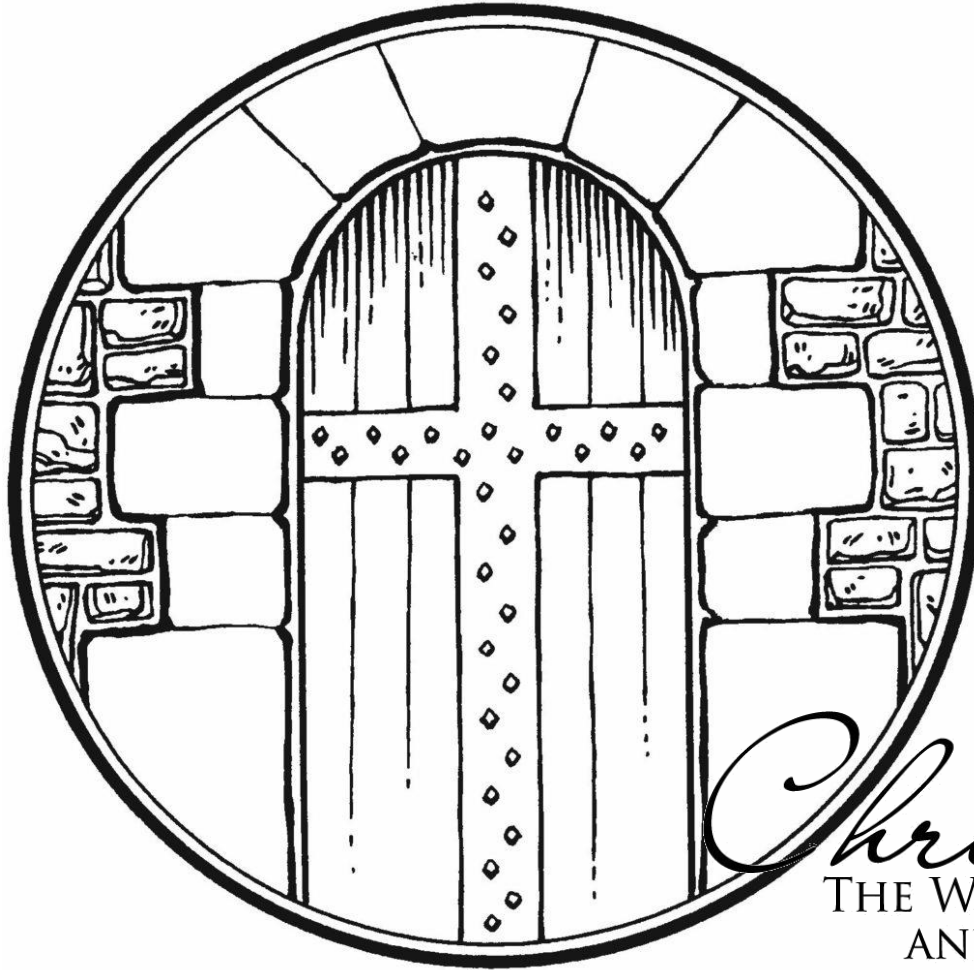


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Christ

THE WAY, THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE.

- JOHN 14:6

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 7, 2023 8:00 & 10:30 AM

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Ministers: ALL People of Christ's Church
Interim Pastor: The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter
Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter
Organist/Music Coordinator: Joanne Vasey
Coordinator of Faith Formation: Charlene Rineer



Welcome to all who share in worship this morning!

If you are new to us the following information might be helpful:

Rest room facilities, including a unisex handicapped restroom, are located in the hallway south of the Atrium. **Large print bulletins and hearing enhancement devices** are available during our services. Please ask an Usher for assistance. **Our services** are video and audio recorded. Services are also live streamed on our YouTube channel.

All visitors and guests are welcome! We invite you to join us throughout the year. We gather each Sunday for worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 am. We hope that you might experience the joy and peace that Jesus Christ can bring into your life! If you are interested in learning more about membership in our congregation please speak to the Pastor or call the Church Office (570.524.0745). Please sign your name and address in our worship attendance folder in order to be placed on our mailing list. Any special requests (prayers, visits, etc.) may be written on the back of these sheets. **Members are encouraged to record your name on the attendance sheets each week.** Extra offering envelopes can be found in the attendance folder. **Wooden offering boxes for contributions are located at the rear of the Sanctuary on the left and right walls and the back of the center aisle.**

If you are new to Lutheran worship, most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the back section of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) or in the blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Introduction to our worship today:

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's Gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

*** The congregation please stand as you are able.
Please silence your cell phones or switch them to 'vibrate'.
Thank you!**

PRELUDE

In Thee Alone O Christ, My Lord – Johann Pachelbel

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled – David Paxton

Joanne Vasey, organ

My Life Flows On – Words and Music: Robert Lowry

Brandy Aguirre, vocals

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

P In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

P Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C Amen.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Sing With All the Saints in Glory – ELW # 426
(Alternate Tune: HYMN TO JOY)

*** GREETING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

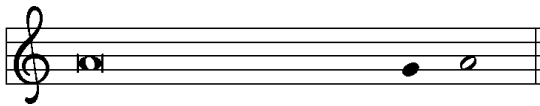
C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*** KYRIE**

ELW p. 147-148



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



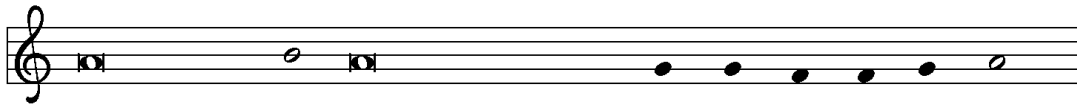
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

ELW pp. 149-150

Assisting minister



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.

* SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you
 C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to following 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.
 C Amen.

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.

L The Word of the Lord.
 C Thanks be to God.

SECOND 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.

L The Word of the Lord.
 C Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p. 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

*** CONGREGATIONAL VISION**

A In the Great Commission to His Church Jesus sent the disciples forth into the world to baptize and to make His name and teachings known. We are His disciples in this time and this place; and so we go into the world;

C Making Christ known as we worship, serve and grow in faith.

*** WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS PRAYER: (10:30 am service only)**

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

* THE NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS AFFIRMATION:** (10:30 am service only)

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New members respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: Hear us, O God.

Congregational Response: Your mercy is great.

P Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

Church Bells

Samuel S. Wesley; Arr. Stewart Landon

Joanne Vasey, organ

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*** DOXOLOGY**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds – Hymn #367
Stanza 4*

**Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blessed, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

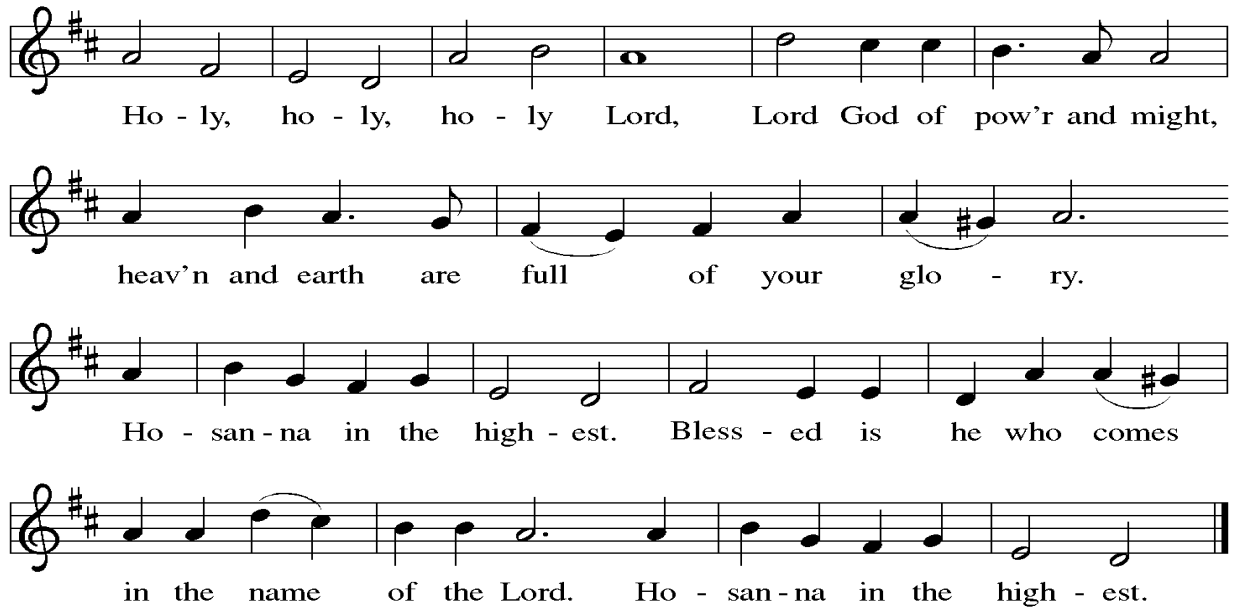
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* SANCTUS

ELW p. 153



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

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

C Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

ELW p. 154



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, grant us peace.

