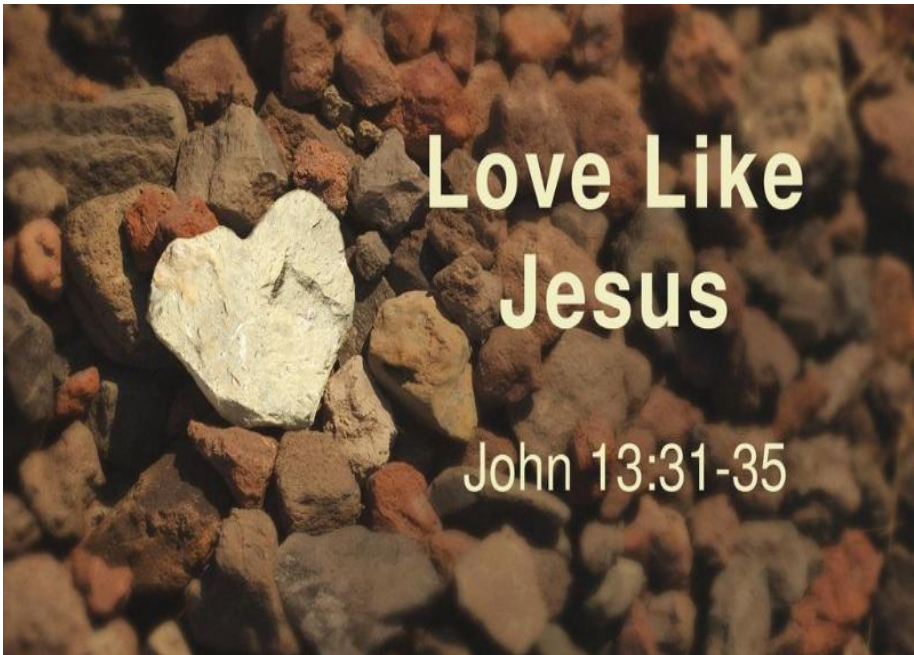


Fifth Sunday after Easter



May 18th, 2025

Welcome to

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

WELCOME EVERYONE! A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!!

We welcome you! We are glad that we are here to worship the Lord together and thank God for your presence. We pray that you feel at home and welcome. Please ask for a Welcome Bag from the Ushers. Also remember Gethsemane is a kid friendly place where we enjoy the noises and ways children experience worship in their own ways. As a parent we hope this makes you feel comfortable.



Visitors, please take a minute to scan the QR code above to learn more about Gethsemane Lutheran and fill out the Visitor Contact Form.

Our Mission Statement

To Spread God's Life Changing Message, ♦ We will Keep God's Word ♦ Reflect God's Love ♦ Preserve God's World ♦ Share God's Bounty ♦ Do God's Work

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

PRELUDE

WELCOME/GREETING

Please rise as you are comfortable

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of Love.

We gather in the name of Mercy and Grace.

We gather knowing that without You, we are not enough

We gather knowing that with You, we can move mountains

Be with us as we follow your call to Love

Be with us as we journey to seek justice and reconciliation, rather than victory

Open our hearts to Your ways

Open our hearts to You.

GATHERING HYMN “All Are Welcome” ELW 641

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Led by Assistant Minister: Jon Stolz

**O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Please be seated

Acts 11:1-18

Read By: Cheryl Perra

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Word of God. Word of Life!

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are comfortable

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Celtic Alleluia” by Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker

ALL SING:



Verse sung by the choir: Now He is living the Christ
Out of the tomb He is risen;
He has conquered death, opened Heaven to all
believers!

Repeat Alleluia

THE GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Please feel free to close your eyes and experience the word of God

Word of God. Word of Life!

Thanks be to God.

*All children who would like to join in the children’s message, please make
your way to the front of the church*

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE *Pastor Perrie*

A TIME OF REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY "God We Gather as Your People"



1.God, we ga - ther as your peo - ple to raise our song a - bove, and we
2.Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be free, and we
3.Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame, so a -
4.God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture, when child - ren far and wide can__



dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.____ Though the day may not yet
sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,____ that they nev - er have a
fraid of who they are and whom they love.____ May the mes - sage now be
live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.____ As they grow in strength and



be here, we__ trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.____
rea - son to__ doubt that they are blest. May they in your love find rest.____
ban - ished that your love is for the few. May their faith in__ you re - new.____
sta - ture, may they join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all__ hate we stand.____



— Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen wide. May there be



room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.____ For in God there is a wel - come, in



God, we all be - long. May that wel - come be our song!

Please rise as you are comfortable

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

"Christ, Our Peace"



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

As we have been so abundantly blessed by an ever loving God, please consider an offering to further God's mission in the world through Gethsemane and our ministries. Our offerings of time, talent and treasure are our response to God's gifts to us of freedom and life! Offering plates are located in the back of the sanctuary or you may also consider giving online.



VANCO

“Easter Song” by Annie Herring; arranged by Michael Ryan
Gethsemane Handbell Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Led by Assistant Minister: Jon Stolz

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

Please rise as you are comfortable

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, **we offer you our lives, full as they are of shadow and light, of kindness and apathy, of hope and despair. Take what is broken and mend it; take what is wrong and right it; take what is destructive and disable it; take what is useless and make it useful. Heal our sin, we pray. Amen.**

Beloved Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

This is the day that in joy and delight
we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth
to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,
all holy and mighty and glorious God.

For Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

This is the day that you gave light to the earth.
This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea
and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.

Now every night is as bright as day,
and that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.
This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth,
you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace,
The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,
for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit.
Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior.
Illumine our lives with your presence,
and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race,
for that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

All holy and mighty and glorious God.
radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit,
we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy,
and we praise your victory through all time and space,
For Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed. Amen! Alleluia!

Praying now in the language of your heart, we pray as children of God:

THE 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.

Please be seated

Invitation to the table

Please come up the center aisle for communion and return to your seat using the side aisles. A gluten free option is available from our Assistant Minister. Come, eat and drink - All are welcome to the table!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” ELW 708

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

“Jesus Loves Me!” ELW 595

- 1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

- 2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

COMMUNION PRAYER

Led by Assistant Minister: Jon Stolz

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

All children and teachers are excused for Sunday school.

Please rise as you are comfortable

SENDING SONG “Shout to the Lord” ELW 821

SUNG BY ALL:

My Jesus, my savior
Lord, there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Led by Assistant Minister: Jon Stolz

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE