

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## May 18, 2025

Prelude— <i>Prelude in G</i>	WALOND
Anthem— <i>Come Christians, Join to Sing</i>	MUELLER
Postlude— <i>Lead On, O King Eternal</i>	LANCASHIRE

### Hymns: (Found in the red Hymnal)

Gathering— <i>I Come with Joy</i>	ELW 482
Psalmody— Psalm 148 (read responsively)	Below
Hymn of the Day— <i>Great God, Your Love Has Called Us</i>	ELW 358
Sending— <i>Now the Green Blade Rises</i>	ELW 379

### Scripture: (Found in the black pew Bible)

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18	Page 895
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6	Page 1007
Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35	Page 877

### Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise or all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

<b>SERVERS</b>		<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week</u></b>
<i>Greeters</i>	....	<i>Caroline Raszewski</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
<i>Lector</i>	....	<i>Caroline Raszewski</i>	<i>Bill Aull</i>
<i>Worship</i>	....	<i>Caroline Raszewski</i>	<i>Bill Aull</i>
		<b><u>MAY</u></b>	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>
<i>Ushers</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
		<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	....	<i>Pam Hanfland &amp; Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Linda Griffith &amp; Caroline Raszewski</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	....	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Property</i>	....	<i>Steve Nivens</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	....	<i>Isma Boland &amp; Melba Murphy</i>	<i>Charles &amp; Ruth Nicholson</i>

OFFERING	Last Sunday	Total for May
General	\$1,725.00	\$4,384.00
Online General	\$ 461.26	\$1,222.52
Total	\$2,186.26	\$5,606.52
Building Maint. & Prop. Imp.	\$ 900.00	\$1,195.00
Online BMPI	\$ 143.51	\$ 338.27
Total	\$1,043.51	\$1,533.27

The flowers are given in honor of our 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for our family and friends by Albert and Sue Drafts.

We welcome Pastor Jane Mitcham today! Pastor Jane is an ordained minister of word and sacrament who has been serving Christ's church in many ways. She is currently retired and we are thankful for her continued leadership and sharing of her gifts in many capacities across the South Carolina Synod. Pastor Jane and her husband Bill live in Lexington.

Pastor Joanna is on vacation until May 22. Please be in touch with Rebecca Fingerlin or the church office if needed.

**Wednesday Bible study** will not meet for the next couple of weeks. Bible study will meet again starting on Wednesday, June 4 at 10:30am

**God's Helping Hands** current needs are: Jiffy mix, spaghetti sauce, regular cooking oil, juice, crackers, cookies, flour, sugar, jello, pudding, dry milk, mixed vegetables and ramen noodles. Please place donations in the designated container in the Cameron Hallway.

**Upcoming Deadline:** Monday, May 26—Grapevine Deadline

<i>Sunday</i> (May 18)	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
Monday	9:00 am	Lutheran Men
Thursday	7:00 pm	Handbell Practice
<i>Sunday</i> (May 25)	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

*Rosemary Abercombie (friend  
of Elizabeth Shealy)*

*Gary Black*

*Phyllis Calamas*

*Greg Chapman*

*Jeannie Chapman*

*Katie Doble*

*Sierra Dunaway (friend of  
Caroline Raszewski)*

*Carol Green (mother of  
Beth Cleland)*

*Horace Meetze*

*Anne Moye*

*Steve Rucker*

*Marie Shealy (National  
Health Care)*

*Jane & DeLeon Wallace*

### **Called Congregational meeting June 1, 2025.**

The church has asked for bids to upgrade the current lights in our parking lot to accommodate the more efficient and brighter LED lights. The low bid of \$12,135.00 from B & L Electric Company is for removing and disposing of the nine existing pole heads and installing new pole heads with LED fixtures. Because this expenditure exceeds \$10,000.00, it must be approved by a vote of the congregation. We will have a congregational meeting after the service on Sunday, June 1, 2025, to vote on this proposal to accept B & L Electric Company's bid. Please be present at this meeting to voice your support.

Sincerely,

Church Council