

First Lutheran Church ELCA

PRAYERS FOR HEALING



SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday ☩ May 18, 2025 ☩ 10:30 am

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Gathering

PRELUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

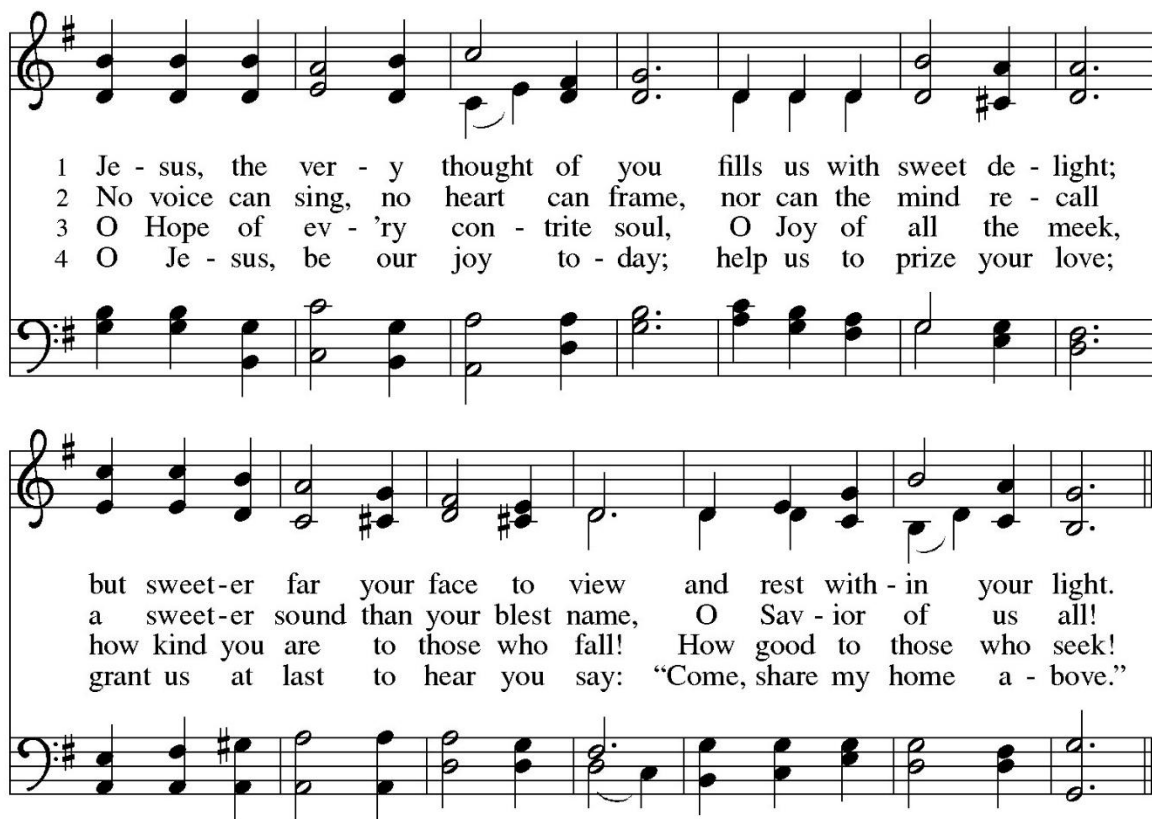
J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

ELW 754



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen.

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. By grace we are saved. In the name of Jesus your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your heart.

Amen.

God's Word for us: Healing

A reading from Luke, chapter 5:12-26

Reflection and prayer –

***Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us hope beyond our fears,
and peace beyond our sorrows.***

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Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God, all who are in need of healing.

Hymns of Healing #612 #614 #703

PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all in need. Give courage in times of fear. Give patience in times of affliction, Give hope in times of dejection. And in times when we feel so alone, give the strength and assurance of your people – the church – the community of Christ. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Charles Callahan

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Merciful God, you sent your Son to be our peace.
Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Mighty God,
mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer,
that their sickness and pain may be turned into health.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

God of peace and reconciliation,
bring an end to the sickness of the world,
especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Holy God, Holy One,
your Son prayed that your people may be one.
May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness,
and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Loving God,
mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, this
community, and the world. We especially pray for Bob, Brinley, Candy, David,
Doyle, Doug, Ellene, John, and Linda.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Eternal God, we thank you for all the faithful departed
Heal the pain of all who grieve.
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

**O God, we bring these intercessions before you,
knowing that you will hear us as you have promised,
and will answer according to the mercy
shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

We pray together the Lord's Prayer:
Our Father.....

