

*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting 6

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: *In this Moment***

**R. Kevin Boesiger**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Hymn: *Morning Has Broken***

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- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**Greeting**

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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 mercy.**

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

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

### **Canticle of Praise**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia.(Repeat)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Alleluia

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

...one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

### **WORD**

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

#### **First Reading: Acts 7: 55-60**

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>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. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10**

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.”

<sup>7</sup>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,”

<sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: John 14: 1-14**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>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’? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>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. Denise Anderson****Hymn of the Day: *You Are the Way*****ELW 758**

1 You are the way; to you alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
all those who search for God, you find  
and by your grace set free.

- 2 You are the truth; your word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
you only can inform the mind  
and purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the rending tomb  
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
and those who put their trust in you  
not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;  
grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.

### **Apostles' Creed**

*Together let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Blessing of Graduates**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

...through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

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The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***

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*Thank you for your gifts and offerings. Whether you give electronically, or by cash or check in an envelope, we greatly appreciate your continued support of God's ministries.*

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

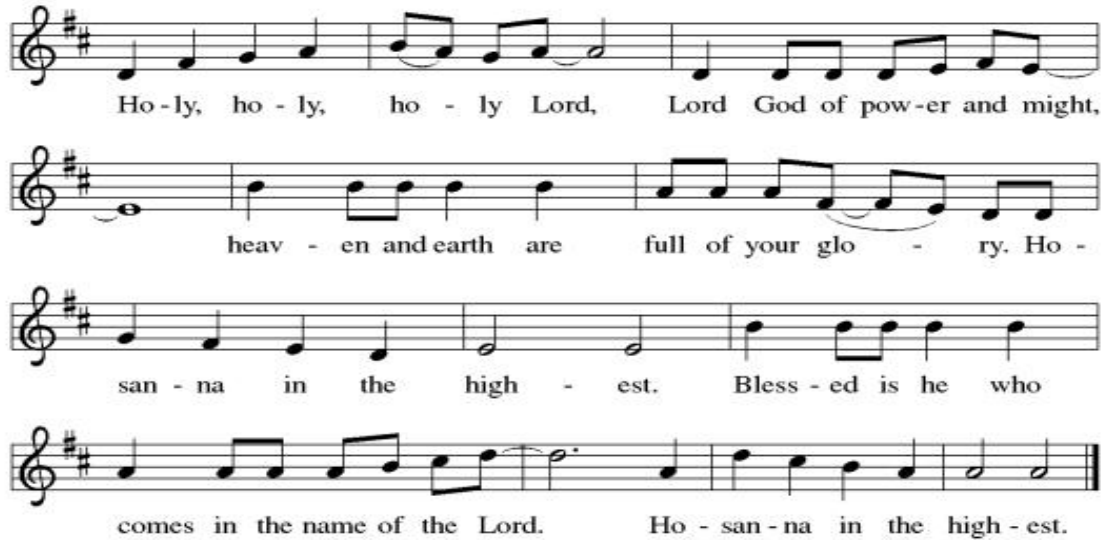
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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

### Thanksgiving at the Table

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### Lord's Prayer

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*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**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

### Lamb of God

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### Communion Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

#### Refrain

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain

### Post-Communion Blessing

...Amen.

### Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

### SENDING

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

### Announcements

#### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn: *In Christ Alone***

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand
- 2 In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live
- 3 There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
- 4 No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Announcements**

**This Week at Lord of Life**

Sunday, May 3	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15AM	Congregational Vote for new pastor
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Monday, May 4	9:00AM	Spring Clean up at church
Thursday, May 7	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl ministry
Saturday, May 9	8:30AM	Men's Breakfast
Sunday, May 10	8:00AM	Worship in person
	9:15AM	Fellowship
	10:30AM	Worship in person or online

**Thank you**

Thank you to Rev. Denise Anderson for sharing the good news of the gospel with us this morning. God's riches blessings be with our high school graduates, Ethan Ackerman, Luke Boyle, Easton Felderman, Dominic Stache, and Timothy Troftgruben.

**Notice of Special Congregational Meeting**

Today, Sunday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15am** there will be an election for the next pastor of Lord of Life. Please plan on attending this important event in the life of our church.

**Name Tags**

As we prepare for a new pastor at Lord of Life, the council has suggested to the members that we get back in the habit of wearing our name tags that have been provided for you. This will make it much easier for the new pastor to put a name to your face and to get to know you on a personal level. Please let Kayleen know if you do not have a name tag in your church mailbox and she will make sure you get one.

**Found**

A bible with a pretty green cloth cover was left in the women's restroom. You will find it on the table outside of the office.

**Adult Bible Study**

Due to scheduling conflicts for the month of May, the Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings has concluded until the Fall. Thank you to Astine Bose for sharing her time and talents to facilitate these weekly discussions on Sunday mornings.



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### **Worship Online**

YouTube Channel: Lord of Life Lutheran Church; website: lordoflife.online  
or Facebook: Lord of Life Lutheran Dubuque

### **This Week's Worship Servants**

<b>Readers:</b>	8:00 Sandy Arp	10:30 Wayne Olsen
<b>Ushers:</b>	8:00 Gilbertson's	10:30
<b>Tech/PPT:</b>	8:00 Kevin Anderson	10:30 Kevin Anderson

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