

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

MAY 3, 2026



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

“Waters of Love” by Maren Haynes Marchesini

Come and be washed in the wa-ters of love, es-
sen-tial for all who live. Come and be blessed with God's good-ness and grace, a
sac-red and un-earned gift. Bless - ed, bless - ed. Child of God, you are
bless - ed. Bless - ed, bless - ed. Child of God, you are loved.

Leader: Just as God’s work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life. For water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

Music: “Waters of Love” (x2)

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place; For clean water from our tap, for rain and snow; for all of the rivers, lakes, reservoirs, streams, creeks, and ditches that nourish our lands.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for your salvation through water: Noah, his family, and the animals survive the flood. The Israelites escape through the sea. The Samaritan woman will never thirst again.

Music: “Waters of Love” (x2)

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for the life of all the baptized; for godparents and baptismal sponsors and congregations. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Pour over us the living water of Jesus Christ, our Savior, that each day, we may walk in your Life-Giving Spirit.

Amen.



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

GREETING

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

A reading from Acts 7

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together

against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ **Let your face shine up on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from First Peter

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and
"A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-7

The holy gospel according to St. John. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.

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

CHILDREN’S TIME AND SERMON

Pr. Megan Hoewisch

HYMN OF THE DAY

By All Your Saints

ELW 420

By all your saints still striving,
 for all your saints at rest,
 your holy name, O Jesus,
 forevermore be blessed!
 For you arose victorious
 that they might wear the crown
 and share the light of glory
 reflected from your throne.

All praise for Stephen, martyr,
 who saw you ready stand
 to help in time of torment,
 to plead at God's right hand.
 O Jesus, born to save us,
 grant us discerning sight,
 that true till death we serve you
 and witness to your light.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and
 all the noble throng who wear the
 spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless
 song for these passed on before us, we

sing our praise anew and, walking in
their footsteps, would live our lives for you.

Give praise to God Almighty,
and worship God the Son,
and sing to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone.

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We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After each prayer petition, the congregation responds: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

You can place your offering in the plate as it's passed around, give online at FLCHavre.org, or send your offering to PO Box 66, Havre, MT 59501.

OFFERING HYMN**We Are an Offering**

ELW 692

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
 We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
 Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands,
 Lord use our lives, they are Yours: we are an offering.
 All that we have, all that we are,
 All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 We are an offering, we are an offering.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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.**
 It is indeed right . . . and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

LAMB OF GOD

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

There are gluten-free wafers available in a bowl beside the bread, and white grape juice in the center of the trays. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: **Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379



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.

DISMISSAL AND MISSION STATEMENT

*We go forth in faith, transformed by God's love,
In kindness serving all.
 Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thank You to Jennifer Tilleman, your local certified Kingdom Advisor, who sponsored today's KOJM radio broadcast.

Theology on Tap: Our next meeting will be at Triple Dog Brewing on Tuesday, May 5, at 6 pm for casual conversation and 6:30 pm for a guided discussion on immigration. All are welcome, and there's no need to buy anything to participate.

May Recognitions: Every May, we celebrate a lot of people! This year's schedule is:

- May 3: Preschool Teacher and Aide Appreciation
- May 10: Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
- May 10: The family of **Jeannie Schlotfeldt** invites you to help celebrate Jeanne's 90th birthday during the coffee hour following worship next Sunday, May 10th. Please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee, birthday cake and a time to honor this special lady!
- May 24: Pentecost
- May 31: High School Senior Day

Vacation Bible School will be June 22-June 29, 2026! There is room for every age to be involved, from camper to small group leader to snack volunteer to showing off Havre to the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp counselors. Signups to volunteer are on the clipboard!

PRAYER LIST

Grieving Families: Gary Meland, Tom Reynolds, Ginnie Streeper, Richard Jackson; Irvin Borst, Marie Jund, Hila Stevens; Wendy LaFountain, Karen Nave **Medical Issues:** Charlis Carpenter, Connie Maize (Linda Malley's sister), Helen Hill, John Kane, Chris Tweeten (Hank Tweeten's brother), Maggie Lieberg (Christopher Doll & Margaret Hencz's granddaughter), Leo Wall, Vickie Jacobsen, John Malley, John McCord (Lesley Zellmer's stepfather), Donnabelle Warp, Bryan Solomon, Marvin Kleinjan, Elizabeth Morrigan, Elaine Morse, Tim Solomon, Vickie Jacobsen, Betty Hay (Linda Malley's aunt), Kurt Gerky; Nate Molstad, Joe Ward, Dan Carpenter, Kristin Donovan, Lowel Johnson, Doris Gullickson (Nancy Erickson's mother), Ginger Doll, Kristi Hale (Keith Doll's daughter), Brooks Adams. **Those at Home:** Lita Moog; **Living in Community:** NMCC: Blue Christofferson; Tim Haas; Mary Grandberg; **Away:** Pr. Gil Splett, Anna May Borst

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for 5/3/26

Reader; Karen Vosen **Liturgy Leader;** Sue Ost **Communion Bread;** Hayley & Coen Criner **Communion Set Up;** Cheryl Aevermann **Communion Servers;** Les Hanson, Cheryl Aevermann, Margaret Hencz **Ushers;** Lane & Bridger Hankinson **Coffee Hour;** John & Linda Malley, Kathy Salisbury **Pianist/Organist;** Michael Stevenson

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If you are unable to attend Worship Service on Sundays in person,

Watch us live on Facebook at 9:30 a.m. or Listen at 11:00 a.m. on 610 AM – KOJM and 98 FM.

Pentecost Geraniums

Red or white geraniums and coupons can be dropped off at the Church Office prior to noon Thursday, May 21st. They will be planted in front of the church sign as a reminder to us of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Phone _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor of _____