The Communion of God's Baptized People

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice Eucharistic hospitality: all baptized Christians are invited to come forward as ushered to receive this life-giving sacrament. As a sign of the unity the sacrament gives, we all share the same elements. If you are unable to receive the bread or wine, be assured that in a single element you do receive the Presence of Christ and all the gifts this sacrament offers. Non-communing children are invited to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

You Are the Way

Text: George W. Doane Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615

Pop-Up Vocal Ensemble

COMMUNION HYMN

The Church's One Foundation – ELW # 654

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

P The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! – ELW # 619

*** DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune – Jerry McCrory
Joanne Vasey, organ



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THE ALTAR & CROSS FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by James & Judy Cotner, in loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Cotner and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Fisher.

WE CELEBRATE TODAY with Brian, Tammy and Tylar Kerstetter who are joining Christ's Lutheran Church as new members. Please greet these folks and help them feel welcome and part of our church family.

THANKS to the Pop-Up Vocal Ensemble and Brandy Aguirre for providing today's anthems for worship.

Choir/Ensemble Update

POP~UP VOCAL ENSEMBLE: Thanks for providing today's communion anthem. Pop-Up Vocal Ensemble will provide the communion anthem on Sunday, May 21. Anthem will be "Bind Us Together" WOV # 748. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

YOUTH DRUMMING ENSEMBLE: Will provide the offertory anthem next Sunday, May 14. Rehearsals will continue during the Sunday School hour. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

PARISH PEAL HANDBELL/HANDCHIME CHOIR: Will provide anthems on the Day of Pentecost ~ Sunday, May 28. Rehearsals will be Monday evenings, May 15 and May 22 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Contact Joanne Vasey.

CHILDREN & FAMILY CHOIR: Will provide an anthem next Sunday, May 14 (10:30 am only). Interested families should contact Brandy Aguirre.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Anyone wishing to provide anthems for worship is asked to contact Joanne Vasey. Anthems may be instrumental or vocal. Choose 8:00 am and/or 10:30 am worship.



CELC CALENDAR MAY 7~14, 2023

Sunday, May 7 5 EASTER Rev. Justin Lingenfelter preaching	8:00 am Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Communion 2:30 pm –4:00 pm Youth Game Day- St. Mary's Park 5:30 pm UYG- St. Paul's
Monday, May 8	11:00 am Bishop's Open Golf Tournament - Camp Mt. Luther/Shamokin Dam 7:00 pm –8:00 pm Al-Anon-YR
Tuesday, May 9	1:00 pm Social Ministry - CANCELLED
Wednesday, May 10	9:00 am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH
Thursday, May 11	
Friday, May 12	12:30 pm –2:30 pm Transitions - LCH 6:30 pm Confirmation Lock-In - YR, Kitchen LCH
Saturday, May 13	Confirmation Lock-In - ends at noon 10:00 am –12:00 pm Spring Road Clean-Up - YR
Sunday, May 14 6 EASTER MOTHERS' DAY Chad Hershberger preaching	8:00 am Holy Communion 9:15 am Kunkel/Finance 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Communion 1:00 pm –4:00 pm SVSWG - LCH/Room 202

ATTENDANCE: April 30: 8:00 am: 43 /10:30 am: 53
OFFERINGS FOR 4/16, 4/23 & 4/30: \$ 13,993.00

Upcoming Events & Celebrations at CELC



Save the Dates

- Mother's Day – **May 14**. Marigolds for all church mothers!
- Strawberry Festival – **June 4**.
- Father's Day – **June 18**. "Pies for Guys".
- Fourth of July Parade – **June 24**. CELC handing out water.
- Church Picnic – **August 20** at Central Oak Heights, West Milton.

More info to follow




Hope to see you there!

Walk This Way

Jesus says he is "the way," but what does he mean? Does he mean a path to a location, or is he referring to the way he lives? Of course, the answer is probably both.

This passage from John's Gospel is often read at funerals. In that circumstance, we envision that Jesus goes to prepare a place for us in a geographical location we call heaven. Believing in Jesus is the way to get there.

But in John's Gospel, the good news is that *God* has made a way to *us*. Jesus continues to be with us. We don't have to wait to be with him until after we die. The resurrected Jesus is with us, giving us abundant life *now* and into eternity!

In baptism we are joined to Jesus' death and resurrection, so that, as Martin Luther says in the Small Catechism, "the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and . . . daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever." Luther continues by reminding us of the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 6: "We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might *walk in newness of life*" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 1165, emphasis added).

The Word became flesh (John 1:1). Jesus is God in the flesh. Jesus is at one with the Father. To know Jesus and be at one with Jesus is to be at one with God. And when we are at one with Jesus, we walk like him, in his way.

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