



... let
everyone
be quick to
listen,

slow to
speak,
slow to anger ...

James 1:19



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Easter 5

He is Risen

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Greeters: Tom & Molly Bettinger

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 119:33-48* (V & VI hymnal p. 149)

Pre-service Prayer:

Heavenly Father, as I come into Your house for worship and to hear Your Word, still my mind and thoughts, put my soul at ease, and open my heart to hear. Make me quick to listen to You and Your Word so that I may receive Your Word in faith. Amen.

Order of Worship (The *Lutheran Hymnal*, p. 5)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Welcome to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 27 — Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul!

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

Congregation (sings): **Amen**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C (sings): **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C (sings): **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C (sings): **Amen.**

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 119:33-38,41*

Pastor: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;

Cong: and I will keep it to the end

P: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

C: and observe it with my whole heart.

P: Lead me in the path of your commandments,

C: for I delight in it.

P: Incline my heart to your testimonies,

C: and not to selfish gain!

P: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;

C: and give me life in your ways.

P: Confirm to your servant your promise,

C: that you may be feared.

P: Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD,

C: your salvation according to your promise.

Congregation Sings (TLH, p. 6ff)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore.

Amen.

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

Cong: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sin of the world, Have mercy upon us. You who takes away the sin of

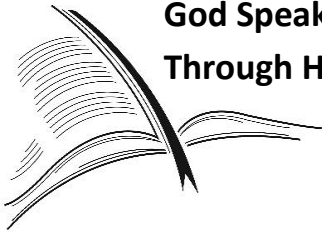
the world, Receive our prayer. You who sits at the right hand of God the Father, Have mercy upon us. For You only are holy; You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C (sings): And with Your spirit.

P: Let us pray...

C (sings): Amen!



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson:

1 John 3:18-24

God's law and will for us is summarized by two things: 1) love God above all else (believe in the name of His Son), and 2) love others as we love

ourselves. Our love for God and others is demonstrated not just in words, but in deed and in truth.

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it! Hallelujah!

C (sings): Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Scripture Lesson: John 16:5-15

C (sings): Glory be to You, O Lord!

Jesus prepared His disciples for when He would no longer be visible walking with them day-by-day. He promised to send the “the Helper,” the “Spirit of Truth” -- the Holy Spirit who would guide them, instruct them, and strengthen them through God’s Word.

But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. “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.

C (sings): Praise be to You, O Christ!



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 285 -- How Precious Is the Book Divine

The Sermon

Text: *James 1:17-21*

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

“Stop and Take Time to Consider”

- I. Consider your gifts with a view toward the Giver
- II. Consider your place as declared by God
- III. Consider your approach to God and one another

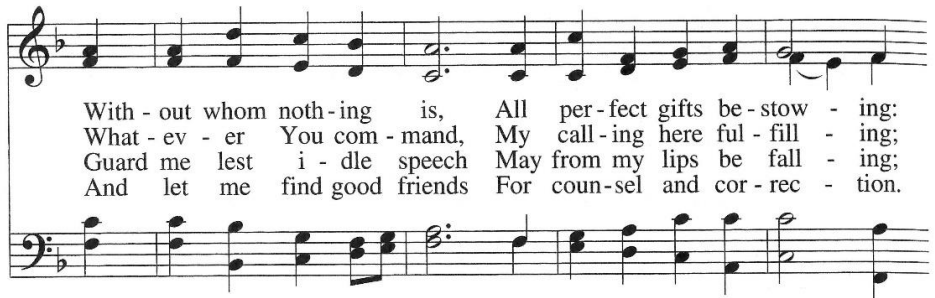
Cong. (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn: O God, My Faithful God (next page, cf. TLH 395)

