

# MAY 16

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*For those interested in Sanctuary worship: Please sign up for this worship service either on our website or by contacting the church office at 763-537-4523 or [office@faithlilacway.org](mailto:office@faithlilacway.org). We are practicing Covid19 protocols (masks, 6 foot distance between family groups etc.)*

## **Gathering Song**

A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
“This is the Savior!” thus they say,  
“this is his glorious triumph day!”  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“You see him now, ascending high  
up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share in your life.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**Amen.**

### **Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.  
Death could not hold him down,  
for he is risen!  
Seated upon the throne,  
he is the Lamb of God! **Repeat**

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.

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### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray: Risen and ascended Christ,

**send your Spirit to open our minds to understand the scriptures and our hearts to both repent and grant forgiveness so that we may be witnesses of your love and grace. Let us sing songs of joy, proclaiming your good news to and with all the peoples of earth. Amen.**

### **Lesson Ephesians 1:15b-23**

*Paul writes:* “when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn’t stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I’d think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but *forever*. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the

world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence. (The Message)

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

### **Gospel Luke 24:44-53**

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you- -that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. (NRSV)

**Sermon**      Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane

### **Hymn of the Day**

I come with joy, a child of God,  
    forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
    in love laid down for me,  
    in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
    each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
    and strangers now are friends,  
    and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
    unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
    alive among us here,  
    alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
    by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
    the love that makes us one,  
    the love that makes us one.

### **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 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 of the People**

#### ***Prayer Refrain***

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
You are holy, Lord.

God of promise, **hear our prayer.**

#### ***Repeat Prayer Refrain***

### **Offering**

*We worship God by supporting our church and the mission we share. Our Mission of the Month for May is Luther Seminary. Our partner in ministry for the internship program, our financial support helps Luther provide tuition-free education.*

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray: Risen Christ,  
**you call us beloved and died that we may live. Give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and respond to those in need. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. In your name we pray. Amen.**

### **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.

### **Sharing Communion**

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

### **Sending Song**

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,  
with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story  
of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
God's new creation.

### **Blessing**

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great peace and joy. In the name of  
the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Worship Schedule All Are Welcome!**

**Worship Online, in the sanctuary, parking lot or at home.**

Online worship available at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org)

9:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary\* and Parking Lot - Simultaneously

10:30 AM Zoom Communion

11:00 AM Zoom Bible Study

**\*When you are ready to return inside, you are welcome! Out of care for those who are not yet or cannot or are not eligible to be vaccinated, we ask households to sit 6 feet apart from one another. You can sing inside - but please wear a mask for the sake of your neighbor. Thank you!**

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