



**May 7, 2023 9:00 am**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**worship notes:**

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ, in our lives and in our world. Today, the music is found in the red hymnal (**ELW**) and the purple hymnal (**ACS**). If you are a visitor, please sign the red worship pad found in the pew.

Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing devices can be found as you enter the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to help!

We pray that you will experience God's redeeming love and grace as you worship with us.

Please enjoy coffee & conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall!

**about the readings today:**

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds, we bear witness to the risen

Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

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**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

*The Church's One Foundation* by Lani Smith  
from "Pipe Dusters, Volume 2". ©1984 Lorenz Publishing.

**WELCOME**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*"The Church's One Foundation"* **ELW#654**

**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.**

**KYRIE**

*"In peace let us pray..."* **ELW p.120**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"Come Share the Spirit"* **ACS#1045**  
stanzas 1-3

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Miss Ann

WORD

FIRST READING

SECONDD READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING / SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

“Come Share the Spirit”

ACS#1045

stanza 4

John 14:1-14

Before: Glory to you, O Lord

After: Praise to you, O Christ

Pastor David Weeks

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

ELW#379

ELW p.126

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.

after each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

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OFFERING PRAYER

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

“Why Do We Sing?”

by Gale Jones Murphy

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Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SENDING HYMN

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POSTLUDE

(Our Father, who art in heaven...) ELW p.134

All are invited and welcome to participate in Communion.

Communicants should approach the altar down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Ushers will guide you.

Non-alcoholic juice is available. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Please notify the ushers if you would like Communion from your seat.

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW#471

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

ELW#816

Let us pray. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name. Amen.

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

ELW#377

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

arr. John Leavitt

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LYRICS TO TODAY’S CHOIR ANTHEM, “Why Do We Sing?”

by Gale Jones Murphy:

Why do we sing when no one is lis’ning? Why do we sing when nobody cares?

Why do we sing when we could be doing something else or pursuing the things of this world?

Why do we sing? Does our song make a difference? Why do we sing? Is our singing in vain?

Why do we sing? Is God getting the glory? Are we telling the story to lift up his name?

We must sing ‘cause we cannot keep silent. We must sing ‘cause he gave us the song.

We must sing for he has redeemed us. We must sing praises to our God.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost..

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## Prayer Ministry

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. Please provide an update if situations improve or renew request bi-monthly.

Today we pray especially for:

Paula B. (daughter of Judy), Bernice C., Carl E. (friend of Pete & Susan), Ron H.,  
Daryl K., Tami L., Christopher L. (son of Sonja), Inez N., Scott Q. (relative of Carmen),  
Jaynie R. (daughter of Jeff & Stephanie), Mary S., and Karen W. (cousin of Carmen, Char).  
(last names are withheld for on-line privacy.)

*If you would like a visit or phone call from Pastor David,  
please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.*

## Today's Worship and Fellowship Leaders

Reader: Richard DeBeau Ushers: Lael & Mona Weselmann

Communion Servers: Ramona Pumper, Doris Welke, Michon Weeks

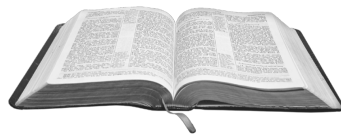
Organist: Richard Collman Special Music: Worship Choir

Livestream: Dennis Kenison

Hospitality: Diane Boyum & Joan Paulson

## Would you like to follow along with today's readings?

For today's lesson  
and gospel texts,  
scan with your smart  
phone's camera:



## Thank you!

Thank you for all you do to serve Jesus here at St. Peter's.  
In addition to giving in worship, you may mail or drop off  
your offering, set up auto payment through Vanco or bill pay,  
or use the included QR code for Vanco.

*"If the only prayer you said was thank you,  
that would be enough."*  
— Meister Eckhart



## Announcements

*Be sure to subscribe to receive weekly emails from us!  
You can do so on our website at [www.northfieldstp.org/email](http://www.northfieldstp.org/email)*

**Welcome Summer:** Join us **this Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**, for a BBQ and cake at 5:30pm followed  
by our last confirmation class and SPY Hang-time of the school year starting at 6:15pm!  
Our worship will consist of a prayer of thanksgiving followed by outdoor games.  
New this year: Our 5th Graders will be welcomed into St. Peter's Youth and Pastor David will be  
giving an introduction to confirmation for these students & their families.

