

# **Cantate**

## **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**



**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.**

**(John 16:7b ESV)**

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***Many members. One body united in Christ.***

**Welcome to the Divine Service** where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

**The Lord's Supper** is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

## ***Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper***

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights”* through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, *“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid”* (Is. 12:2).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)*

**Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Brad and Roberta Lowery** in thanksgiving for the confirmation of their grandson, Benjamin Robertson.

**Mission offering today. If you are able, please consider** supporting our missionaries, Rev. Micah Wildauer and Rev. Dr. Walter Steele and their families. To find out more, you can visit the Steeles' website at **Steeles in Mission** and the Wildauers' at the LCMS Missionary website, **lcms.org/wildauer**.

**The second annual Confessional Lutheran Summer Youth Retreat** is scheduled for June 29—July 2 at Saint John Lutheran Church in Galveston, TX. Interested youth (8th – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) can register here: **<https://osl.breezechms.com/form/3048a9736>**. Housing will be beach houses close by on the island. The retreat will be action-packed with Bible study, activities at the church, an afternoon on the Strand, prayer services, and a day at Schlitterbahn Waterpark. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ulmer.

**Providing artillery support for the Church Militant on the front lines...** Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Intercessory Prayer in a Post-Christian Culture, Understanding Difficult Old Testament Passages, Roman Catholicism on Free Will, "The Population Bomb" by Paul Ehrlich, Luther's Large Catechism on Holy Baptism and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

## OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

**James 1:17 – "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.”** There are a great many passages in Scripture which echo this theme: everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again, and He desires that we reflect His love and openhanded kindness.

### **UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 05/3/26	<i>Cantate – Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM – Elders’ Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:30 AM – DFW Pastor’s Bible Study (in Keller) 7:00 PM – Church Council
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
<b>SUNDAY</b> 05/10/26	<i>Rogate – Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class

**Ushers next week:** Alexander Rose, Tim Sheehan

### **PRAYERS**

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Winston Tiro.
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Allan and Cassandra Tiro.
- Will Wueller, who was admitted to the Lord’s Supper through the Rite of Confirmation last Sunday.
- Robin Wildauer, in thanksgiving for a good report after chemotherapy that indicates the cancer has shrunk, and

continued prayers as she moves to the next phase of treatment which may include surgery and/or radiation.

- Emma Cassanova, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Cristine Purcell as she begins radiation therapy.
- Thanksgiving for successful treatment of diabetes for Will (the grandson of the Traugotts' neighbor).
- Those undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Sarah Wickham, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Cristine Purcell, Kyle, Bonnie Hennig, Sandra Zastrow, Randy Cooper.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Kristina Wishmeyer, Edith Wright, Dony Reaves, Ruth Pritchett, Galen Dino, Lindsay Penrose, Stephanie, Katrina, Harrison, Reagan Armstrong, Doug Wall, Oleh Cholak.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.

**Assisting in the Divine Service Today:**

Elder – Brad Lowery	Altar Duty – Roberta Lowery
Organist – Rebekah Roundey	Ushers: Brad Perry, Shad Reif
4/26/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$2,066.00	
Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$5.00	
Weekly budget needed: \$4,641.68	
Budget year to date: surplus: <b>\$6,171.60</b>	