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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2026 Service Supplement



Collect of the Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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HYMN OF INVOCATION

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
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Introit (Sung by Chancel Choir) Ps. 30:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 149:1

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to
the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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First Reading: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Gradual (Spoken Together) adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living

stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Holy Gospel: St. John 14:1-14

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If

you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Introduction: Trumpet, Timpani, and Organ



All 1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
Choir 2. Praise we him, whose love di - vine Gives his
All Women 3. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
Choir 4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, Who has washed us
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives his bod - y
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri -
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i -



in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
for the feast— Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
um - phant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

All Men 5. Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

Choir 7. Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

All 6. Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

All 8. Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom



1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the Lamb of
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through -



emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be -



clipped by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my
2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the Law of God for me,
I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died
sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless-ings forth for all,
from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap - peased. Since He in death
With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought
Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter sun
With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall
in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -
has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -
my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
sus' res - ur - rec - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
re - joice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

HYMN TO DEPART

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Pastor – Rev. Robert Harmon
 Organist – Diane Asmus
 Chancel Choir – Mark Elmshauser, director (8:30)
 Praise Team – Nancy McWhirter, director (11)
 Elders – Jim Ellenberger (8:30), Keith Einspahr (11)
 Ushers – Mike Brown
 Greeters – Devonne Domineck (8:30)
 Altar Guild – Diane Van Stone, JoAnn Stibrich

The altar flowers are given by the Pelepchans in celebration of Kathy's Uncle Hugh's 89th birthday and by Ruth Knight in celebration of Laurie Knight's birthday.

Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave (located on either side of the fireplace), mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at <https://mtolc.org>.

This Week

5/3	Sunday	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship
		9:30 AM	Fellowship and Classes
		11 AM	Contemporary Worship
		12 PM	Men's Bible Study
5/5	Tuesday	1 PM	Praise Team
5/6	Wednesday	10 AM	Bible Talk
		5 PM	Chamber Ensemble
		5:45 PM	Book Club
		6 PM	Bel Canto
		7 PM	Chancel Choir
5/9	Saturday	8:30 AM	Polish the Olive
5/10	Sunday	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship
		9:30 AM	Fellowship and Classes
		9:30 AM	Call Committee Meeting
		11 AM	Contemporary Worship
		12 PM	Men's Bible Study

See The Loop for a complete list of activities and details at mtolc.org



Polish the Olive
Saturday, May 9, 2026
8:30 AM

Please come help clean & polish our lovely church and church grounds.
Start time about 8:30am

For work outdoors: please bring work-gloves. In addition a few shovels would be helpful.

Indoors, we are looking for a few handheld vacuums.

Snacks & drinks available

The Call Committee Needs Your Help



We are asking each member to complete a Congregational Self Study survey.

Survey copies are available in the narthex or at mtolc.org. Please complete the survey and return it to the church office (look for the blue box on the counter). You can also scan and email completed surveys to office@mtolc.org.

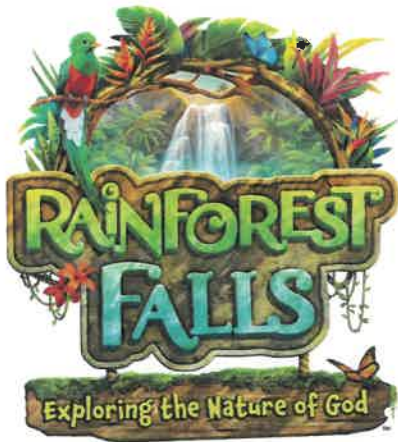
Surveys are due back by Friday, May 22nd.

The call committee will compile the responses and send them to the Rocky Mountain District as part of the pastoral call process. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts!



We will have a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, May 31st at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be one worship service at 10 am on May 31st.



Vacation Bible School June 8-12, 2026

Registration is now open. Participants and volunteers can register by scanning the QR code or visiting mtolc.org.



Can you help with snacks and supplies? If so, purchase an item from the supply board and bring it to church by May 31. This is a great way to support VBS. Thank you.