

Music is played during communion

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**



Blessing of our Graduating Seniors:
Marshall Dewey & Carter Kjesbo

Dear Lord, bless the lives of these graduates with goodness and love. Help them use their gifts wisely and pursue their dreams boldly. Lord, guide them to walk in to their futures with faith, hope and great love. Keep them safe in your loving arms and protect them away. Amen.

THE BLESSING SONG

**The Lord bless you, and keep you
Make his face shine upon you
Be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you
And give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

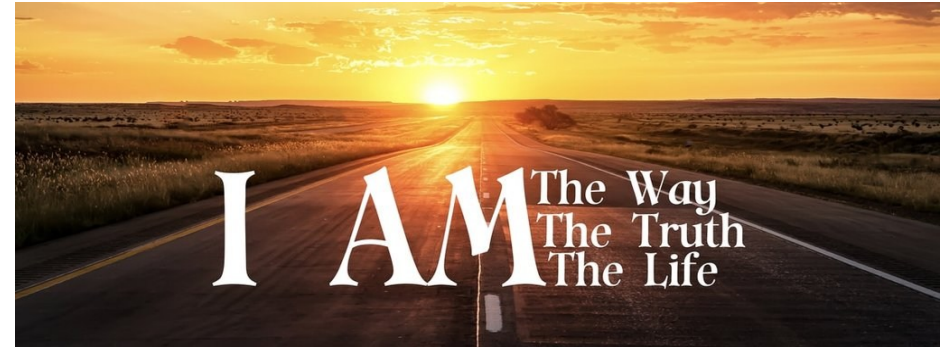
Go now in peace to Love and Serve Our Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Please join Marshall and Carter, and their families, as we celebrate their upcoming graduation on May 29th.

Sunday, May 3rd ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter



INTRODUCTION

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.

OPENING SONG: We Are Called #420 Vs. 1-3

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BASPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and

resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels,

giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Children's Message

Dismissal of Children & Teachers to Sunday School

1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60

C: Open our ears to hear your word.

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 (please read bolded words)

L: In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

C: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

L: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

C: Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

L: Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

C: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

L: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

C: Open our ears to hear your word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah #172

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John in the 14th chapter

C: Glory to You, O LORD!

Pastor reads

L: This is the gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

SONG: Shout to the Lord #821 (sing 2X's)

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to Merciful God, with **Receive our prayer.**

MEAL

We are fed with the presence of Jesus Christ.

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord your God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION/PRAYERS

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle.