. Carson will also be attending Owens Community College in the fall for two years, then transferring to Bowling Green State University. His major is undecided at this time.

<u>Isaac Brian Ridener</u>, son of Sara & Jim Ridener and grandson of Larry & Teri Hineline, will graduate from Oak Harbor High School on May 18, 2025. Isaac will attend ATI in Wooster for Ag Business.

ASSISTING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller Organist: Darla Brown

Sr. Choir Dir.: Darla Brown Children's Choir Dir.: Jackie Seibert

8:00 a.m. <u>10:30 a.m.</u>

Greeter: Bill & Ruth Ann Seibert Kathy McClain & Pat Forsyth

Lector: Brooke Wasserman Laurie Krynock

Acolyte: Robert Fought

Communion: M. Reiselt/M. Fought R. Brown & B. Kocsis

Counters: Ann Waggoner* & Anne Gerner

Fellowship Time Host: Youth & Growth Committee

Altar Guild: Margie Roach and Marie Reiselt

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller **Preaching:** Rev. Dane Meuschke

Organist: Parm Boyer Pianist: Becky Fox

Sr. Choir Director: Darla Brown **Flautist:** Marilyn Ring

8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Kim Smith Paul Antesberger & Cindy Zorn

Lector: Jackie Seibert Miranda Garlock

Acolyte: Karly Paeth

Communion: K. Smith/J. Seibert P. Antesberger & M. Reiselt

Counters: Marie Reiselt* & Judi Neill

Fellowship Time Host:

Altar Guild: Margie Roach and Marie Reiselt

PRAYING DAILY



For healing and hope: Joan Bolen, Mary Ann Diekman, Millie Fetterman, Della Humbarger, Denny Krumnow, Bill Leutenegger, Stan Moyer, Nancy Mylander, Betty Nielsen, Gary Overmyer, Ken & Gloria Root, Letty Rusch, Bob Schneider, Bill Seibert, Janet Tressler, Linda Woessner.

Bob Methney, Molly Witker.

For the Family of: Carnetta Weber.

For our Military: Noah Egbert, Troy Halfhill, Jade Kayser, Daniel Linder,

Tony Rozzi, Christopher Templeton, & Joshua Tooman.

For our Bishops: Bishop Christian Ndossa, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and

NWOS Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Staff

For our partner congregation in Bumila, Tanzania

And its pastor: Pastor Peter Magasi

<u>THE YOUTH & GROWTH COMMITTEE</u> is in need of a Sunday School Teacher for the 1st thru 3rd grade class. Thank you.

<u>WE WOULD LIKE TO ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP SERVICES</u> with more musical talent. If anyone would like to share their talents, especially any of our youth, please let us know.

FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – May 18 to May 25

Sunday

May 18-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time 1-4 p.m. Hall Reserved – 4-H – J. Seibert

6-8 p.m. Hall Reserved – 4-H – B. Harder

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

Monday

May 19-----10 a.m. Valley View Worship & Holy Communion

Tuesday

May 20-----2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle

6:30 p.m. Executive Council 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday

May 21----7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir

Thursday

May 22---- 3 p.m. Christ Care

<u>Friday</u>

May 23-----

Saturday

May 24----9:15 a.m. Christ Care

Sunday PASTOR TIM ON VACATION

May 25-----8 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship Time

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025: ATTENDANCE: 154 – OFFERING: \$3,689.52