

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
MAY 6-7, 2023**

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm**

Welcome & Announcements  
Invocation  
Thanksgiving for Light  
Prayer of the Day  
Bible Readings  
Message  
Creed, Prayers and Peace  
  
The Words of Communion  
Communion  
The Lord's Prayer  
Blessing & Sending

**Sunday Contemporary – 8am**

Gathering Song & Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Song of Praise  
Prayer of the Day  
Bible Readings  
Today's Message  
Song of the Day  
Creed, Prayers & Peace  
The Words of Communion  
Lord's Prayer & Distribution  
Song of Praise  
Blessing & Sending  
Closing Song & Dismissal

**Sunday Liturgical - 10am**

Prelude  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Opening Hymn ELW 380  
Greeting p. 147  
Kyrie  
Prayer of the Day  
Bible Readings  
Psalm of the Day Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
Gospel Acclamation  
Today's Message  
Hymn of the Day ELW 818  
Creed, Prayers & Peace  
Offertory  
Offering ELW 184  
Eucharistic Liturgy & Lord's Prayer p. 206  
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Blessing & Prayer p. 209  
Benediction & Sending Hymn ELW 769  
Dismissal



**WEEKLY WORSHIP  
BULLETIN FOR  
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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

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**TODAY'S THEME**

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.

**Today's Bible Readings**

Acts 7:55-60	Pew Bible p. 891
1 Peter 2:2-10	Pew Bible p. 984
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	Pew Bible p. 439
John 14:1-14	Pew Bible p. 877

**Today's Message**

*by Butch Karnes*

**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.**

**PSALM RESPONSE:**



Psalm 31:5  
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**OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

**Members:** Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Laurie Sanders, David Roberts, Lynne Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Amy Nupp, Sandy Alwens, and the Sanders family.

**Cancer treatments:** Ellen Stevens

**Friends of the congregation:** Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, the family of Bill Angelo, the family and friends of Alyssa Hall, John Aymong, and Vernon Thompson.

**Cancer Friends:** Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky, Nicole C., and Ian Minner.

On Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, we would like to have a men's/children's choir sing an anthem for Mother's Day. If you would like to participate, there will be a short rehearsal in the front of the Sanctuary after the 10:00 AM service on May 7<sup>th</sup> and we will sing on May 14<sup>th</sup>. If there are any questions, please contact Kathy Swanson.

**+ ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT +**

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.