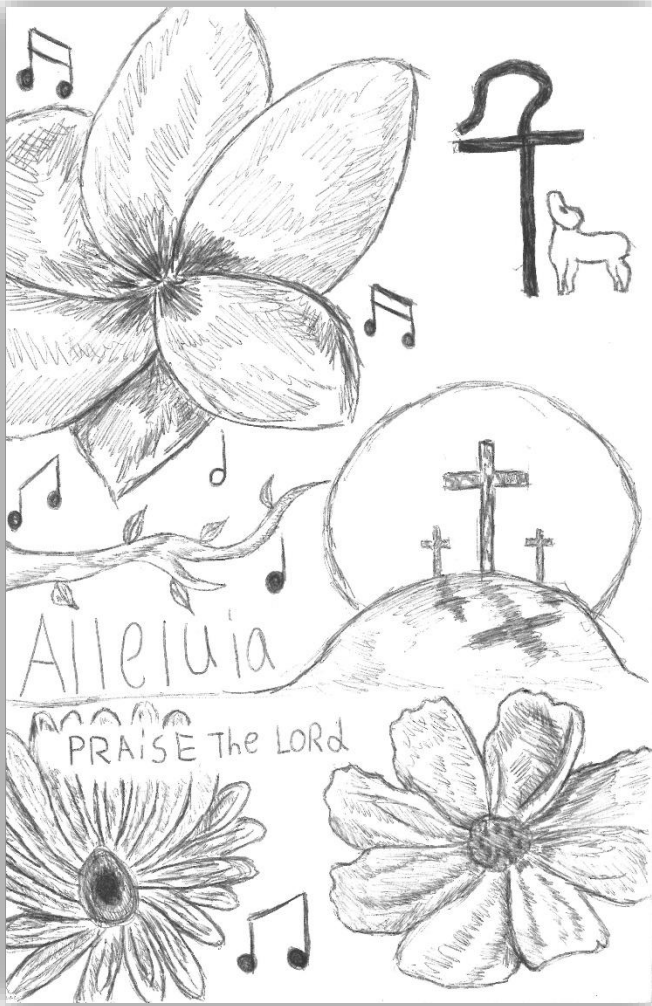




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May 17, 2026 + 8:30 am

Notes To Assist Our Worship

Welcome – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

Standing and Sitting – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated (or standing at the communion rail) during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

Nursery – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

Hearing Impaired – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

Notes on Communion – If you need gluten-free wafers, they are located on a stand in front of the baptismal font to be picked up on your way to the communion rail. If you need a non-alcoholic option, white grape juice is in the center of the communion tray.

Communion Distribution – Today we will practice “continuous distribution.” This means that the servers will be stationary, while those communing will file by them to receive the Sacrament.

Our Hymnals – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026 + 8:30am

The Seventh Sunday of Easter stands between Christ's Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. During these great fifty days of Easter, the Church's joyful song has been "Alleluia," a Hebrew word meaning "Praise the LORD." Today, as the risen and ascended Christ reigns in glory at the Father's right hand, the Church on earth joins the praise of heaven: "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God!" (Revelation 19:1).

PRELUDE

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Paul Manz

WELCOME

*ENTRANCE HYMN

ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS

LSB 821

*INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Merciful Father,

We confess that we have not always praised You. Too often we celebrate earthly things more than Your kingdom and use our voices for complaining instead of thanksgiving. Our hearts have been distracted, our worship half-hearted, and our lives slow to glorify You. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord. Teach us again to live in joyful praise and faithful witness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen and reigns forever at the right hand of the Father. Because of His death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven. Because He has ascended on high, He fills all things with His mercy – including your life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in His peace, and declare the praises of Him who has brought you out of darkness into His marvelous light!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAV'N RESOUNDS
LSB 465/vv. 1, 4

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** Responses Spoken

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Risen and ascended Lord, You have entered into glory and opened the way for Your people to dwell with You forever. Fill Your Church with the joy of Your resurrection and the song of everlasting alleluia. As the disciples worshiped You with great joy after Your ascension, grant that we also may live in continual thanksgiving and confident hope until the day we join the feast of heaven; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM 148

148 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

**³ Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!**

**⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord!

For he commanded and they were created.

**⁶ And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

**⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

**⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

**⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!**

**¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² **Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **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!**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 19:1-9

¹⁹ After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great
multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

² for his judgments are true and just;

for he has judged the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth with her immorality,

and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

³ Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down

and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying,

“Amen. Hallelujah!” ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

small and great.”

