

# Welcome to St. Luke

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**"From the Pit to the Palace"** - Genesis 37:12-28  
Joseph's descent into betrayal, slavery, and prison becomes the surprising path through which God raises him to life-giving authority. His story mirrors the pattern of Christ, who descends into suffering and is exalted for the salvation of many. In Joseph, we see that God's resurrection power is already at work long before Easter morning.

### INVOCATION

♪♪ Mighty To Save

### OPENING PRAYER

♪♪ "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" #912

### THE CALL TO CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In Genesis we meet a God who forms us for life with Him, yet we—like Adam and Eve, like Abraham and Sarah, like Isaac and Jacob—turn aside in fear, mistrust, and self-reliance. And we see, too, how the sins of others wound and distort the world, as in the life of Joseph. Let us return to the God who calls us, seeks us, and shapes our lives with mercy.

*Silence for reflection*

**All: God of our beginning and our end, we confess that we have wandered from Your good path. We have listened to voices that do not speak Your truth. We have grasped for control instead of trusting Your promise. We have hidden in shame rather than resting in Your grace. Forgive us, renew us, and shape us again by Your Word of life, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READERS ARE** *Trina Holtz and Shirley Wisdahl*

**FIRST READING** Genesis 37:12-28 (*Joseph Sold by His Brothers*)

<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, <sup>13</sup> and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. <sup>14</sup> So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, <sup>15</sup> a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" <sup>16</sup> He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" <sup>17</sup> "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. <sup>18</sup> But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. <sup>19</sup> "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. <sup>20</sup> "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." <sup>21</sup> When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. <sup>22</sup> "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. <sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. <sup>25</sup> As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup> So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

**RESPONSE** – "Thanks be to God"

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 2:2–10 (*Built on Jesus, we are a chosen people.*)

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you 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. <sup>6</sup>For 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.” <sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But 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. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**RESPONSE** – “Thanks be to God”

**ALLELUIA** - Page 156 in the Hymnal (*Please rise if you are able*)

**GOSPEL READING** John 14:1–14 (*Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.*)

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In 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? <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus 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’?”

<sup>10</sup>Do 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.

<sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>“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. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

## **RESPONSE – “Praise to you Oh Christ”**

### **NICENE CREED** *(Back page in the Hymnal)*

#### **THE MESSAGE:** “From the Pit to the Palace” - Genesis

37:12-28 - Pastor  
James Paulgaard

## **WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

♪ ♪ Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

**RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP** *(Please complete the Record of fellowship during the Offering. Located at the ends of the pews)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

### **THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**DISTRIBUTION** ♪ ♪ “Lamb of God” #550  
At The Cross Love Ran Red

# POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

## THE BLESSING

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS for May 10<sup>th</sup>:**  
Genesis 45:1-15, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

## Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS** - We are delighted that you have joined us this morning. We pray for the Holy Spirit to richly bless your worship with us, and we invite you to join us again. If you are looking for a church home or have any questions, please speak with the Pastor or an Usher. Being a friendly congregation is a priority here at St. Luke. You can help us by leaving your name and address on the Friendship Register when it is passed down your pew. After the blessing at the end of the Service, greet your fellow worshippers and introduce yourself!

**ST. LUKE SERVICES ONLINE** - You can watch us online, every Sunday morning, 11:30 a.m. Go to [sllc.ca](http://sllc.ca) for the link.

**DONATE ONLINE** - [sllcoffering@gmail.com](mailto:sllcoffering@gmail.com) or ask Deb Kroeger for a monthly automatic donation form.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this morning are presented by the Deichen family to the glory of God and in celebration of the Anniversary of Ian and Sarah Deichen.

**A 2026 ALTAR FLOWERS CHART** is posted on the Bulletin Board. Please sign up for your favorite date(s) to provide flowers for the Altar.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** - Listen to The Lutheran Hour, Anytime, Anywhere! Visit [LLL.ca](http://LLL.ca) and listen directly through the Lutheran Hour Canada Radio player. No account, no redirects, no fuss. Tune in at your convenience and share the link with a friend or neighbour who needs to hear the Good News. Visit [LLL.ca](http://LLL.ca) to listen and explore more resources for your faith journey.

**OPPORTUNITY BOARD** - lots of new posts are ready for your helping hand. As always we are grateful for the ongoing support of volunteers.

**FOOD CUPBOARD:** thank you to all who help keep this going. St Luke has provided bags of groceries without question to all who ask. We now have post it notes for anyone to take home and replenish specific needs. Look for a new display in the hallway to see what is needed and take a post it note. If cleaning out your cupboard at home please check for Best before dates. **GIFT CARDS** are also appreciated.

**SERMON SUMMARY FOR MAY 10<sup>th</sup> - Genesis 45:1-15 "Alive After All: The Joy of Reconciliation".**  
New Testament Connection: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.  
Joseph's revelation to his brothers transforms fear into joy and guilt into forgiveness. What they meant for evil, God used to preserve life and restore a broken family. In the risen Christ, God reveals Himself to us in the same way—alive after all, bringing reconciliation to the world.

**REFUNDABLES** - Since April of last year 2,000 + containers have been turned in to Encore Recycling. Hundreds of dollars have been raised with your generous sharing of your refundable cans, bottles & cartons, including a recent deposit of \$106.95 for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for continuing to keep these containers out of the landfill and supporting worthwhile causes..

**CLASSROOM ROOF** - the final payment was made May 1st for the new roof over the classrooms and the overhangs. Envelopes for donating toward the unexpected cost will be available for a few more weeks. You can also make a donation through eTransfer or in your normal offering envelop and marked: Roof Replacement. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated toward this to help cushion the blow to our budget.

**ROUND-UP SUNDAY** - Walnut Grove Lutheran Church will be hosting their first Round-Up Sunday on May 24th at 10:30 a.m. St. Luke Lutheran Church are all welcome to join us on this day as we "Round-Up" our family and friends to celebrate community. There will be a hot dog lunch complete with cornbread and a chili cook-off, as well as some entertainment, games and more. Everyone is encouraged to dress in their best western apparel and invite someone new to join in on this fun event. Sign-up for the chili competition is posted on the bulletin board. We hope to see you there! St. Luke Lutheran will be joining us this Sunday and so we've bumped our worship service start time one hour later to 10:30 am.

 **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE** 

<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:30 a.m. English Literacy Class
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10:30 a.m. Bible Class
<b>SUNDAY</b>	11:30 a.m. Worship Service

**.ST LUKE COMMUNION** - We extend an invitation to our members and guests who:

- confess their sins before God
- earnestly desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend their sinful lives.
- are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are confirmed in this faith.
- believe receiving Christ as true Body and Blood, that the Elements are not merely a symbolic matter.
- believe in salvation by Christ's death and resurrection alone

Unsure - Please speak with the Pastor or an usher. (For those with special needs, grape juice is provided in the center ring on individual tray). See Page 329 in Hymnal for those who wish to question themselves before Communion.



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