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**5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**May 18, 2025**

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Misty Schroeder

**\*Gathering Song:**

**On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand**

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1 On Jor - dan's storm - y bank I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye  
2 All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e - ter - nal day;  
3 No chill - ing winds or poi - s'nous breath can reach that health - ful shore;  
4 When shall I reach that hap - py place and be for - ev - er blest?



to Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie.  
there God the Son for - ev - er reigns and scat - ters night a - way.  
sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
When shall I see my Sav - ior's face and in God's bos - om rest?



I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am bound for the prom - ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795

Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836-1899

## **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Kent Nelson**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*Sharing the Peace**

**Kent Nelson**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

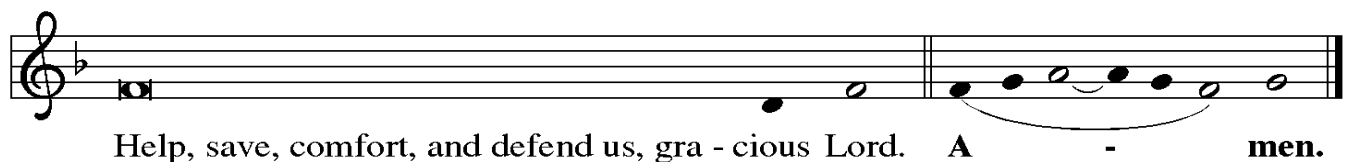
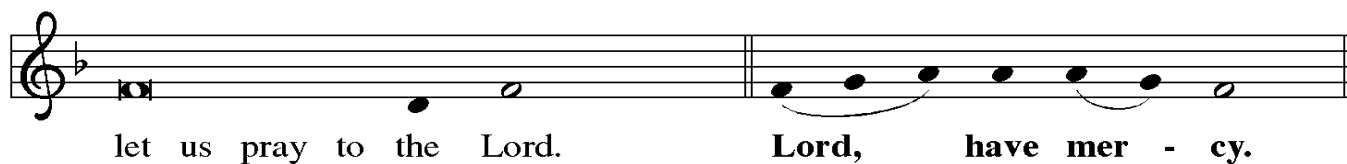
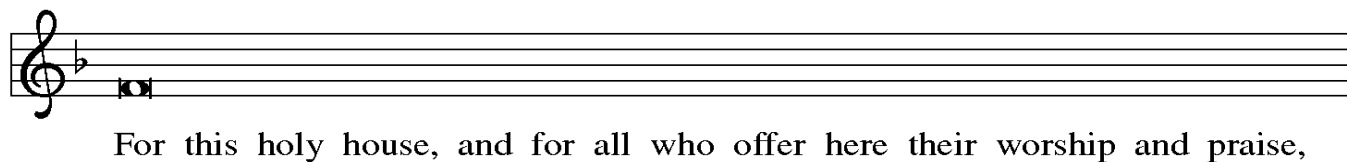
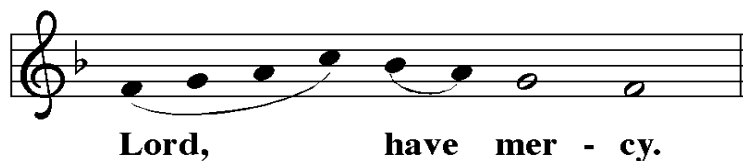
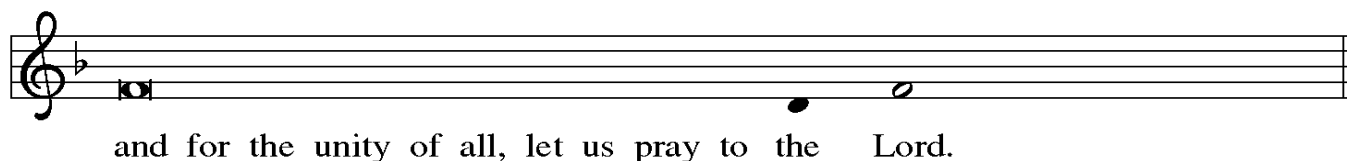
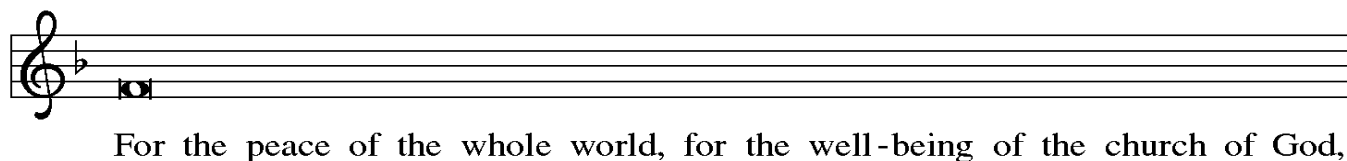
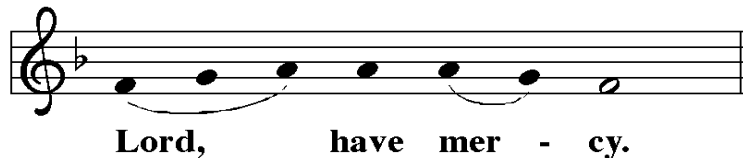
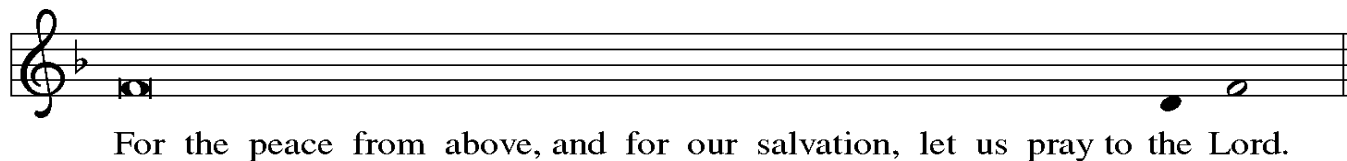
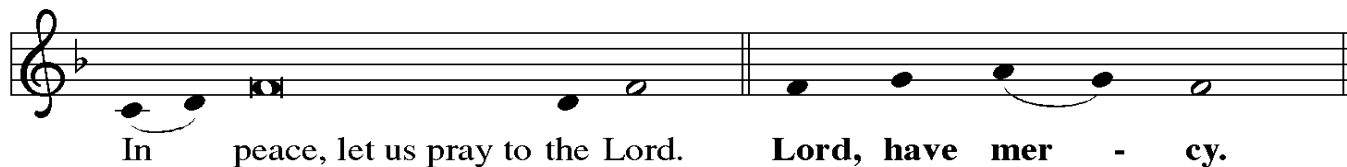
## **GREETING**

