



MAY 2026

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH – Calgary AB

113 years proclaiming Christ in Bridgeland!

By Rev. Markus Zeuch

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"In the Gentle Light of May" – A Christian Poem

Anonymous

In the gentle light of May, when earth wakes soft and slow,

the risen Christ walks fields of green where winter's shadows go.

Each bud becomes a whispered hymn, each breeze a quiet prayer;

the Lord who rolled the stone away now breathes in warming air.

The robins preach their gospel songs, the tulips lift their praise;
creation joins the joyful cry that fills these Easter days.

O Christ, who makes all things anew, renew our hearts this May;
let resurrection's living hope be born in us each day.



In the joy of the Risen One,

Pastor Zeuch



„Im sanften Licht des Mai“ – Christliches Gedicht (anonym)

Im sanften Licht des jungen Mai, wenn Erde neu erwacht,
geht Christus durch die grünen Felder und wandelt Nacht in Licht und Pracht.

In jeder Knospe klingt ein Lied, im Wind ein stilles Flehn;
der Herr, der einst den Stein hinwegrollt, lässt neues Leben wehn.

Die Amseln singen laut ihr Lob, die Tulpen stehen bunt bereit; die ganze Schöpfung stimmt mit ein in diese österliche Zeit.

O Christus, der uns neu belebt, erneuere uns im Monat Mai; lass deine Hoffnung in uns wachsen, und mach uns jeden Tag erneut frei.

In der Freude des Auferstandenen,

Pastor Zeuch

FROM THE
PASTOR'S
DESK

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – An important voters meeting will take place on May 3rd. A joint Worship service will start at **9:30 a.m.** with lunch and meeting to follow. All voting members are encouraged to participate.

St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Founded in 1913

OPEN HOUSE
JUNE 20

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

TOUR OUR CHURCH AND LEARN
MORE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

*Bring your family and friends:
we will have crafts for kids,
snacks and coffee for all.*

66 7TH STREET NE

OPEN HOUSE: Last summer we had an Open House for the first time and it was a blessing – we received over 80 people into our church who learned about our history in Bridgeland and about what we do. Our members became tour guides, we had snacks, crafts for children and handed out some pamphlets. The board of elders is planning another Open House for this upcoming **June 20th**. Mark it on your calendar! We count on your enthusiasm in planning, participating, inviting people, and coming to the great event!

ASCENSION EVENING SERVICE: We will have a non-communion evening service on may 14th at 7 p.m. Please join us!

101 BIBLICAL NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

Title # 1: **Advocate** (1 John 2:1)

PENTECOST AND THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter and celebrates the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to the Church. Red, the colour of fire and blood, is the colour for Pentecost. The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year.

During the season after Pentecost, we focus on growing together in the life God has given us through the Means of Grace. The colour for most of the season of Pentecost is green, but other colours are used for some special days. Red is used when celebrating Reformation and special days that commemorate those who died for the faith. White is used when celebrating special feast days that mark celebrations in the life of Christ or His Church.

Source: *Lutheranism 101*, Concordia Publishing House

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY?

May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter: Joint service @ 9:30 a.m. followed by a congregational meeting in the basement. Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 6

May 5 (Tues): Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

May 6 (Wed): Online confirmation class @ 3:45 p.m.

May 7 (Tuesday): Board of Elders' online Meeting @ 7 p.m.

May 9 (Sat): Men's Breakfast @ 9 a.m.

May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day): Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 13

May 12 (Tues): Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

May 13 (Wed): Online confirmation class @ 3:45 p.m.

May 14 (Thurs): Evening service – The Ascension of Our Lord 7 p.m.

May 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Bible reading: Ephesians 1

May 18 (Mon): Victoria Day. Office is closed.

May 19 (Tues): Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

May 20 (Wed): Online confirmation class @ 3:45 p.m.

May 24 The Day of Pentecost: Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Bible reading: Philippians 2

May 26 (Tues): Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

May 27 (Wed): Pastor leads Bible study at the winkel in Canmore, AB. There's no confirmation class on this day!

May 28(Thurs): PPC meeting @ 7 p.m. (in person)

May 31 The Holy Trinity: Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 1

FROM THE CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY IN EDMONTON

Did you know there are many good resources in the webpage of Lutheran Church-Canada? If you like a good explanation or presentation of different topics regarding the Bible or our Christian life, presented by different professors, check this out. *Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton* offers a free online webinar series on various topics with in-person options. If you are reading this Agape on your computer or other electronic device, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8y3aoNf307fbzGySXIjr-pkrv6wYv4Vg>



Thank you for your support and prayers.

In HIS service,
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