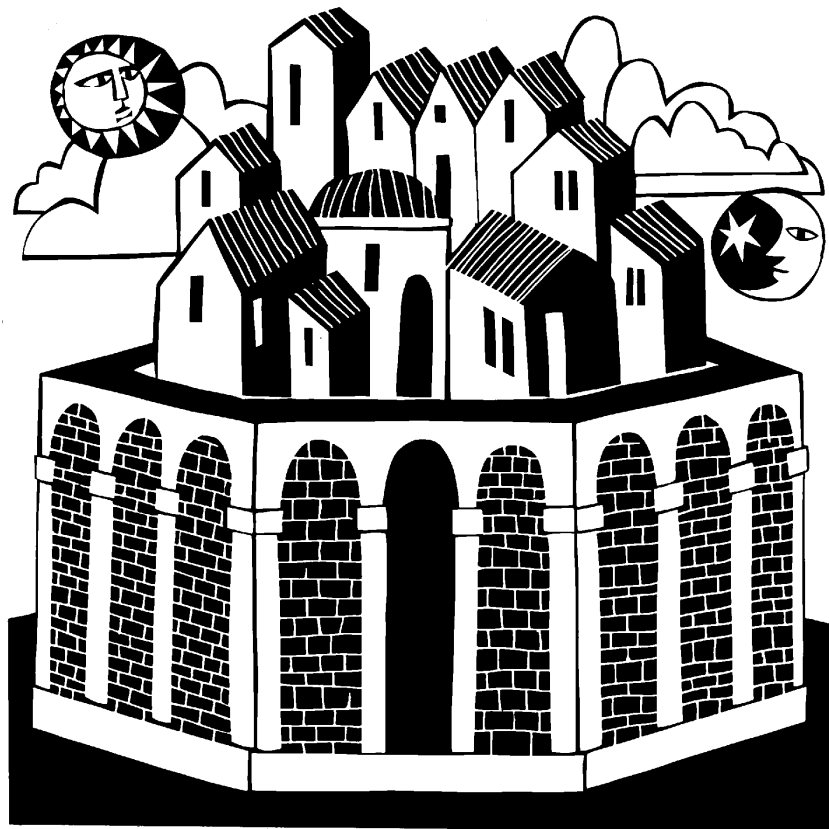


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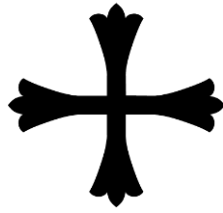
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

MAY 10, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.





Welcome! Please fill out the Record of Fellowship, which is the red book at the end of your pew.

## PRELUDE

Variations on "Sol es sein"

Jan Sweenlinck

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 480

"He's Risen, He's Risen"



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.  
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.  
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;  
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;  
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain;



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.  
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.  
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Please remain standing as a symbol of our Lord's resurrection.*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*[John 20:19-23]*

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

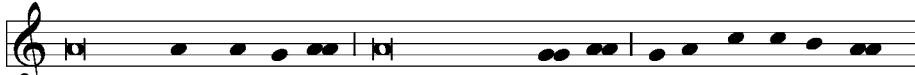
Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



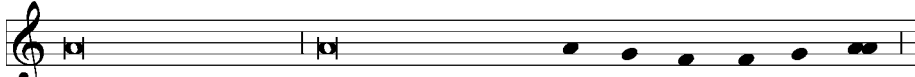
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



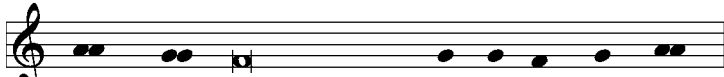
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

A musical score for the hymn 'THIS IS THE FEAST'. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of 14 staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'A'. The lyrics are: 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia. 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. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. 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. 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.'

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

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.

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

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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sitting*

## FIRST READING

**Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60**

**A** The First Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is Acts, chapters six and seven.

<sup>6:1</sup> Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in

Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>7:2</sup> And Stephen said:

<sup>51</sup> "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

**P** <sup>54</sup> Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and

rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 146; antiphon adapted from Matthew 28: 7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

### *Antiphon*

*Cantor introduces the first time then congregation repeats:*

**Brad Hall**

Voice



Christ has ris - en from the dead. God the Fa - ther has crowned him with  
glo - ry and hon - or, He has giv - en him do - min - ion o - ver the works of his hands and has put  
all things, all things, all things un - der his feet.





