

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

**Announcements**

**The Reverend Ashley Wright**

**Processional Hymn**

*Come, My Way*

*You are invited to stand  
Hymnal #487*

*Celebrant*

Alleluia, Christ is risen;

**People**

**Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

Hymnal S 278

*Celebrant*

God be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

**Easter V**

**The Lessons**

*Please be seated*

**The First Reading**

Acts 7:55-60

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 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. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*

**deliver me in your righteousness.**

Incline your ear to me; \*  
**make haste to deliver me.**  
**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.**  
Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
**for you are my tower of strength.**  
Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
**for you have redeemed me,**  
**O LORD, O God of truth.**  
My times are in your hand; \*  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,**  
**and from those who persecute me.**  
Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
**and in your loving-kindness save me.”**

### The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and 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. 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.” 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,” 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. 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 the God who called you out of darkness into marvelous light. 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.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

*You are invited to stand*  
Hymnal #490 v. 1

The Gospel

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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.

And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 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? 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. 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.

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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Martin Smith**

**Reflection Music**

**The Choir**

**The Nicene Creed**

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**St. Luke’s Community Prayer**

**The Prayers of the People**

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Pray for **Claudia & Rick++++**(Giacoma) **Leo++++** (Ludwick) **Adeline++++** (daughter of Ashley) **Peggy++++** (Hanson) **Larry++++**(brother of Barbara) **Sarah++++**(daughter of Wendy) **Meg++++** (sister of Brad) **Sherry++++** (friend of Meredith) **Kathy++++** (sister of Danamichele) **Nancy++++** (Conrow) **Leila++++** (sister in law of Teresa) **Gina++++** (friend of Meredith) **Mary Lou++++** (friend of Paddy) **Ed++++** (Fiscus), **Mic++++** (friend of Meredith and Michael) **Cheri++++** (daughter-in-law of Barry) **Jane++++** (friend of Beth) **Frances++++** **Dave++++** **Elizabeth++++** **Ambrose++++** (friends of Jeri) **Deahna++++** (friend of Heidi) **Phyllis++++** (mother of Pam) **Chuck++++** (Stohler) **David++++** (brother of Susan) **Bill++++** **(friend of Sherry)** **Rusty++++** (Martz) **Stan++++** (friend of Harriet) **Jim++++** (Bolton, former member of St. Luke’s) **Sheena+++** (mother of Erik) **Angela++** (daughter of John)

*Pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Mary McEntire**, a long-time member of our Worship Community*

We remember and celebrate the birthdays of **Sam** Wilson on Monday, **Arthur** Nickerson on Tuesday, **Laura** Nickerson on Friday, and **Barbara** Heywood on Saturday, beloved members of our parish community.

**Confession of Sin**

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## The Peace

*Celebrant*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

*You are invited to stand*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our lives and labor to God.

## The Doxology

Hymnal #380, v. 3 (adapted)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

**People**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hymnal S 130

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human

family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Saint Luke and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn**

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Hymnal #335

**The Post Communion Prayer**

*You are invited to stand*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

*Guide Me*

Hymnal #690

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon  
People*

Let us bless the Lord; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God; Alleluia, Alleluia!

**We Are Grateful For Those Serving Today**

**Vestry Person Of The Day: Michele Liencres**

**Altar Guild: 7:45 AM:**

**Layreader** Youth Sunday

**Crucifer** Youth Sunday

**Tellers** VPOD & Lee Nowoslawski

**Sound Technician** Don Wood

**Children's Ministry** Laura Nickerson

**10:30 AM:** Myra Herzog, Debbie Murray

**Ushers/Greeters** Youth Sunday, Ted Clayton, Linda Dugins

**Chalice Bearers** Youth Sunday

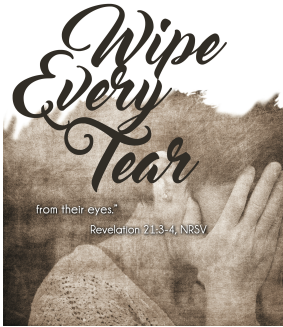
**Hospitality Hour** PLEASE SIGN UP

**Video Recorder** Barry Heywood

**Youth Director/Youth Group** Gabe Bielma

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

"God himself will be with them; he will



## PASTORAL CARE AVAILABLE

With the news of Mary's passing, I know our hearts are heavy and that we need to rely on one another during this time of grief. Please know that pastoral care is available to you, should you want to sit down with me or Rev. deacon Pam this week. We are clearing our calendars wherever possible to create open space for you. Please email [ashley@stlukespc.org](mailto:ashley@stlukespc.org) or [pam@stlukespc.org](mailto:pam@stlukespc.org) to schedule an appointment.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARY MCENTIRE

A memorial service will be held for Mary McEntire on Saturday, June 6th, at 11:00 AM with a reception to follow in the parish hall. Please mark this occasion on your calendars and plan to attend and support your fellow parishioners, Mary's family, and friends during this challenging time. The reception will offer an opportunity for those who wish to share memories of Mary with everyone present.



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Weeping may linger for  
the night, but joy comes  
with the morning.

Psalm 30:5, NRSV