

*May 18, 2025*  
*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.  
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

### **Serving in God's house**

Presiding Minister:	Rev. George Kirkup
Assisting Minister:	Rev. Bruce Nathan
Reader:	Lennox Debra
Organist:	Doreen Leonard

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### **The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**

*LSB 464*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, from death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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**[P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** **Amen.**

**[P]** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**[P]** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**[C]** **who made heaven and earth.**

**[P]** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**[C]** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**[P]** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**[C]** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**[P]** Upon this your confession, I... forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 98*

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.  
**The LORD has made known his salvation;**  
**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**  
**break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**  
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
**With trumpets and the sound of the horn**  
**make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**



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His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

### KYRIE

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### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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### SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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### FIRST READING

*Acts 11:1–18*

**A** The First Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter eleven.

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” But Peter began and explained it to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the

air. And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*Psalms 148:7–14*

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,  
**fire and hail, snow and mist,**  
**stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**Beasts and all livestock,**  
**creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and maidens together,**  
**old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,**  
**for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

EPISTLE

*Revelation 21:1–8*

**A** The Epistle is from the Revelation to St. John, chapter twenty-one.

Then 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, 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, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And 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 from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

*John 16:12–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633:1–4, 7

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

## SERMON

### “Here Comes the Bride”

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## OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

## COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

## BENEDICTION

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## The Day of Resurrection

LSB 478:1–3

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

*In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'"* Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed, and confirmed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

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## AGNUS DEI

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## NUNC DIMITTIS

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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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## PAULINE BLESSING



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