- L** Praise | the Lord!\*
- Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
- C** I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*
- I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.
- L** Put not your trust in | princes,\*
- in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.
- C** Where his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\*
- on that very day his plans | perish.
- L** Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\*
- whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
- C** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,\*
- who keeps faith for- | ever;
- L** who executes justice for | the oppressed,\*
- who gives food to the | hungry.
- C** The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.\*
- The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.
- L** The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,\*
- but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.
- C** The LORD will reign for- | ever,\*
- your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*
- and to the Holy | Spirit;
- as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
- is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- C** *Antiphon*



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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**P** [Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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.”

## NICENE CREED

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C** **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*  
**the Father Almighty**, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*  
**maker of heaven and earth** *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** *Colossians 1:16*

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, *Romans 10:9*  
**the only-begotten Son of God**, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds**, *John 1:2*  
**God of God, Light of Light**, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*  
**very God of very God**, *Colossians 2:9*  
**begotten, not made**, *John 1:2*  
**being of one substance with the Father**, *John 10:30*  
**by Whom all things were made**; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*  
**Who for us men and for our salvation** *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*  
**came down from heaven** *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** *Luke 1:34-35*  
**and was made man**; *John 1:14*  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*  
**He suffered and was buried.** *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*  
**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures** *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*  
**and ascended into heaven** *Acts 1:9*  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** *Acts 7:55*  
**And He will come again with glory** *Matthew 26:64*  
**to judge both the living and the dead**, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*  
**Whose kingdom will have no end.** *2 Peter 1:11*

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*  
**the Lord and giver of life**, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son**, *John 15:26*  
**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified**, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*  
**Who spoke by the prophets.** *Ezekiel 11:5*  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church**, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins**, *Ephesians 4:5*  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
**and the life ✠ of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
**Amen.** *Psalms 106:48*

- P** What is the Second Commandment?
- C** You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.
- P** What is cursing God’s name?
- C** Cursing God’s name is blaspheming God by speaking evil of Him or mocking Him; or calling down the anger and punishment of God upon oneself or any other person or thing.
- P** What is swearing by God’s name?
- C** Swearing by God’s name is taking an oath in which we call on God to witness the truth of what we say or promise and to punish us if we lie or break our promise.
- P** What is using satanic arts by God’s name?
- C** Using Satanic arts by God’s name is using God’s name in order to perform or claim to perform supernatural things with the help of the devil, such as casting spells, calling up a spirit, fortune-telling, consulting the dead, or other occult practices.
- P** What is lying and deceiving by God’s name?
- C** Lying and deceiving by God’s name is teaching false doctrine and saying that it is God’s Word or revelation; or covering up an unbelieving heart or a sinful life by pretending to be a Christian.

*Sitting*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Service Book 526*

**“You Are the Way; through You Alone”**

1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant

we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

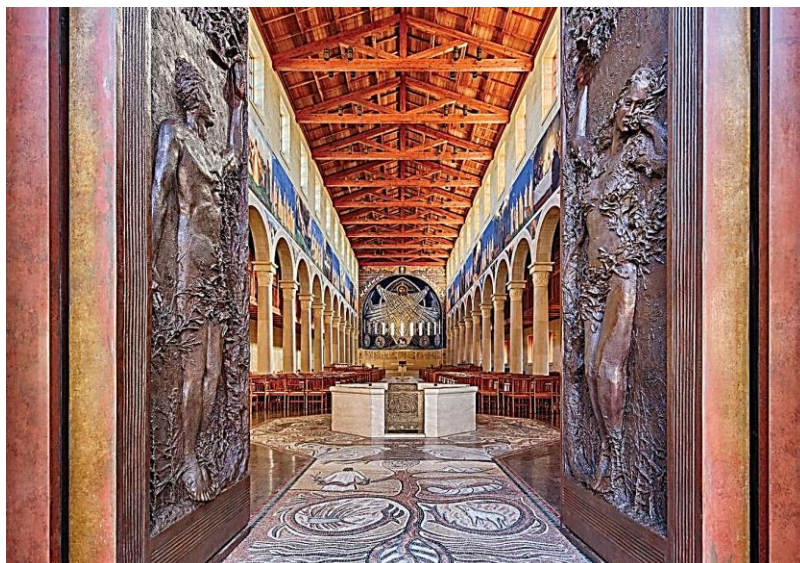
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# SERMON



Front Doors (Adam & Eve)



Baptismal Font (Tree of Life)



Ambo (God's Life-Giving Word)



Nave (Ushered into Eternal Life)



Altar (River of Life)





Apse (Christ, "The Way, and the Truth, and the Life")

