

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church & School

# “You Are Witnesses of These Things”

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 + 11:00 am

## MORNING SONG

(with Holy Communion)

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(\* = please stand)

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### \* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: People of God, let us come into His holy presence with sincere hearts and confess to Him our sin, that by His grace, we might receive His mercy and the forgiveness of our sins for the sake of our resurrected Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. *(We pause for a time of silent reflection and confession).* Almighty God. . .

C: **Our Heavenly Father, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. For all this we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. But for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us on the cross and is now risen from the dead, have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Having heard your sincere confession, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce God's grace to you, and in the place and at the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### \* SONG OF PRAISE

### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 2:2–10

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### \* RESPONSE *(Psalm 30:1–5; 149:1)*

A: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: **His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

A: I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up

**C: And have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

A: O Lord my God, I cried to You for help,

**C: And You have healed me.**

A: O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**C: You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

A: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,

**C: And give thanks to His holy name.**

A: For His anger is but for a moment,

**C: But His favor is for a lifetime.**

A: Weeping may tarry for the night,

**C: But joy comes with the morning.**

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**\* HOLY GOSPEL:** John 14:1–14

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**\* NICENE CREED**

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## BIBLE MESSAGE

## MUSICAL OFFERING

**\* PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Petitions conclude: "Lord, in Your mercy," to which all respond: "**Hear our prayer**").*

**\* SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right for us to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, but especially on this day as we continue to celebrate the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the true Passover Lamb who was sacrificed for us and for the sins of all the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has brought us life and immortality. Therefore, with all the eye witnesses of His resurrection from the dead, and with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, we rejoice and magnify Your glorious name, forever praising You and saying. . .

**C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, worthy is the Lamb that was slain. Highest praises, honor, and glory be unto Your name forever and ever.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it,

all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**C: Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray. . .

**C: 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.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

### \* THANKSGIVING

A: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C: And His love lasts forever!**

A: Let us pray. God of Life, for our eternal redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son into death on a cross, and by His glorious resurrection from the dead You have delivered us from the power of death and opened the door to everlasting life. Grant that we who have tasted of Christ's risen body and blood, and are alive in Him, might daily die to our sinful nature and evermore live to the glory of His risen life, for we ask it in His victorious name.

**C: Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* BLESSING *(including Hebrews 13:20-21)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will

**C: And may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

A: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: In the name of the Lord.**

### \* CLOSING SONG

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY (5/3)

**Preaching and Assisting (A):** Rev. Daniel Maske

**Presiding Minister (P):** Rev. Daniel Maske

**Praise Team Director:** Jane Connon

**Lay Minister:** Rich Conklin, Matt Heintz

**Ushers:** Jesse Hogue

**Greeters:** Mark & Kim Ruesch

**Lector:** Kerry Batten

**Children's Message:** Tammy Songer

### NEXT WEEK (5/10)

*Rev. Daniel Maske*

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*Jane Connon*

*Rich Conklin, Matt Heintz*

*Jesse Hogue*

*Sue Keltsch, Virginia Hetrick*

*Dave Johnson*

*Dawn Heid*

### **Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60**

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup> And the

word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." <sup>54</sup> Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

### **1 Peter 2:2–10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> 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.

### **John 14:1–14**

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.