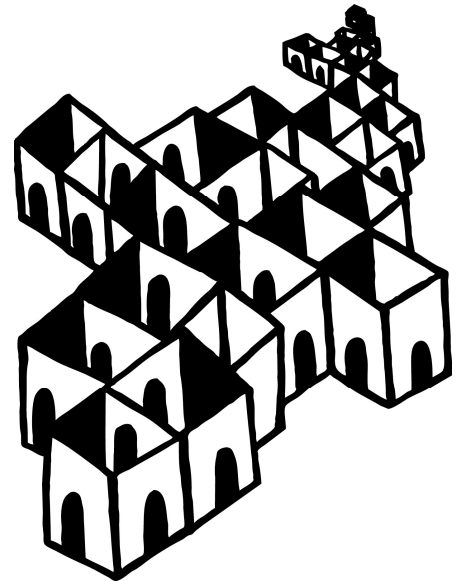


Sunday, May 3, 2026
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Trinity Lutheran Church
11:00am: Downtown
401 Fifth Street N
727-822-3307



 **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **PRELUDE**

 **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you empower us with divine love.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.



GATHERING HYMN *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

ELW 747



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868



GREETING

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 of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



INTRODUCTION TO READINGS



FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by "R"



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. ² Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **R**

⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth. **R**

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. **R**



READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir sings: I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
Congregation repeats "Alleluia."



GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

The good news of God's love according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.


[On the night of his betrayal and arrest, Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ 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, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.

 **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Commonwealth is God's Commandment* ACS 1036
The refrain of this hymn includes words for "peace" in Sanskrit, Latin, Hebrew, and Arabic.



1 Com - mon - wealth is God's com - mand - ment; com - mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar - ing lav - ish gifts and bless - ings, love that not one mite with - holds,
3 Gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions, hear the Ho - ly One who calls,



Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel - come an - gels un - a - ware.
stretch out arms to friends and stran - gers: God has sheep of man - y folds.
bid - ding all to work to - geth - er, bridg - ing lives and breach - ing walls.



Refrain
Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan - ti, pax, sha - lom, mas - la - ha: com - mon good is ho - ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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 **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

 **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world,
let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each petition:

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

God of resurrection power, we entrust these prayers to you, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior. **Amen.**



THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW 810



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

OFFERING PRAYER

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

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true passover lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

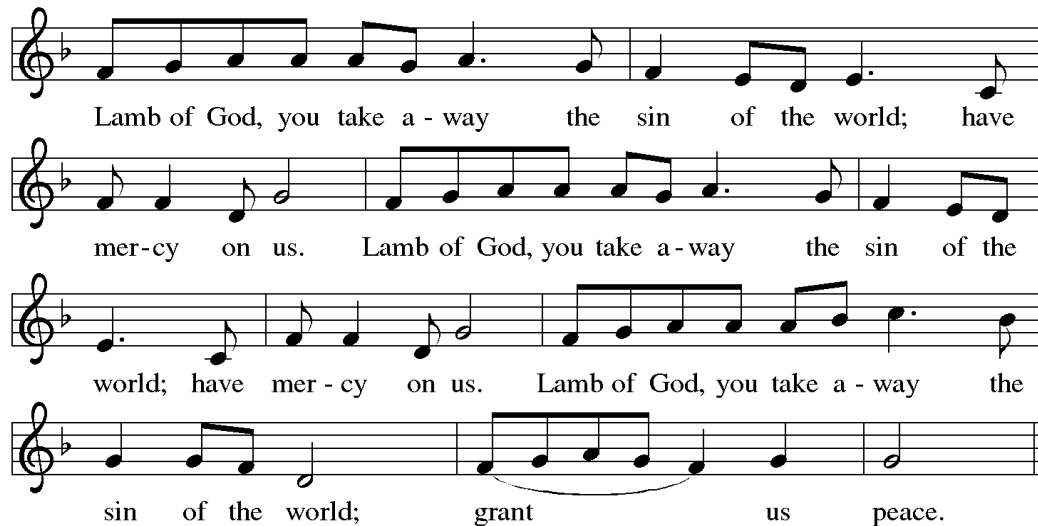
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