**The Church of the Transfiguration  
Orleans, Massachusetts**

*Standing*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**P** As newborn infants who long for the pure spiritual milk, so let us come before the Lord seeking His mercy with confidence that His grace will be sufficient for all our needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Almighty Father, everlasting God, Your Son has revealed You to us as a merciful Lord. Give to us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe in Him whom You have sent and do the greater works He has told us we will do in His name.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, You have promised to build up Your Church to be a holy priesthood, that Your people might offer the spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to You. Bless Your Church and bring all congregations back together again. Bless all pastors who proclaim Christ to us. Bless all church workers and those preparing for full-time church vocations, that Your Church may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of Your Word.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy God, Your power brought all things into being and still You preserve what You have made. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, and all elected and appointed civil servants so that they may honor You and Your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue and protecting all life. Give wisdom and moderation to them in their leadership for the well-being of the nation.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O merciful Father, You have compassion upon the sick and those in need and have promised not to ignore them in their afflictions. Turn back the pandemic across the globe, and give us relief. Bless the sick with healing, those who suffer with strength and patience, and the dying with peace. Hear us on behalf of those who have requested our prayers [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_].

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious God, You have established the home and blessed those who show us Your love. Bless all mothers and the children in their care. Bless all families and make their homes places of blessing and love, where Your Word is spoken, forgiveness reigns and love is displayed. Give us good examples to inspire youth to all that is good and pure, and to seek after these things.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You have given us the wisdom of faith that through the Spirit we might know Your Son to be the way, the truth and the life. Bless all those who teach and all who learn, that the goal of our knowledge may be to know Christ and to make Him known. Do not let Your Word be bound, but let it have free course among us. Preserve those in isolation from idleness, and instead let our minds be renewed in Scripture and prayer.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Compassionate Father, You are not aloof from the needs of this body and life, and You have called us to love our neighbor in need and give aid to the poor. Give us courage and faith, that we may not fear sharing the resources You have supplied with those who live in want, especially the widow, the orphan and the unemployed. Let love be perfected among us to drive out selfish fears.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



**P** Eternal Father of an eternal mercy, You have raised up witnesses in every age and blessed us with those who endured suffering and even death in faithfulness to Christ. We give You thanks for these faithful saints and martyrs, and we pray You to make us strong when we face the day of test, that at length we may be brought with them into the joy of Your presence and the glory of everlasting life.

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We praise You, God, for Your goodness in hearing the prayers of Your people and granting us confidence to approach Your throne of mercy. Hear us now in the name of and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

*Sitting*

## OFFERING

MUSIC

*Variation on "Sol es sein"*

Jan Sweenlinck

MEDITATION

*1 Peter 2:9 – "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." God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The Apostle says that God has done this that we may share in His glory and joy, that we may "proclaim the excellencies of Him" who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy in our hearts as well.*

*Standing*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalms 116:12-13, 17-19*

**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al-so 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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

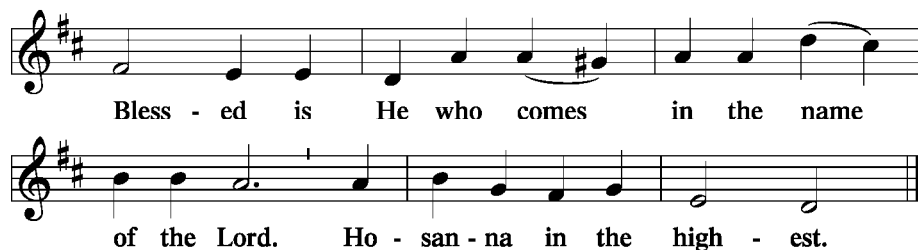
## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**C** 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.



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

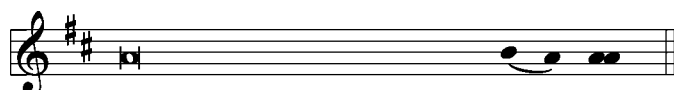
*Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



**G** 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.

*Sitting*

*About participation in the Lord's Supper:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]*

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 643

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ *Thank the Lord*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.  
O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** A - men.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 861*

**"Christ Be My Leader"**



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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## POSTLUDE

*Variation on "Sol es sein"*

Jan Sweenlinck

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*

Edie Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

### **Altar Guild**

Sarah Cadagin/Jill Drachenberg

### **Usher(s)**

Grayson Beckman/Richard Drachenberg

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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### **Altar Guild**

