

**The Fifth Sunday In Easter**  
**May 3, 2026**  
**Heritage Lutheran Church**  
**Apple Valley, MN**  
**9:00 a.m.**



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**1. Welcome**

**2. Opening Prayer**

**Pastor** O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

**3. Opening Hymn #22 "Let All The World In Every Corner Sing"**

1 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King!  
The heav'ns are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King!

2 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King!  
The Church with psalms must shout;  
No door can keep them out;  
But, above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King!

3 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King!  
The Father, with the Son,  
And Spirit, Three in One,  
One everlasting Lord,  
Be evermore adored!  
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing:  
My God and King!

#### 4. Confession of Sins

**Pastor** Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins:

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Congregation** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### 5. The Kyrie Eleison

♪ **Congregation** O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God, the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

#### 6. The Absolution

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

#### 7. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo (*Glory to God in the highest*) page 44

**Pastor** Glory be to God in the highest

♪ **Congregation** And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

#### 8. The Salutation

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

#### 9. The Collect

**Pastor** Let us pray: Almighty God, You show those who are in error the light of Your truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's kingdom, may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

#### 10. The Lesson – Acts 17:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." <sup>4</sup> And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul

and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup>But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup>And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." <sup>8</sup>And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. <sup>9</sup>And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. <sup>10</sup>The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup>Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. <sup>12</sup>Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. <sup>13</sup>But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Berea also, they came there too, agitating and stirring up the crowds. <sup>14</sup>Then the brothers immediately sent Paul off on his way to the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. <sup>15</sup>Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

#### **11. The Epistle – 1 Peter 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as 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: "Behold, 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>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." 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, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies 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.

#### **12. Psalm 146 (read responsively by whole verse)**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.  
<sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;  
<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

#### **13. The Holy Gospel – John 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to 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 had known me, you would have known 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 it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, 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, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

**Pastor** This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

♪ **Congregation** God be praised for His glad tidings.

#### 14. The Nicene Creed

**Congregation** I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

#### 15. Chief Hymn #363 “Thou Art The Way”

1 Thou art the Way; to Thee alone  
From sin and death we flee;  
And he who would the Father seek  
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2 Thou art the Truth; Thy Word alone  
True wisdom can impart.  
Thou only canst inform the mind  
And purify the heart.

3 Thou art the Life; the rending tomb  
Proclaims Thy conqu'ring arm,  
And those who put their trust in Thee  
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Grant us that Way to know,  
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,  
Whose joys eternal flow.

#### 16. Sermon “Know The Way, The Truth, The Life” John 14:1-12

#### 17. The Prayers – p. 48 The Prayer of the Church and The Apostolic Benediction

**Pastor** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## 18. The Offering

### ***The Service Of Holy Communion***

*Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.*

## 19. The Preface (Introduction to the Holy Communion)

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

**Pastor** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

♪ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

**Pastor** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## 20. The Sanctus (Latin, "Holy")

♪ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven 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.

## 21. The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

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.

## 22. The Words of Institution

**Pastor** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## 23. The Agnus Dei (Latin, "Lamb of God")

♪ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

## 24. The Distribution

### 25. Distribution Hymns

#### **#25 "O Holy Spirit Grant Us Grace"**

1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace  
That we our Lord and Savior  
In faith and fervent love embrace  
And truly serve Him ever,  
So that when death is drawing nigh,  
We to His open wounds may fly  
And find in them salvation.

2 Help us that we Thy saving Word  
In faithful hearts may treasure;  
Let e'er that Bread of Life afford  
New grace in richest measure.  
Yea, let us die to ev'ry sin,  
For heav'n create us new within  
That fruits of faith may flourish.

3 And when our earthly race is run,  
Death's bitter hour impending,  
Then may Thy work in us begun  
Continue until life's ending.  
Until we gladly may commend  
Our souls into our Savior's hand  
To rest in peace eternal.

**#495 "I Come To Thee O Blessed Lord"**

1 I come to Thee, O blessed Lord,  
Invited by Thy gracious Word  
To this Thy feast, to sup with Thee;  
Grant that a worthy guest I be.

2 I come to Thee with sin and grief,  
For Thou alone canst give relief.  
Thy death for me, dear Lord, I plead:  
O Jesus, help me in my need!

3 Shouldst Thou a strict account demand,  
Who could, O Lord, before Thee stand?  
Purge all my secret sins away:  
Be Thou, O Christ, the sinner's Stay!

4 O Jesus, Lamb of God, alone  
Thou didst for all our sins atone;  
Though I have sinned and gone astray,  
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away.

5 O Jesus, Lamb of God, alone  
Thou didst for all our sins atone;  
Be merciful, I Thee implore,  
Be merciful forevermore.

**#441 "O That The Lord Would Guide My Ways"**

1 O that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
O that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!

2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands,  
A most delightful road;  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

**#63 “Now Thank We All Our God”**

1 Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

2 Oh may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

**26. The Collect**

**Pastor** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**27. The Benediction**

**Pastor** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **Congregation** Amen, Amen, Amen.

**28. Closing Hymn #484 “Christ Alone Is Our Salvation”**

1 Christ alone is our salvation,  
Christ the rock on which we stand;  
Other than this sure foundation  
Will be found but sinking sand.  
Christ, His cross and resurrection,  
Is alone the sinners' plea;  
At the throne of God's perfection  
Nothing else can set him free.

2 We have all things, Christ possessing:  
Life eternal, second birth,  
Present pardon, peace, and blessing  
While we tarry here on earth;  
And by faith's anticipation,  
Foretaste of the joy above  
Freely giv'n us with salvation  
By the Father in His love.

3 When we perfect joy shall enter,  
'Tis in Him our bless will rise;  
He's the essence, soul, and center  
Of the glory in the skies.  
In redemption's wondrous story  
Planned before our parents' fall,  
From the cross unto the glory  
Jesus Christ is all in all.

### **29. The Closing Prayer**

**Pastor** O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

### **Announcements**

**Board of Elders** – The Board of Elders will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 pm.

**Every Member Sunday** – We will celebrate Every Member Sunday on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and we will have a potluck after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. As we plan for the potluck, we are asking people with last names starting with A-H to bring a salad; last names starting with I-P to bring a main dish, and last names starting with R-Z to bring a dessert.

**Worship Change** – The Council voted to change our second service to Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. This change will take place June 1<sup>st</sup>. The last Saturday evening service will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**Budget Forum Meeting** – Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> after church.

**Annual Voters' Meeting** – Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> after church.

**Women's Bible Study** – The Monday Evening Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 pm. Contact Ruth Braun if you would like more information.

**Men's Bible Study** – Men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Choir** – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. New members are always welcome!

**Fellowship** - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

**Spring Clean Up** – Please see the volunteer board for opportunities to help around the church grounds. There are indoor and outdoor projects. Please take a look and see if there are any projects that you would like to help with.

