

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

## **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

**Church picnic** - June 1 from 11 am to 2 pm at Kin Picnic Shelter

## **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.

# GATHERING SONG MEDLEY

"All Are Welcome" ELW 641 (v 1, 2 & 5)



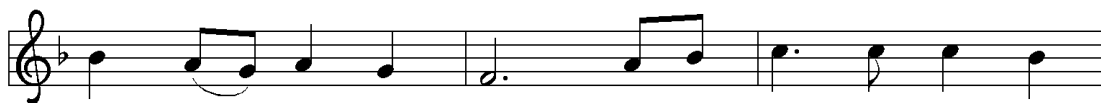
Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to

heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as

words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we

laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:

All are wel - come,

claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## LITANY –

(inspired by Isaiah 43:18-19; 65:17, Revelation 21:5, Romans 12:2)

Living God, we are your people,  
bound to you by the love of Jesus Christ  
and by the call of your Holy Spirit.  
Hold us deep in that truth  
even as you move us into your new creation.  
**You are making all things new.**

A new heaven, a new earth.  
A new way of thinking, a new way of being.  
**You are making all things new.**

No more death, no more mourning.  
No more crying, no more pain.  
**You are making all things new.**

Renew our minds to renew the world  
by living out your commandment of love.  
**You are making all things new.**

### "A New Commandment" WOV 664

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

It is our delight to pray. God of life, who in your Son Jesus taught us the new commandment to love one another as He loved us, we ask you to grant us the grace to live in true brotherhood. May our love be a reflection of your infinite love, and may our actions bear witness to your presence in the world. Help us, through listening to your Word, to be instruments of peace, understanding, and solidarity, so that, following Jesus' example, we may build a more just world filled with your love. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 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.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 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. 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; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 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.' 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?" 8 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."

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6

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

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."

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." 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."

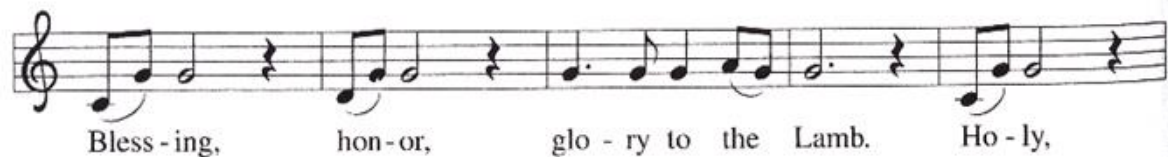
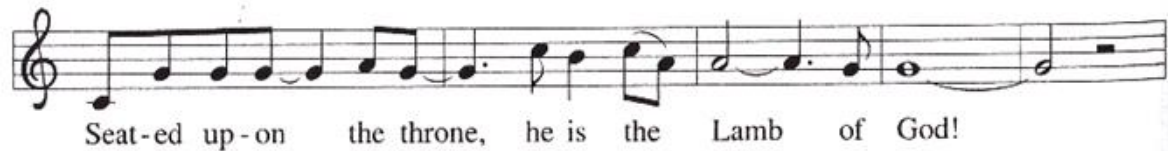
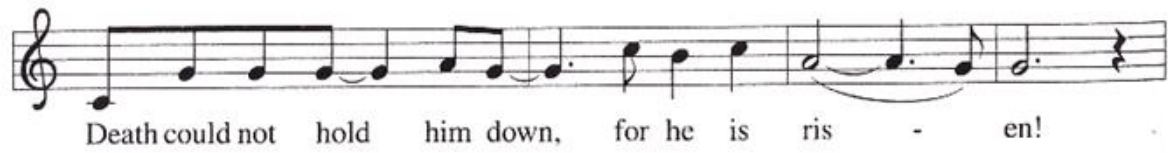
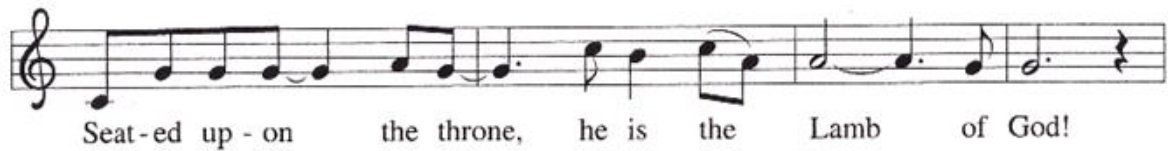
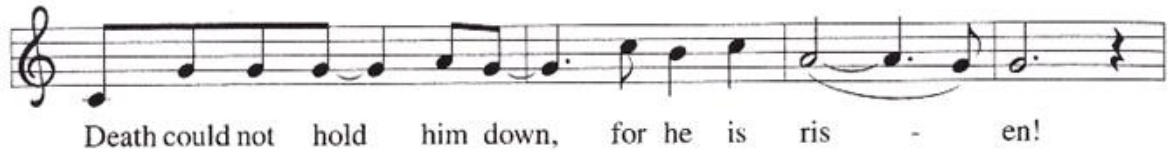
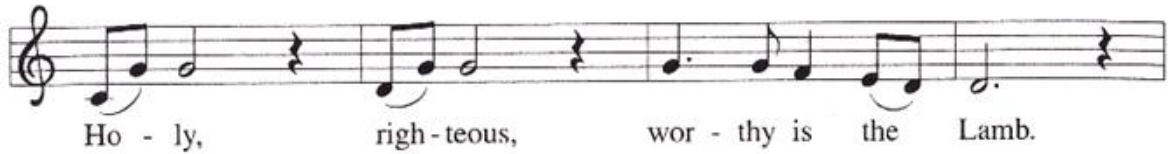
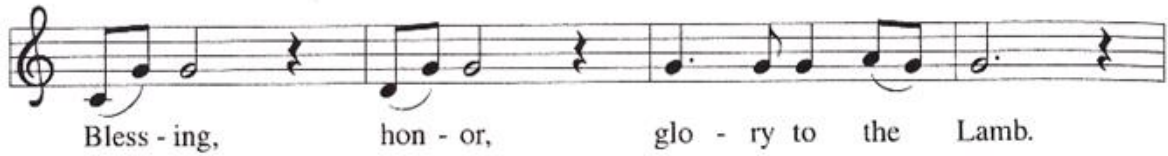
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Blessing, Honor, Glory to the Lamb"



