

## American Lutheran Church

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### Worship for the Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

***Thank you for being the Body of Christ  
gathered here this morning.***

*We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.*



**ONE THE SPIRIT**

### Welcome

#### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**Strong and faithful God, we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.**

God, who is gracious and merciful and slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, loves you as you are. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**"Now the Feast" - Kyrie and Hymn of Praise**

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#### Prayer of the Day

**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**

### Choir

#### **Acts 11: 1-18**

**Reader: Cheryl Schoesler**

The apostles and the other believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. When Peter went to Jerusalem, those who were in favor of circumcising Gentiles criticized him, saying, "You were a guest in the home of uncircumcised Gentiles, and you even ate with them!" So Peter gave them a complete account of what had happened from the very beginning: "While I was praying in the city of Joppa, I had a vision. I saw something coming down that looked like a large sheet being lowered by its four corners from heaven, and it stopped next to me. I looked closely inside and saw domesticated and wild animals, reptiles, and wild birds. Then I heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat!' But I said, 'Certainly not, Lord! No ritually unclean or defiled

food has ever entered my mouth.' The voice spoke again from heaven, 'Do not consider anything unclean that God has declared clean.' This happened three times, and finally the whole thing was drawn back up into heaven. At that very moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to go with them without hesitation. These six fellow believers from Joppa accompanied me to Caesarea, and we all went into the house of Cornelius. He told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send someone to Joppa for a man whose full name is Simon Peter. He will speak words to you by which you and all your family will be saved.' And when I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them just as on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' It is clear that God gave those Gentiles the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ; who was I, then, to try to stop God!" When they heard this, they stopped their criticism and praised God, saying, "Then God has given to the Gentiles also the opportunity to repent and live!"

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

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **Gospel Verse**

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*Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (2x)*

#### **John 13: 31-35**

After Judas had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man's glory is revealed; now God's glory is revealed through him. And if God's glory is revealed through him, then God will reveal the glory of the Son of Man in himself, and he will do so at once. My children, I shall not be with you very much longer. You will look for me; but I tell you now what I told the Jewish authorities, 'You cannot go where I am going.' And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day**

**"When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

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- 1) When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2) When mirth for music longs, This is my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare with "Jesus Christ be praised!"
- 3) No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known than "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard: oh, Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4) Let all of human-kind in this their concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 5) Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face, sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

### **Apostle's Creed**

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#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy,"  
the congregation responds with **"hear our prayer."**

#### **Offering**

*You may put your offerings in the box on the table at the back of the church -  
or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website – [americanlutheranchurch.net](http://americanlutheranchurch.net) --  
or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

### **Meal**

The Great Thanksgiving  
'Holy, Holy, Holy'  
Words of Institution

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#### 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. 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.

#### Invitation to Communion

*Jesus welcomes ALL to his table to receive his love and forgiveness -- his life given for you.  
Grape juice and gluten/soy/corn free wafers are available.*

#### Lamb of God

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Communion songs: #6-10 (white pages in the back of the book)

#### Blessing

#### Prayer

#### Benediction

#### Post-Communion Canticle "Thanks be to You"

*Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!  
From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!  
Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.  
Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!*

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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A gentle reminder: Please show care for one another and wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all.

#### This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	7pm	Choir
Sunday	10 am	Worship
	11:30	Lutheran Basics Class

**Remember in Prayer:** Cyndy Akre, Becky Anderson (former Pastor of UCC), Scone Bender, Bonnie Berg. Colleen (friend of Dawn Morey), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Virginia Eisner, Eirie, Angel, Angelito (at the request of the Schellers), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Larry Gerow (Gladys Gerow's son), Grady (Peggy Smith's sister), Gary Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kapple family, Kathy (Pat Alexander's friend), Pat Kowal's brother Jim, Dewey Moore (Cindy Robertson's dad), Mike Mumford, Viki Richter, Joel Robertson, Robin (at the request of Cheryl Graff), Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law) Nakia Salazar; daughter Gabriella, Judy Schoesler, Merle Simons (at the request of the Graffs), Nancy Thome, Carla Thorson, Val Ubat, Ronny Vasquez Sr. (at the request of the Graffs), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Stephanie Wasserman (Marva's daughter), Clara Wilner

## **Announcements:**

**June Newsletter:** If you have anything you would like included in the June Newsletter, the deadline is Monday May 26.

**The office will be closed May 20 and 21.** Laretta can be reached by phone or email.

**Giving Update:** Monthly giving for April 2025 was \$15,137.08. Our Goal is \$17,083.33. Our Monthly goal is \$17,083.33. Thank you all for your faithful gifts.

**Coffee Hour:** We are setting up groups for coffee hour. If you would like to help out please contact: Terry Brandt: 208-818-0255, Pat Alexander: 208-627-7279 or Mary Bug-Smith 509 -671-7182.

**Lutherhaven Summer Camp:** Campership funds available for summer camp at Lutherhaven. Please contact Terry Zakar.

**Anna's Circle:** We will be meeting upstairs until the weather gets warmer.

**Reminder:** Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Laretta 509-447-3440

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Also, Annie Frederick is available to answer any questions you may have about the transition: 509-270-0496 and [afrederick2018@outlook.com](mailto:afrederick2018@outlook.com)

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