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,
like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of
thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult

and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;

⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are
invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to
me, “These are the true words of God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***EASTER ALLELUIA**

Marty Haugen

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Glory to God who does wondrous things,
Let all the people God’s praises now sing,
All of creation in splendor shall ring: Alleluia!**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴ 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be
fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the
Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ
should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and
that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be
proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from
Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I
am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the
city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, the heavens and all creation praise Your holy name! Preserve Your Church throughout the world, that we may proclaim with joy the salvation won by Christ, our risen and ascended Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, govern Your Church with wisdom and grace. Bless all pastors, missionaries, teachers, and church workers, that repentance and forgiveness of sins be preached in Your name to all nations.

Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Holy Spirit, keep us steadfast as we await the day when we will join the marriage feast of the Lamb. Fill us with hope, joy, and confidence in the promises of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Merciful Father, look with compassion upon all who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, or suffering in any way, especially be with:

- **Bonnie Richiusa**, mother of John Richiusa, battling cancer and nearing the end of her life on earth
- **Whitney**, friend of Ellie Berndt, suffering with stage 4 lung cancer
- **Katie Meszaros**, aunt of Jackie Welk, cancer

Grant healing, strength, patience, and peace according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Gracious God, we give You thanks for all of the joyful milestones of life, especially:

- **Birth of Audrey Leigh McEwen** (5/10/26), daughter of Tommy & Christina McEwen, granddaughter of TJ & Kathy McEwen, great-granddaughter of Ann McEwen

- **Birth of Eleanor “Ellie” Mae Ottman** (5/11/26), daughter of Zak & Maddie Ottman, granddaughter of Jon & Jenny Ottman

Receive our praise and thanksgiving, and keep us ever mindful that every good gift comes from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

God of all comfort, be with all those who mourn their loved ones, especially be with:

- **Norma Helm** (5/9/26), mother of Bob Helm
- **Lonnie Davis** (5/12/26), brother-in-law of Lori Davis

Assure them that because Christ lives, all who die in Him shall live also. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Lord of the nations, guide all who serve in positions of authority. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and compassion, that justice may prevail and peace abound. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Keep us faithful, O Lord, that on the Last Day we may join the saints and angels in the eternal song: “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.” Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Alleluia
(Choir)

Randall Thompson

Please see the Musical Notes listed after the “postlude” for some interpretive notes on this piece.

+SACRAMENT +

***PREFACE**

LSB 160

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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good...evermore praising You and saying:

***SANCTUS**

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***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.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

***AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.**

FAITH COMMUNION STATEMENT

Holy Communion is a gift from God and an expression of our unity in the Christian faith. We invite and welcome to the Lord's Table those who joyfully affirm the following:

+ I believe that I am a sinner and I repent of my sins.

+ I believe that in eating this bread and drinking this wine, I am receiving the Lord's true body and blood.

+ I believe that my sins are forgiven in this sacrament and I will strive to amend my life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ I have been baptized.

+ I have been prepared for Holy Communion through instruction.

(For those with dietary restrictions, please see "Notes" on page 1.)

*RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS

LSB 495

THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE

LSB 680

*CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Menuet from Suite gothique* Léon Boëllmann

Musical Notes:

In today's choir anthem, Randall Thompson has musically created a very emotional and powerful experience with just one word of text. As he explained regarding this piece, "The word Alleluia can be said in several different ways. It can be said as it does in "Messiah" as a shout, a jubilant shout of joy, celebration, rapture. Or, it can be said on bended knees: 'Lord's name be praised.' Here, it is said on bended knees."

While Thompson originally wrote this piece for a different set of circumstances, another interpretation could be the following picture of our Lord's resurrection.

It is very early Easter morning. It is just getting light, and things are very unsettled due to the events of the past few days. (The piece starts on a very unstable chord with the harmony seemingly suspended in air.) We continue with some musical murmuring as people remember how Jesus died, and even more, his prediction that in three days he would rise from the grave. Mid way through the piece as the music begins to crescendo, we hear reports that some have found Jesus' tomb empty! We become suddenly quiet as we are not sure whether to believe them or not. But then more people confirm this story, and we become more and more excited. The tempo of the piece quickens as we begin to run toward the tomb with our hearts pounding! Suddenly, Jesus appears before us in all of His glory! He is alive just as he had said. At this point, our hearts soar and we are filled with joy! ...and then awe. We bow before him in reverence and worship.

As you listen to this piece you may picture a different scenario. That is one of the amazing things about music. It transcends words and touches people's hearts in different ways. What does this music evoke in you?

Thank you to Zac Gaura, a FLY student, who created the bulletin cover art for this morning's service!

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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