## **GOSPEL John 13:31-35**

The holy gospel according to John the 13th Chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Today's sermon has been prepared and shared by Pastor Peter Lisinski who serves Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Toronto, Eastern Synod.

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Make Us Servants" Sing! 204

*Descant*

5 Dy - ing, we live, re - born through

D G C Gsus G Bm

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of

Em Am G Dsus D G C

hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of Your

peace to wake at last in light.  
 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 peace to wake at last in heav - en's light.

## 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.

#### **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

# OFFERTORY HYMN "You Are Holy" ELW 525



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to follow you. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.*

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. God of life, **pour out your love.**

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, and enable gardens and crops to grow. God of life, **pour out your love.**

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. God of life, **pour out your love.**

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 Myrtle, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Thelma, Margaret, Karen, Dave, Tiffany, Blair, Corrie, Patrick, Lori, Joel and Ellen, Linda, Shirley, Reinhold and Isabel, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim, Carter, Doreen, Margaret and Clayton, Alan, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Jody, Cliff, Barry and Christine, and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Wipe away every tear. God of life, **pour out your love.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities, and bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. We give you thanks, O God, for this community of faith and all who worship with us in person and online. Support and uphold those who pray for others, that their time with you will encourage their hearts. We ask your blessing on Pastor Joel and his family, and Clayton & Margaret Sailer and Sandra Sailer. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God life, **pour out your love.**

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. God of life, **pour out your love.**

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.

**Amen.**

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

May God who has brought us from death into life fill you with great joy.  
May you be rooted and grounded in + Christ's love,  
strengthened by the Spirit,  
and filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG "He Came Down" ELW 253

1. Jesus came bringing us love  
Jesus came bringing us love  
Jesus came bringing us love  
hallelujah forevermore!
2. Jesus came bringing us hope  
Jesus came bringing us hope  
Jesus came bringing us hope  
hallelujah forevermore!
3. Jesus came bringing us life  
Jesus came bringing us life  
Jesus came bringing us life  
hallelujah forevermore!

## SENDING

Go in peace. In Christ we are made new.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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