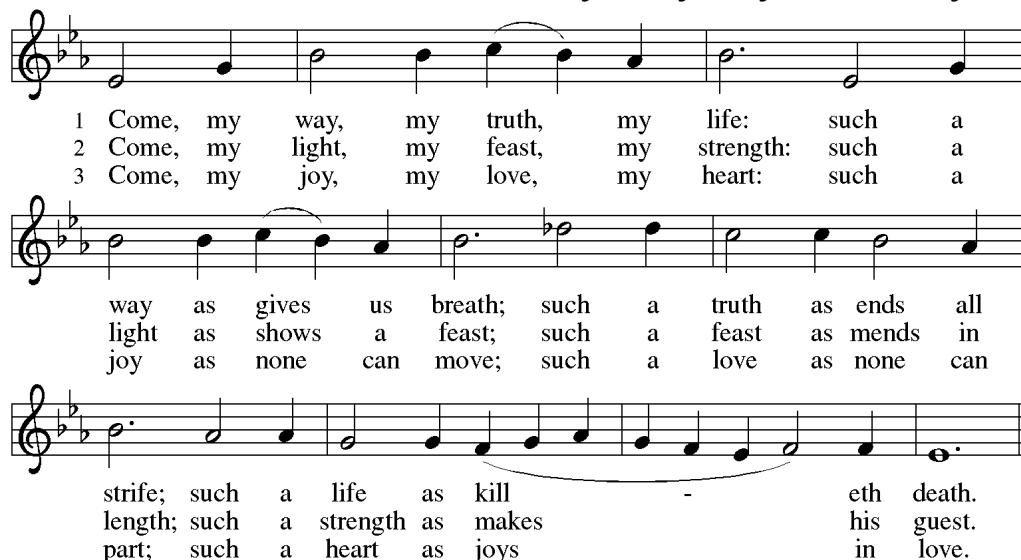
Come to the table of life to receive the risen Lord.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* ELW 816



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a
way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can
strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632
Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy One,
through this meal you are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations,
in the name and in the power of our Savior, **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God who has brought us from death to life
fill us with great hope and great joy.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Christ is Alive!* ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Live the good news.

Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE [Livestream ends]



Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: (MLC) = Meadowlawn Campus (DTC) = Downtown Campus

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistants	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
05/03/26	DTC	11AM	Suzanne Bohning	Suzanne Bohning, Linda Gascon		
05/10/26	DTC	11AM	Margarita Rodriguez	Phil Rearick, Ruth Kinsey	Paul Gibson	IHO 10 th Wedding Anniversary
05/17/26	MLC	11AM	Paul Erickson	Aimée Fox, Frances Guido	Suzanne Bohning	So long for now.
05/24/26	MLC	11AM	Aimée Fox	Violet Prepost, Gary Bartelt		
05/31/26	MLC	11AM	Violet Prepost	Marty Snapp, Margarita Rodriguez	F. Guido	For the Glory of God

Birthdays this week:

- None -

Anniversaries this week:

05/08 - Paul Gibson & Alan Due

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (05/03)

8:30am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
 11:00am – Trinity Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
 12:00pm – Fellowship Hour (DTC CommUNITY Room)
 12:30pm – All Ages Education (DTC CommUNITY Room)
 7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (05/04)

Bulletin items due

10:00am – Bert's Breakfast Buddies (Kopper Kitchen)

Tuesday (05/05)

11:00am – TLC Staff Meeting (MLC Library)
 2:00pm – Healthy Grieving (DTC 2nd Floor)

Wednesday (05/06)

DTC Parking Lot reserved for Coliseum Event (7am-4pm)
 11:30am – Community Meal (DTC 3rd Floor)
 1:00pm – Grace & Games (DTC 2nd Floor)
 6:00pm – Bible Study (MLC CommUNITY Room)

Thursday (05/07)

6:30pm – Choir Practice (MLC Sanctuary)

Friday (05/08)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)
 9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (MLC CommUNITY Room)

Saturday (05/09)

9:00am – Hope Chest (MLC Thrift Store)
 10:00am – Congregation Bkfst (Spring Garden Restaurant)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

This Wednesday (May 6th) all day:

Achieva Credit Union has **reserved our corner parking lot** for an event they are having at the Coliseum. The lot is reserved from 7:30am-4pm. This will impact parking for the volunteers at the Wednesday hot meal as well as those who are planning to join the Grace and Games group that day.

A Week from Saturday (May 16th) at 10am:

Angie Woodall (the wife of Pr. Justin Woodall) of City Church will be hosting a flower arrangement workshop at our Downtown Campus from 10-11:30am. This will be held on the 3rd floor of the administration building.

Baskets of Love (all month long!):

Don't forget to bring your donations for LSF's Basket of Love campaign! There are totes for your donations at both campuses, and we will be collecting through the end of the month! This campaign benefits struggling mothers, foster parents, and at-risk children.

Items requested include (but are not limited to):

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Pack 'n Plays
- Car seats
- Bottles
- Baby formula

Prayer List:

For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Bob Sockrider

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Marion Cheslock
Judy Milanese
Petra Young
Sally Evans

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength or healing:

Billy Boynton	Bob, & Irma Kay
Jill Boos Martin	Corinne
Gerry Barnard	Leonard
Pr. Felice Johnson	Robert & Brenda Meredith
Janet Crim	Brian Schutzbach
Vickie Clark	Shakira
Luke Mendenhall	Pr. Tom Snapp
Guy Smith	Will Diefel
Joyce Dare	
Cecil Miles	
Linda Miles	

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

Logan & Grace Paul (baby Millie)
Deigh Stanton
The family & friends of Melissa Hixon
The family & friends of Bob Burke

Welcome, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself.

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Today's Date:

05/03/26

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