Anne Bigelow

### **Usher(s)**

Grayson Beckman/Greg Ison



# Life Together

CALENDAR		
Sunday 5/10	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Nursery available LCA Ensemble Rehearsal Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Christ In the Old Testament Feasts</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Monday 5/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 5/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 5/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Divine Service with Holy Communion	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM Noon
Thursday 5/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 5/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 5/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 5/17	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Nursery available LCA Ensemble Rehearsal Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Christ in the Old Testament Feasts</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship

## WORSHIPING OUR GOD

### ✝ Midweek Divine Service

Theme: A midweek Divine Service will be available on Wednesdays during the month of May. It is intended for those who wish to take part in a smaller group setting. While abbreviated, it will still feature the liturgy of the common service, hymnody, preaching, and Holy Communion.

Day & Time: Wednesdays in May at noon

Location: Church sanctuary

## GROWING IN HIS WORD

### ✝ Bible Study: *Christ In the Old Testament Feasts*

Theme: Ever heard of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, or Succoth? Did you ever wonder if Chanukah (Hanukah) is biblical? Have you noticed that we still celebrate a few of them yet today in the Church? What, if anything, do they have to say about salvation in Jesus Christ? Why don't we still observe them as the Jews did? These are just a few of the questions that will be answered in this nine-part Bible study. Please join us for a deeper and richer understanding of the Bible.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from May 10 – July 5

Location: Church fellowship hall

### ✝ Bible Study: *Lutheranism 101*

Theme: Originally scheduled for April and May, this study has been postponed due to the governor's order to shelter-in-place. To ensure best attendance and participation, we are rescheduling this special book study for the early fall. If you'd like your own copy of the book or need study questions, please contact Pastor Miller at [pastor@ascension-lcms.com](mailto:pastor@ascension-lcms.com).

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning on a date yet to be determined in August

Location: Church fellowship hall

### ✝ Men's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Calling all guys! You're invited to join the group for a gathering of fellowship, prayer, study, and discussion. We will be wrapping up the last chapter of Jeffrey Hemmer's book *Man Up!* Also, we'll be gearing up for a brand new study of Kurt Senske's *The Calling: Living a Life of Significance*. Those new books are available for purchase at only \$20/copy. Don't miss out!

Day & Time: Saturday, May 23 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

## ✝ Women's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Come, delve into the great hymns of our church as they're informed by God's Word! The Ascension Women's Group is taking on a new hymn each month using the book *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions* by Timothy Shoup. It's available for purchase on Amazon for \$13 or through Concordia Publishing House for \$18, and the book "features introductions to 14 hymns with devotions based on each stanza, helping readers learn the biblical basis of the words the authors chose."

If you've never joined this group for a book study before, now is a great time – since the ladies will be studying a different hymn each month, you're free to come when you can and not stress if you can't commit to every meeting. Childcare is provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, May 23 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

## SERVING IN HIS NAME

### ✝ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: For less than the price of one visit to Starbucks, you could contribute a month's worth of financial support toward our Lord's mission work in the English District. 1-1-1 is a new campaign to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone in the district can give toward the work of getting the Gospel out to those in our community. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, the English District is supporting Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA. But this money goes toward eight other startup congregations, including two Spanish-speaking churches and several college ministries. Please consider playing a part in the mission of our English District! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

# LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

## In Celebration

### Birthdays

✝ Greg Ison, 5/10

### Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ J.P. Morr, 5/11

✝ Greg Ison, 5/12

✝ Brian Beckman, 5/13

### Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

### Membership Anniversaries

✝ None this week

## In Need

### Recent Requests

*For persecuted Christians:*

✝ Pakistan

*For comfort, health, and healing:*

✝ Dan Buehl II (son of Eileen Buehl)

✝ Jim Burroughs (brother of Jean Meyer's son-in-law)

✝ Hunter Chase (brother of J.P. Morr's friend)

✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)

✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)

✝ All impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19)

✝ Strength and support for all mothers, for whom we give thanks this Mother's Day

*For the health and safety of our deployed servicemen and women:*

✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens)

*Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:*

✝ Ivan Maddox (nephew of Ruth Henry)

✝ Rosalia Salgado (aunt of Homero Salgado)

### Ongoing Requests

*For family and friends of the congregation:*

✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden

✝ The Kroll family (friends of Ascension)

✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr)

✝ Tom & Adi Murphy (former neighbors of the Beckmans)

✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

*For the leaders of Church and state:*

✝ Director Barbara Collins & Open Arms Board

✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials

✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials

✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension

✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic

✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials









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