Our **Last day of Sunday School** will be **Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Josie Lynn's Graduation &  
Gratitude Party** will be that same Sunday during coffee hour following worship.  
Sunday School students will sing in worship w/Miss Josie one last time that morning.

**Troubadour Concert: May 21st at 3pm** in the sanctuary. The Troubadours, a men's singing  
group based in Northfield, will perform their Spring concert with special guest Malin Fritz Walrod,  
an internationally acclaimed opera singer. Walrod is a Northfield native and a graduate of St. Olaf.  
Free Admission.

Calling all Heroes... **Family Vacation Bible School Registration** is Now Open! Join us  
**Wednesdays June 14th & 21st from 6:00-7:30pm outside at Bethel.** Brought to you by Bethel,  
Emmaus, St. John's and St. Peter's. Children preschool through elementary and their families will  
love this hero-inspired VBS filled with heroic stories of the bible, activities, games, songs and  
more! Scan QR code for more details and to register today!



You are invited to a **Holy Land Taste and Tour Session** on **Monday, May 15, 4-6 p.m.**,  
at St. John's Lutheran Church. Tour host, Pastor Tim Hansen, brother of Mary Kay Bougie,  
will be offering an opportunity to learn about his **upcoming April 2024 Holy Land tour** featuring  
slides, light refreshment, and informal conversation. All are welcome!  
This tour features visits to many ancient biblical and historical sites as well as  
inspirational meetings with "the living stones" who have a story to tell.



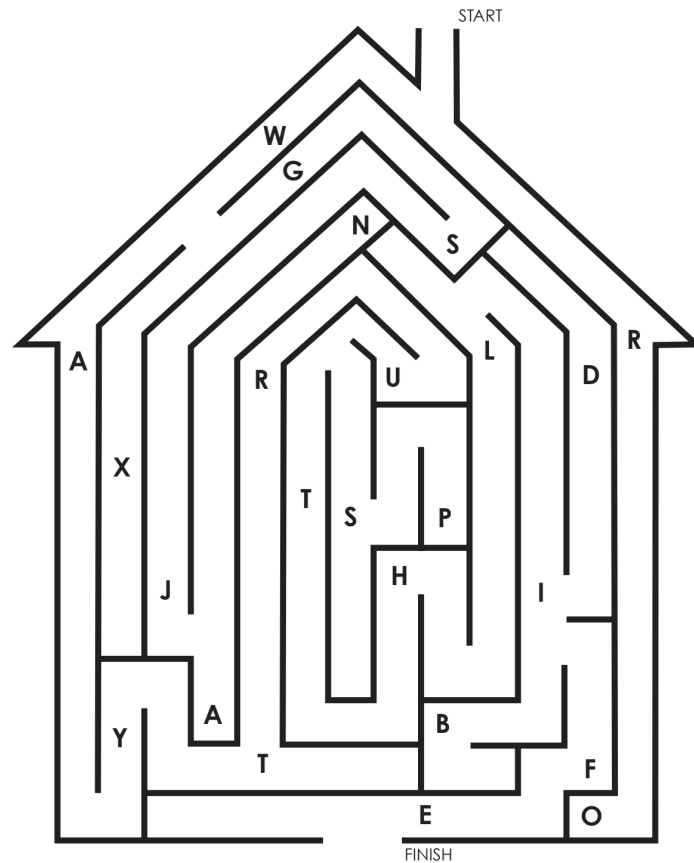
# Kids' Corner

Easter 5

## The Way Home

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in God's house. Thomas asks Jesus, "How will we know the way?"

Find your way through this maze, picking up letters to spell the answer to Thomas's question.



Answer: Jesus says, "I am the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_,  
and the \_\_\_\_\_."

