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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme: "You Know the Way"

May 3, 2026

Series: "Stories that Matter"

The season of Easter, is a time of embracing the promise and hope of Resurrection. It is a time of leaning into the stories that matter. Come and gather around the stories of those who wrestled with the Easter event and some of the words of preparation that Jesus gave to help us live the reality of eternity now. It is clear from these stories that Jesus wanted to equip us to thrive in a season of Easter promise.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Christie Semmler

BELLS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

screen

GATHERING HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal"

LBW #495*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

screen

WORD

FIRST READING

Psalm 119:1-20

HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

LBW #532 (vs. 1)*

CHILDREN'S TIME

HTMN

"How Great Thou Art"

LBW #532 (vs. 2,4)*

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-17

MESSAGE:

"You Know the Way"

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"You Are the Way"

LBW #464

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

screen

P: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING Sudan Crisis Response of The Lutheran World Federation

OFFERTORY PRAYER screen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS *"Nothing to Fear"*

Porters Gate

"I Am the Bread of Life"

John Michael Talbot

"Goodness of God"

Caleb & Kelsey

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

BENEDICTION screen

BELLS

SENDING HYMN *"House of the Lord"*

Phil Wickman

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth in peace and in the Resurrection promise of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC Christie Semmler

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	<u>Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40</u>
Tue	<u>Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56</u>
Wed	<u>Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38</u>
Thu	<u>Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12</u>
Fri	<u>Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38</u>
Sat	<u>Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29</u>

Sun Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:22-31; 1Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Sherry Grantham	Denice Johnson
Ushers	Mike & Carol Jones	Mike & Carol Jones
Reader	Jay Johnson	Carol Jones
Communion	Shannah & Chloe Geimer	Shannah & Chloe Geimer

Prayer Concerns: Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Venezuela, Jack Pine Stables; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), David VanEye, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Johanna, Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Jane Andress (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Daryl Hendrickson (friend of Peg Davies), Charlie Keith (great grandson of Jim & Linda Kolar), Richard VandenEykel (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Coralyn Lempola (friend of Peg Davies), TK Flynn (friend of Greyson Geohring), Cherie (niece of Carol Jones), Marcie Wosika (Bobbie's mother-in-law), Leslie Neppi, Roger Geimer (Shannah Geimer's father-in-law), Joan Engels (friend of Shannah Geimer)

Opportunities This Week

Today	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
	Jack Pine Stables Fundraiser	5:30 PM
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	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jack Pine Stables Fundraiser today at 5:30**
- **We will be bringing up the articles for the garage sale on May 10 during fellowship time - please help if you're able.**
- **Community Wide Garage Sale is May 16. Clean items may be brought in at any time and put in one of the classrooms. Work sign-up sheet is in the narthex.**

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Sudan Crisis Response of The Lutheran World Federation

Sudan is experiencing the largest hunger crisis in the world. Food assistance is difficult because of civil war, displacement of the people, and blocked humanitarian access to places where famine is most severe. The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) has been actively addressing the needs of populations who have fled the conflict and are currently displaced in the neighboring countries of Chad, Ethiopia, Uganda and South Sudan. "All these countries are already dealing with internal conflicts and large numbers of refugees and internally displaced people. Humanitarian aid is urgently needed to provide water, food and shelter to those who have lost everything."

If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please make your check to FLC with Sudan on the memo line. If you choose to donate cash, please use an offering envelope and write Sudan along with your name.

There are offering envelopes in the pews.