O God, My Faithful God



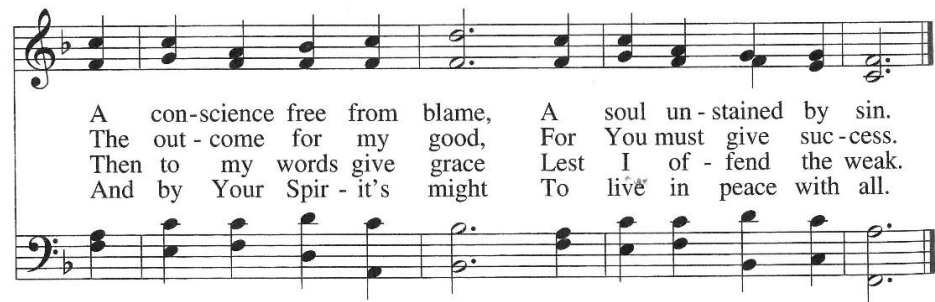
1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

Prayer

Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

(TLH 441:1-2)

Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (sings): **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Hymn: 201 — Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity! to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via the link for “online offering” at the bottom of the home page on our website (Spokanelutheran.com)

Prayer List: Jackie Steger, Bertie Hein, Ariel Smith,
Donna Zarling, CLC pastoral vacancies



This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Bible Class at Gethsemane (1 John)

Next Saturday (May 9)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service (**Greeter:** Jeanne Helke)

Lawn Mowing this Week

Kevin Shaffer





News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Call News: Pastor Jim Naumann of Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, has received and accepted the vacancy call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND / ILC Education Program Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel has accepted the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY / Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, is considering the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ / Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, is considering the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

From Missionary Ohlmann: The CLC President, Board of Missions chairman, and I were able to spend a week with many of our brothers and sisters in Christ of the NCLC for their 50th Anniversary celebration and annual convention. President Wilke delivered an essay on Objective Justification, Joel presented an essay on Communion and Fellowship, Gloria was able to teach a Bible lesson to the children and deliver an essay to the Women's Fellowship of the NCLC. I delivered an essay on the dangers of "Prosperity Theology." President Wilke served as the guest preacher for the Sunday NCLC worship service. President Wilke and I were also asked to officiate the dedication of the new NCLC Seminary Academic and HQ building that is nearing completion and already being used for seminary classes (picture below is of teachers and students at the seminary). On our final day in Akwa Ibom State before we flew back to Lagos, we visited the compound where Missionary Norbert Reim (Gloria Wilke's father) lived with his wife Celeste and their family in the 1950s when he was a missionary for the Synodical Conference. We also got to tour the seminary where he taught. In addition



to all of these blessings we also got to spend time getting to know many of our brothers and sisters in Christ of the NCLC and putting names to the faces that many have only read about in various *Lutheran Spokesman* articles and reports.

CLC Financial Report - March 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 9 Months	Balance 3/31/2026
General Fund	0	874,090	908,888	948,825	(34,798)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,476,812	1,270,752	1,331,280	206,060
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	29,148	90,436		37,855
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	421,660	340		2,488,033
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	263,352	182,427		229,327
Kinship	169,472	180,095	161,491		188,076
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	612,733	639,525		2,477,004
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	138,656	196,858		43,487
EduK8 Fund	70,311	63,547	30,000		103,858
Reserve Fund	103,629	2,923	0		106,552
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$1,712,114	\$1,301,077		\$5,674,192

General Fund – The General Fund held its own in March and now sits at a negative balance of about \$35,000, compared to a negative \$64,000 at this time last year.

ILC Operations – The balance is ahead of last year at this time by about \$80,000.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of regular monthly payments received from congregations on loans they owe the CLC and a lump-sum payoff of one loan for a total of about \$430,000. Revenue also includes \$182,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements include \$559,000 loaned to a member congregation for their building project and the \$43,000 payoff of an individual CEF loan.

ILC Improvement Fund – A new tractor at a cost of \$60,000 was purchased in March for the maintenance department on the campus of ILC.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer / Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees



May Cleaners

Sanctuary: Bettinger / **North Entry:** Lux
Basement: Helke