

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.

*We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.*

*Please silence cell phones during worship.*

*The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type**.*

*\* = Please stand at your discretion.*

**Introduction:** As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

## **GATHERING**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Arr. by Daniel Burton

\*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.

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.**

\*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.**

\*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.**

**WORD**

READING

Proverbs 4:10-18

Jim Wickland

- <sup>10</sup> Hear, my child, and accept my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.
- <sup>11</sup> I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- <sup>12</sup> When you walk, your step will not be hampered,  
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- <sup>13</sup> Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.
- <sup>14</sup> Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.
- <sup>15</sup> Avoid it; do not go on it;  
turn away from it and pass on.
- <sup>16</sup> For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;  
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- <sup>17</sup> For they eat the bread of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.
- <sup>18</sup> But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,  
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 *(read responsively with leader)*

Michelle Weymouth

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.
- <sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.**
- Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.**
- <sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name’s sake lead me and guide me;
- <sup>4</sup> **take me out of the net that is hidden for me,**

- for you are my refuge.**
- <sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.
- <sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and  
persecutors.**
- <sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

\*GOSPEL John 14:1-14

*Response after the announcement: “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 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.”

*Response after the reading: “Praise to you, O Christ!”*

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Best Road Trip Ever”

Pastor Deb Abbott

*Silence for reflection*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

“You are the Way”

**ELW #758**

#### APOSTLES’ CREED

**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 again 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.**

PRAYERS *(each petition concludes:)*

... Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Prayers for healing and strength for:* Debbie Murphy, Rosemary Loper, Debbie Pilch, Bob Smith, Pepper Mueller

*Prayers of sympathy for the families of:* Mary Ann Peery (Dora Miller & Robert Dinges’s sister)

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

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\*OFFERING PRAYER

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 our thanks and praise.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*This is Christ's table, and all are welcome here. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. For those who wish, white grape juice is available in the center cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing.*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: "Jesus Christ, Bread of Life (Eat This Bread)"  
"I Am the Bread of Life"

**ELW #472**  
**ELW #485**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING** (*response: "Amen!"*)

**\*SENDING HYMN** "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!"

**ELW #389** (Verses 1, 3-5)

**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL** (*response: "Thanks be to God!"*)

**\*POSTLUDE**

***Thank you to Bob Smith for sponsoring today's complimentary coffee and cookies in memory of his wife Rhonda Smith's birthday & passing. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services.***

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

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