**Kent Nelson**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie:



## Hymn of Praise: Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*All*  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of 10 staves of music. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, a half note B4, a half note C5, a half note B4, a half note A4, a half note G4, a half note F#4, a half note E4, a half note D4, and a half note C4. The subsequent staves contain the lyrics, with musical notation including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the final staff.

**Prayer of the Day:****Kent Nelson**

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. **C: Amen.**

**Children's Sermon****AJ Ferrell****Children's Sunday School****WORD****The 1st lesson is a reading from Acts, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.**

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."

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 148:** (Read Responsively)

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

**Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

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

**The 2nd lesson is a reading from Revelation, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

**Dan Tschirgi**



**\*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: “For the Love of God”**

**Bill Gerth**



## Hymn of the Day:

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-

faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-nings;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887



**\*Apostle's Creed – Please stand.**

**Kent Nelson**

**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.**

### **THANKSGIVING**

**Offering:** We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God's people and creation through these gifts. Through this small sacrifice, God's love is shown through us, to those who are in need.

**\*(Please Stand) Offertory: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**Kent Nelson**

You have shown us what is good and showered us with abundance. Accept these offerings, that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your spirit of compassion, we may share with gladness and joy all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied and content, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\* The Prayers of Intercession:**

**Debbie Raithel**

The congregation's response to "Hear us, O God," is **"your mercy is great."**

**\*The Lord's Prayer:**

**Debbie Raithel**

**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.**

## SENDING

**\*Blessing:** (Please Stand)

Debbie Raithel

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**

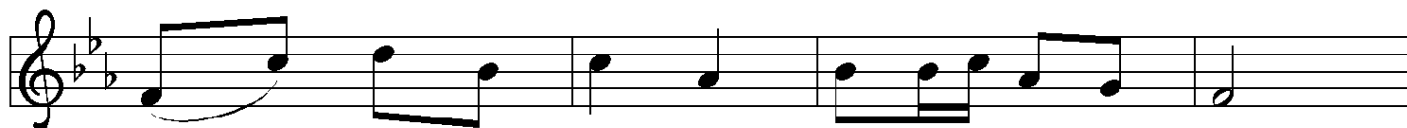
Dan Tschirgi

### Now the Green Blade Rises

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1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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**Dismissal:****Dan Tschirgi**

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

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

Presiding Lay Minister	Bill Gerth
Organist / Keyboard	Zola Finch
Song Leader	Dan Tschirgi
Acolyte	Oliver Stoermer
Audio / Video Technician	Roger Pennell
Reader	Carol Elliott
Council Member	Ashleigh Hillen
Greeters	Richard & Rosemary Heidbreder
Altar Flowers	Diane Kalaf

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STARS** will meet on Wednesday for lunch at 11:30 with sub-sandwiches as our main entrée. Please bring a salad or dessert to compliment our menu. Our speaker will be attorney Chris Conway from Jefferson City. He specializes in will and trusts for individuals and families, business and farms. Following his presentation, he will be happy to answer your questions. If you plan to attend, please make reservations with Rose Strobel by Monday evening at 573-782-4553 or 573-694-3634.

**Help fill the parsonage** – If you have household items, gently used furniture (living room, dinning table and chairs, kitchen cooking gear (including a gas range), bedroom furniture, etc. looking for a new home, the church may be able to use at the parsonage. We are wanting to furnish the parsonage for short term rentals and meetings. We need to be using the parsonage to be able to keep insurance coverage for it. You may contact Debbie Raithel (573-690-1691) if you have any questions or have items to spare for the parsonage.

The Lake Area Community Orchestra will present a summer concert at **Trinity Lutheran Parsh Hall** on Tuesday, May 27. The performance will begin at 7:00 pm. Please note change of venue for Russellville this year. See flyer on board in narthex for other concerts through August 5.

**Open House for Doug Carel's 70th birthday.** Friday, May 30th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. In the Church Friendship Hall, everyone is welcome. Misty Schroeder is preparing the food. Please RSVP, call or text 573 680-6201. No Gifts, please.

**Mid – Missouri ELCA Bible Camp (July 20-24)** information is on the narthex bulletin board.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

**Senior Real Estate Property Tax Freeze** information has been posted on the board in the narthex.

**Hymn History** – Our gathering song “On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand” was written by Samuel Stennett during his lifetime from 1727 to 1795. Samuel was born in Exeter, England and became pastor of a Baptist church in London. He held a prominent position among the Dissenting ministers of London and used his influence with statesman to advocate for the principles of religious freedom. He is not known as one of the great poets or hymn writers, but many have been sung over the years especially in Baptist churches.

### **Schedule for Online Services:**

Services are at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings on FaceBook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsChurchOnTheHill> All services can be viewed at any time on our St. Paul’s website: <http://www.stpaulslutheranlohman.org> just scroll down to the middle section and click on the service of your choice under “In Case You Missed It.” Below that is another section for current and past bulletins.

Pastor David Viles