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May 3, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Communion and Blessing of Seeds & Soil

Pastor: Rev. Liz Bell
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Ministers: Every member
Ushers: Harry W

Council President: Karen Oko
Musician: Isaac Courneyea
Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell
Worship Host: Margie Nunweiler

Welcome

Gathering Song “*Come, All You People*” (ELW 819, WOV 717)

Easter Greeting

Kyrie & Gloria - ELW Setting 7, p. 138

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time & Blessing of Seeds & Soil

Song “*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*” (ELW 512)

First Reading Genesis 1:26-31

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that

he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 7, p. 179

Gospel Matthew 13:31-32

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Sermon

Song of the DAY 'As Rain from the Clouds' (ELW 508)

Statement of Faith – written by Dan Sire

**I believe in God, the source of all life,
wholeness, and love.**

I believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.

**I believe that in his life,
Jesus reveals God in grace,
mercy, forgiveness, and justice.**

**I believe that in his death,
Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world
even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.**

**I believe that in his resurrection,
Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life
both now and forever;
life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.**

**I believe that God lives among us, within us,
and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**I believe that God moves us to be together
in communities of faith, hope, and love.**

**I believe these things not out of certainty
but out of faith;**

**as one who trusts in the reality of God
revealed in Jesus Christ
through the Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S,
Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, Pr. Rod A, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory “Accept O Lord” (ELW 691, WOV 759) vs 1

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord’s Prayer – contemporary sung

Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs

Lamb of God – ELW Setting 7, p. 182

‘Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!’ (ELW 369)

‘Day by Day’ (ELW 790, WOV 746)

‘Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me’ (ELW 767)

Benediction – ‘Hope Everlasting’ Liturgy of the Beloved

Community Life

Sending Song ‘Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!’ (ELW 380) vs 1 & 5

Dismissal

 **Online Giving**



 **HSLC Events**



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Hygiene Kit Drive



Donate personal hygiene items in the Narthex throughout May

- Bar Soap
- Toothbrush
- Comb
- Lip Balm
- Washcloth
- Sunscreen
- Menstrual Products (Pads & Tampons)
- Razor
- Deodorant
- Nail Clippers
- Nail Files
- Travel Shampoo
- Travel Conditioner
- Travel Toothpaste

Donations will be assembled into Hygiene kits after the service on May 31st



**ELCIC Day
of ACTION**

MAY 31, 2026