



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

KNOX STRATFORD Sunday, May 4, 2025

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PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Bolded together)

The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

And speak of all his marvelous works.

Holy, Holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

Who was and is and is to come!

PRAYER OF APPROACH (All Together) God of the Risen Christ and the rising earth, we come giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation: for the tiny perfection revealed in a baby's fingers grasping ours, in each daffodil unzipping its jacket to greet the spring, and each rock face worn by wind and water, bearing its rugged beauty with your praise. These details lift our hearts to praise you, too. So let the details of the story of the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit. Receive our heartfelt worship, O God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, ever Three and ever One, now and evermore. Amen.

HYMN #381 Holy Spirit, Hear Us Verses 1,2,4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All Together) Holy Spirit, you are so full of energy you are like fire. But our lives this past week have not blazed with your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with your Spirit. Come down, O Spirit, fill us and set us on fire. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Take a moment and greet each other

CHILDREN'S STORY - Children will go to Sunday School following the Story

HYMN #290 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise All Verses

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Exodus 31:1-5; 35:30-35

SERMON "Skills and Gifts"

HYMN #585 Christ, You Call Us All to Service All Verses

OFFERING The offering can be placed on the offering plates at the back of the church before or during the service at the sound table, or at the front after the service.

DOXOLOGY #830 Offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth, through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Set us, God, to reaching for high goals, to noble and helpful purposes, to the improvement of our world and the improvement of our lives. Prevent us from being discouraged, and let us see visions of the world as it could be, in peace and prosperity by commitment to Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with you and the Father, and who taught us to pray: **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN #637 Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated Verses 1,2,4,6

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Join us for refreshments in the west transept after worship.

See Shirley Weitzel if you wish to help with refreshments some Sundays.

This week at Knox

Tuesday, May 6 at 10:30am – Handcrafters

Wednesday, May 7 at 7pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, May 8 at 10am – Life Study

Our May Outreach is for Camp Kintail

Craft Supplies: Scissors (safety are great, but any are wonderful), Markers, Buttons, Embroidery floss, Beads (any kind), Pipe cleaners, Old magazines or catalogues (with colourful pictures) **Garden:** Vegetable or Flower seeds, Gardening gloves, Kneeling pads, Hand held garden rake.

21st Birthday of the Cancer Care Mission Wig Room!

Join us to celebrate with the **Mad Hatter Tea/Dance Party**

Friday, May 30 from 6:00pm – 11pm Banquet Hall - Knox/Copperlight

Light fare, Sweets and Dancing - Band "Upside of Maybe"

Licensed event – must be 19+ to attend. *See Nancy Rothwell about tickets or volunteering.