

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
9am Worship/Live Stream**



**HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD’S LOVE  
OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)**

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**In-Person Worship: 9:00am**

**Livestream: 9:00am**

**Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out the welcome card found on the pew and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you for joining us today!" \*Indicates that those who are able please stand. We use the cranberry colored hymnals that are located in the pews. The page numbers for the liturgy are in the front of the book. The # sign in the bulletin refers to the hymn number in the back of the book. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday and is open to all. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and the wine. Communion is offered with wafer or bread and small cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Children are welcome to commune or receive a blessing whichever they do in their home Church.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

## THE GATHERING

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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 is poured as we give thanks.*

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. Blessed are you, O God.

**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, O God.

**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, O God.

**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 Hymn: ELW # 558 Lord God, We Praise You

- 1 **Lord God, we praise you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, standing here before you;  
singing, we offer prayer and meditation;  
thus we adore you.**
- 2 **Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.**
- 3 **All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;  
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
through all creation.**

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: ELW # 155

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

Hymn of Praise: ELW 819 Come, All You People

**Come all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
Come all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
Come all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
Come now and worship the Lord.**

**Come all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
Come all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
Come all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
Come now and worship the Lord.**

**Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
Come now and worship the Lord.**

Prayer of the Day:

**Let us pray, 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 life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***THE WORD***

Children's Time

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. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 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 up-on 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>To you then who believe, he is precious; 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 race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts 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. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation: ELW # 388 Be Not Afraid

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

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Gospel: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to St. John the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter **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 me 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." This is the gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon: "To Calm a Troubled Heart"

Hymn of the Day: ELW # 629 Abide with Me

- 1 **Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**
- 2 **Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**
- 3 **I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**
- 4 **I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!**
- 5 **Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heav'n's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

**\*Nicene Creed: We believe in one God, the Father 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 from 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 by 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. 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, and 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 forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession:

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. We pray especially for; **Jackie, Roger, Jon, Lowell, Dave, Jenny, Tim, The Huber Family, Steve, Max, Matt, John**, and all those we name now before you, whether out loud or in our hearts...Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Peace and Exchange:

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us share the peace with one another.

Offering: The ministry of Our Savior's continues and thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530- St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at [oursaviorschurch.info](http://oursaviorschurch.info) under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.



\*Offertory Hymn: Create in Me a Clean Heart

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offering 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. **Amen.**

### THE MEAL

Dialogue: pg. 152

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 God thanks and praise.**

Preface: 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:

Sanctus: pg. 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely

through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations. 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. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** 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. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 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. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 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. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: (Our Father who art in Heaven...)

Invitation to Communion: Gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God: pg. 154

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

Communion video:

Prayer after Communion:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*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.**

### **THE SENDING**

\*Blessing/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: ELW # 389 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

**1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

- 2 **Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching ev'ry place and time.**
- 3 **In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**
- 4 **Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**
- 5 **Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Dismissal: Go in peace. Praise the Lord! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**“OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS”**

### **Continue to Pray for the following People;**

Jackie Johnson, Roger Billiter, Jon Swedien, Lowell Hancuh, Dave Buettner, Jenny Hince, Tim Brockhouse, The Huber Family (Hank, Kristen, Hannah and Walter), Steve DuMond, Max Beck, Matt Feuerhelm, John Paape. If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

### **Announcements:**

**Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am** Worship/Livestream, **10am** Fellowship (Ruby Feuerhelm).

**Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm** Council Meeting

**Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> 9am** Worship/Livestream, (Happy Mother's Day), Honoring High School Graduates, **10am** Fellowship (Patricia Peterson/Youth Committee).

**Happy Birthday!** **May (3<sup>rd</sup>)** Ruby Feuerhelm, Greg Peterson (**4<sup>th</sup>)** Emily Bowen (**5<sup>th</sup>)** Norma Taplin (**7<sup>th</sup>)** Luke Lundstrom (**8<sup>th</sup>)** John Halverson, Brian Johnson, Judy Sampson (**9<sup>th</sup>)** Gabe Feuerhelm

**Coffee and Conversation:** All are Welcome! Please join us on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. We hope to see you there!

**THANK YOU** to all who supported The Pierce County Food Pantry through your donations at last Sunday's pancake breakfast. Your donations totaled \$600. With a supplemental gift from the Men In Mission, we were able to give \$1000 to the food pantry. Thank you for your generosity. The Men In Mission

**Thank you** so much to the "Sunshine Crew" for the generous food donation given to our family at the time of John's passing. I pray for God's Blessing on each and everyone involved. Love to all. The family of John Steele.

**Do you enjoy the Contemporary Worship Services?** The Church Council would like to create a committee to organize the Contemporary Worship Services. Let Pastor Lucas or Patricia know if you are interested.

**Are you a Military Veteran or Spouse:** We are looking at a special project this year for Memorial Day and want to make sure we have all of those that served in the Military or spouses are recognized. If you are either of those can you please notify the office so we can create a list and make sure we honor all that served. Thanks to all for serving and your cooperation.

**Hiring: Youth Director** We are seeking someone dedicated to creating a fun, safe, and engaging learning environment for the youth at Our Savior's, starting the Summer of 2027.



Basics for Local Kids: Thank you for all the donations for Basics for Local Kids. We received 4-snow pants, 9-coats, 1-pair of boots, and 2- mittens.

Thank you, Your Evangelism Committee



**FEEDING THE FARMERS:** Planting season is upon us and the Evangelism committee will be making lunches for farmers. We plan to meet at church on Friday, May 8th at 4pm, to make bag lunches. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help, is more than welcome to join us. On Sunday, May 10th, after worship service, the lunches will be available for members to take and deliver to farmers. We will have a sheet for you to sign out the lunches, that will tell us who you plan to give lunch to. We thank you in advance for helping make and deliver lunches as a "Thank You" to farmers for helping to feed the world.



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **MAY** we will be collecting; **Ramen Noodles, Dry Soup Mix, Canned Meats, Baked Beans, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Paper Towels, Flour, Oatmeal, Cereal, Vegetable Oil.** Please put

the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church. Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted as well. Online donations @[hungerpreventioncouncil.net](mailto:hungerpreventioncouncil.net), call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

### **Youth News:**

**Family Pool Party!** It was so fun seeing all 16 kids and 8 adults enjoying family time and creating memories at the pool on Sunday. Thank you all for joining me.

**S.O.S. Kids Crew!** It was fun creating May Day baskets with the 7 elementary youth that joined me in the last S.O.S. Kids Crew for the School year. **A Special Thank You** to Peggy Hoyer for preparing, serving and cleaning up the meal for us.

### **Ellsworth Community Vacation Bible School at English Lutheran Church Dates:**

Monday, June 15 - Thursday, June 18 Time: 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Open to students in our community who have completed 4YK-5th grade. Transportation to VBS from ECSD Summer School is provided! VBS is FREE and includes lunch and a snack. Use the QR code or website to register. Adult and youth (grades 6-12) volunteers are needed! Led by counselors from Luther Point Bible Camp Register today! Scan the QR code or visit: [www.englishlutheranchurch.org/children-s-ministry](http://www.englishlutheranchurch.org/children-s-ministry).