Sending

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

"What a Friend "

ELW 742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

James Mansfield

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SERVING TODAY

***Pastor Halaas and Bishop Halaas are worshipping at
St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, Iowa today –
where Pastor Halaas first served in Western Iowa.***

Bruce Miller	<i>assisting minister</i>
Yvonne Hazlett	<i>organist</i>
Dan Moore	<i>reader</i>
Jay Schenzel	<i>usher</i>
Lisa Schenzel, Catherine Rommel	<i>greeters</i>
Ben & Ellie Hertenstein	<i>sound and media technicians</i>
Craig & Sandie LaMaster	<i>radio broadcast and livestream sponsor</i>
Becki McGlauflin, Dorothy Chauncey	<i>coffee fellowship</i>

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Welcome to worship

You are valued and we welcome you!

We are grateful for God's gift of a diverse community.

A great place for kids!

- ❖ **Sunday School! at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays**
- ❖ **Confirmation Together: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**
- ❖ **High School Youth: Wednesdays at 7:30 pm**

This week at First Lutheran

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm.

Monday, May 19

9:00 am Quilters

12:00 pm Mary's Circle Potluck at Carole Heider's Home

Wednesday, May 21

9:00-11:30 am Holy Family Food Pantry, volunteers: Nadine Holst, Enola Peters

6:30 pm Confirmation Together

7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

7:30 pm High School Youth

7:30 pm Council Meeting

Thursday, May 22

1:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Halaas

Friday, May 23

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, May 25

10:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

11:30 am Fellowship

Happy Birthday this week to:

Paige Helgeland - 5/18, Lucas Scott - 5/18 Kaia Downing - 5/20 Ken Carlson - 5/22 Tyler LaFave - 5/22 Fran Krommenhoek - 5/23 Sue Bowers - 5/24 Tiegan Johnson - 5/24

Prayer concerns and pastoral care: There are several ways for you to share your prayer concerns and needs when ill, homebound, or celebrating. Please communicate your wishes and expectations to Pastor Halaas by phone, text, or email.

Tell others about the First Lutheran radio broadcast – every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on iHeart radio 620 am. ... **and that this worship service is also available at any time** on our Facebook livestream page: <https://www.facebook.com/firstlutheransiouxcity/> Take a look at the display of **“Angel Chorus of ALLELUIAS”** celebrating our risen Lord for the Easter season! ... on our hallway shelves for the next few weeks.

Faith Formation/Sunday School is looking for a lead that will be able to attend VBS this summer, **June 23-26**. Unfortunately, Jenny will be out of town for work that week. First Lutheran is responsible for the meal Wednesday night and will need volunteers to prep and serve the meal as well as volunteers to assist with all other activities during VBS. Some examples include set up Sunday, June 22, support with teaching, crafts, and games for all nights of VBS. We are also in need of paper towel rolls. If you can assist, please contact Jenndenne@yahoo.com or 712-215-3069.

THANK YOU to the faithful **Soup Kitchen** volunteers who served on May 15th:
Janet Gross, Carol Heider, Lee Knop, Cindy Bennett, Lisa Schenzel and Becki McGlaufflin.

Save the date!!

- Sunday, June 1 “Q and A” update with the Call Committee **AND**
“Q and A” update with the Church Council and Pastor
Following worship: **UPDATE: HVAC (heating, ventilation,
and air conditioning) options, costs, next steps.**

- Thursday, June 12 Special event for all –
An evening of thanksgiving for the ministry of
Bishop Lorna Halaas (concluding her ministry of 12
years – Western Iowa Synod ELCA)
Dinner, special program, and worship at 6:30 p.m.
at St. Mark Lutheran church.
Please RSVP on the clip boards!

- June 23-26 City-wide Vacation Bible School at
St. John Lutheran Church, 28th and Jackson

A prayer for your week ahead:

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I can not change;
courage to change the things I can;
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Amen.