

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 18, 2025 AT 9:30 AM

Prelude Grave – Adagio from Sonata #2 in C Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

{The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.}

Welcome

Ringling of the Bells

Please stand as you are able and face the baptismal font.

Affirmation of Baptism

The pastor reads the affirmation. At the conclusion the people respond. **Amen.**

♪ Processional Hymn ELW#876 “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Salzburg

Please stand as you are able and then turn to face the cross as the procession enters.

Greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

♪ Hymn of Praise “This is the Feast”

ELW page 140-141

During the Hymn of Praise the pastor will sprinkle the congregation with water from the Font. You may make the sign of the cross in memory of your baptism.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.***

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.***

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

“Today’s Reading” Insert

Let us pray...

The congregation responds: **Amen**

Word

The congregation is seated.

First Reading Acts 11:1–18

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

“Today’s Reading” Insert

♪ Psalm 148

“Today’s Reading” Insert

Second Reading Revelation 21:1–6

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

“Today’s Reading” Insert

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

♪ Gospel Verse ELW #174 Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT JOHN 13:31–35 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

“Today’s Reading” Insert

The congregation is seated.

Sermon “Please. Don’t Hinder Me. Love God”

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Hymn of the Day ELW#661 “I Love to Tell the Story”

Hankey

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Let us pray to the Lord.

Have mercy, O God.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you. After the greeting the congregation may be seated.

Meal

Gathering of the Gifts

Offering for the Congregation

Anthem "Give Me Jesus"

Traditional, Arr. Larry Fleming

Words and Music at ELW #770

Please stand as you are able.

♪ Offertory Hymn #ELW #391 "This Joyful Eastertide" vs. 1

***This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.***

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue and Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Congregation is seated

♪ Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle where Pastor will hand you the bread. Then you may either drink from the chalice, commune by the ancient practice of intinction, dipping the wafer in the chalice before consuming, or take one of the individual glasses on the tray tables on either side. Please place the cup in the glass bowl before returning to your seats by the side aisle.

♪ Distribution Hymn ELW#804 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Down Ampney

Sending

Please stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. **Lord Jesus, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.**

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn ELW#631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hyfrydol

Prayer for Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Allegro vivace e maestoso from Sonata #2

Felix Mendelssohn

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Dr. David Nelson, Interim Pastor [dnelson@stlukechicago.org]

Terry Duchow, Assisting Minister

Don Mead, Cantor

Maia Surace, Soloist

Welcome to Saint Luke

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us. If you are a guest and would like more information about Saint Luke please fill out one of the green welcome cards in the pew racks and return to an usher.

As a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation**, we welcome all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions based on our belief in a radically inclusive Jesus who loved all people regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, religion, economic, social status, or physical abilities. Saint Luke Ministries strives to be a place “where all are welcomed, period.”

For your convenience, there are individual sound enhancement devices. Please ask an usher.

The wheelchair accessible entrance is located on Greenview Avenue and the wheelchair accessible lavatory is off the left side of the church.

A section for parents with very young children is located in the back of the church. Rocking chairs, floor cushions and children’s booster seats may be found in that area. Church Activity Bags with books and coloring materials for the very young are available from the ushers.

Introduction to the Theme of the Day

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Wednesday Morning Academy Worship and Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.

A **Worship Service** is celebrated each week with the children of Saint Luke Academy followed by an informal Eucharist for any and all who wish to stay. Following the worship members meet in the church lobby for coffee, treats, and conversation.

In-person and online Bible Classes

An in-person Bible Study meets every Sunday at 8:30 A.M. on the lower level of the church

Online Bible Class will meet Thursday, May 22nd at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join the group to discuss the lessons and Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5 and Saint John 5:1–9.

The link for "Bible Class" can be found on the website at stlukechicago.org.

Click on “Bible Class” or enter the following URL into your browser: <https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ>

Meeting ID: 992 4691 2627 Passcode: saintluke See you Thursday!

Ministry Board meets Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30 P.M. in Memorial Hall

Martinis and Ministry meets Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30 P.M. at **Bitter Pops** 3357 Lincoln Avenue (at Paulina). Join us for what is always a great time.

Food collection during May

During the month of May we are collecting **pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, farfalle, linguine. These items will be distributed to families through the LakeView Pantry. Please leave your donation in the monthly collection barrel in the church lobby.

Hot Soup Mission

Our next **Hot Soup Mission** is scheduled at Saint Luke on Wednesday, May 21st at 5:30 P.M. to pack and deliver food to our unhoused neighbors. We would be delighted if you could join us as we embody Christ's mission of serving others. High school students can also earn community service hours by participating. Contact Lisa Maggiore at 773-960-5125 with any questions.

Want To Be Of Service

Join our dedicated group of ushers! It's a great way to greet new friends and welcome old ones as you distribute bulletins, take up the offerings, and make sure those who need a personal listening device have one. You will also be there to make sure that families who one of our Children's Activity Bags receive one.

Assisting Ministers play an important role in our weekly worship. New friends are always welcome to play a part in this important ministry. See or email Pastor Nelson {dnelson@stlukechicago.org} for further details.

Remembered in Prayer

Those serving in the armed forces: Nicholas Bakulinski, Jeremy Strohmayer , Ashley Bakulinski, Lucas Kratz Nicky Relias, Megan Heesemann and Nathan Heesemann.

Those who are ill: Patricia Grunde, Christine Heck, Dennis Hadden, Joan Palumbo, Anthony Leonard, Joyce Grosse, Curtis Holland, Mark Van Scharrel, John Grosse, Achen Moreno, Peter Bouboulinis, Michael Kessler, Barbara Lans, Kelly Hamilton, Sharon Pena, Evelyn Jones and Michael Strohmayer

We also remember in prayer the family and friends of Ruth Rattke who died on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 in Florida. Her **Memorial Eucharist** will be held at Saint Luke on Wednesday, May 21 at 4:00 P.M. Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon her.

This Week at Saint Luke

Sunday, May 18

Bible Study 8:30 A.M. Memorial Hall

Eucharist 9:30 A.M. Church

MONDAY to FRIDAY, May 19–23, 2025

Morning Care 7:30-8:00 a.m. Room 206

School in Session 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

After Care 3:30-6:00 p.m. Room 206

TUESDAY, May 20, 2025

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m. Room 101

Time for Two 10:30 a.m. Room 101

Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m. Gym

Martinis and Ministry 6:30 P.M. @ Bitter Pops

WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2025

Academy Chapel with Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Church

Coffee and Chat following in the Lobby

Ruth Rattke Memorial Eucharist - 4:00 p.m. Church

Hot Soup Mission - 5:30 P.M.

Player Sports and Social Club 6:30 p.m. Gym

THURSDAY, May 22, 2025

Bookbugs 9:00 a.m. Room 101

Time for Two 10:30 a.m. Room 101

Online Bible Class 12:00 p.m.

<https://bit.ly/39AbHrQ> via Zoom

Ministry Board Meeting 6:30 P.M. Memorial Hall

SUNDAY, May 25, 2025

Bible Class 8:30 a.m. Memorial Hall

Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Church

Coffee Hour 10:30 a.m. Lobby