

# *Cantate*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The Sunday of the New Song*



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN  
*Truth, Beauty, Goodness*

## ABOUT TODAY'S THEME – CANTATE

### ***Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper***

*Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid” (Is. 12:2).*

*\*Image on front cover: Detail of the oculus at St. Peter’s Basilica by Gian Lorenzo Bernini (1598-1680).*

MAY 2, 2021 ✚ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.  
DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE  
UAC XXIV: *Retinetur enim missa apud nos et summa reverentia celebratur.*



PRELUDE

*Aria in F Major*

George Frederic Handel

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

**Lutheran Service Book 475**

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”**



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:  
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Kneeling or sitting forward*

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

## **The Third Commandment**

*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*

### **Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Third Commandment:**

- *Do I despise the Word by neglect or by paying little or no attention when it is read or preached?*
- *Am I faithful in the Divine Service, or do I attend sporadically, preferring to be elsewhere when the Church is at worship?*
- *Do I pray for my pastor and support his efforts to guard Christ's flock from error?*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

*Standing*

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

*Psalm 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: Psalm 98:1a, 2b*



**L** Sing to the LORD a new song. Alle- | luia,\*  
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.

**L** His right hand and his | holy arm\*  
have worked salva- | tion for him.

**C** **He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\***  
**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.**

**L** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**L** Sing to the LORD a new song. Alle- | luia,\*  
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia.

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# HYMN OF PRAISE ~ *This Is the Feast*

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

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is from Isaiah, chapter twelve.

**A** <sup>1</sup> You will say in that day:  
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup> "Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

James 1:16-21

**A** The Epistle is from James, chapter one.

**A** <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 118:16; Romans 6:9



- [L]** The right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!



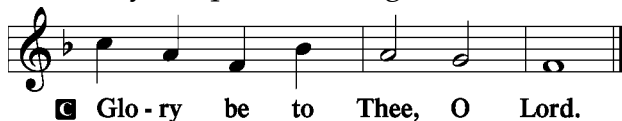
- [L]** We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.



## HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:5-15

- [P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



- [P]** [Jesus said:] <sup>5</sup>“But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;

<sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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



## NICENE CREED

**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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

**P** What is the Introduction to the Lord's Prayer?

**C** Our Father who art in heaven.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

*Sitting*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Service Book 490*

*"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"*



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

### 5 Jesus lives! And now is death

But the gate of life immortal;

This shall calm my trembling breath

When I pass its gloomy portal.

Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:

Jesus is my confidence!

## SERMON

Standing

## OFFERTORY

Psalms 51:10-12



■ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

## OFFERING

MUSIC

March

Henry Purcell

MEDITATION

**James 1:17** – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.”  
God is the source of all goodness. When we do good, therefore, we imitate Him and reflect His light to all the world.  
Christians give freely because God has first given so freely to us. We are only imitating our Father and growing up  
into His likeness.

“Christ says: Remember, children, of what  
spirit you are, namely, of the Holy Spirit,  
who is a Spirit of peace, not of division.”  
Martin Luther

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Gracious Lord, You have revealed Your righteousness in the sight of the nations: Christ Jesus, Your holy arm. By His death and resurrection, You have worked salvation. Strengthen the song of Your Church. Give skill to musicians and poets, and give boldness to Your congregation in this and every place to sing the eternally new song of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Holy One of Israel, cause Your Spirit of truth to reign in the Church, that what Christ has won for us would be declared joyfully and faithfully to sinners. Preserve our pastors, missionaries and all who serve with Your Word. Increase among us thankfulness for Your compassion, for You are great in our midst. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes down from You. By Your Spirit, put away from our families and communities every hasty or harsh word, together with all filthiness and rampant wickedness, and instead give us patience and humility toward our neighbors. Since You have brought us forth by the Word of Your truth, so let us speak truthfully with one another in meekness as beloved brothers. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, Your Son acknowledged Satan as ruler of this world and its ways, yet one whose reign is judged and whose time is short. Beat back his lies and deadly work, that the order of Your creation may be seen. Give us good government and leaders who are both honest and faithful. Even so, let us look eagerly for Your Son's return, and let that be quickly. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Hear the prayers of intercession we offer in the unity of Your Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Comforter [*especially for* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord, send Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, that convicted of their sin they may also be convinced that the righteousness of Christ is theirs, and in such repentance and faith receive the things of Christ declared in this Supper: His holy body and precious blood for the forgiveness of sins. Unite us by Your Spirit of truth in faith and confession, and comfort us with the knowledge that this world's prince is judged. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised Your Holy Spirit, who would convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. Enlighten our hearts so that we confess our sins, obtain everlasting righteousness through faith in Christ and, through every trial and temptation, abide in the consolation that Christ is Lord over the devil, death and all things, and that He will graciously deliver us from all affliction to make us partakers of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, 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*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

"You [O Jesus] have given me in my weakness  
 Your sacred Flesh to refresh my soul and body,  
 and You have set Your Word as the guiding  
 light for my feet. Without them I could not live  
 aright, for the Word of God is the light of my  
 soul and Your Sacrament is the Bread of Life."

Thomas à Kempis (c. 1380 –1471)

*The Imitation of Christ*

# LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**C**

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as  
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly  
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -  
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -  
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ¶ bod-y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al- so  
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My ¶ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

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

John 20:19

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

## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*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 603*

**"We Know That Christ Is Raised"**

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;  
Re-born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life.  
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.  
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.


Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are aligned under the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are repeated three times, each on a new line.

"According to Christ's teaching they should abstain from their sins, repent, believe His promise, and entirely trust in Him. Since we cannot do this by ourselves, by our own powers, the Holy Spirit desires to work these things—repentance and faith—in us through the Word and Sacraments."  
Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord XI 71

# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

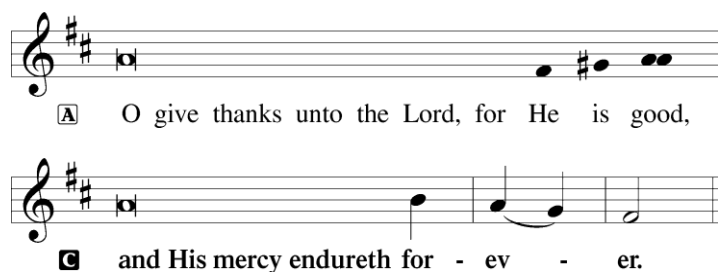
Luke 2:29-32



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

# THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

*2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



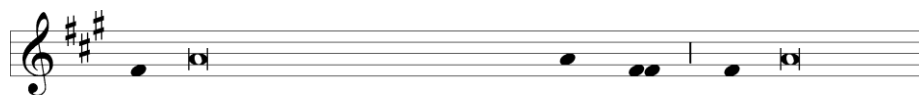
**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

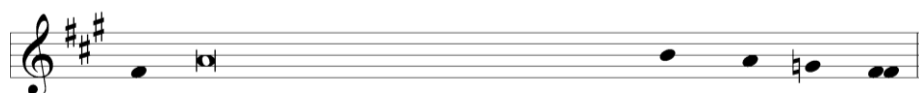
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 474*

**"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be  
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## POSTLUDE

*Brabanschen Ronden*

Susanne Van Soldt

## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

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

Grayson Beckman, *Elder*

Edie Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Adrian Popescu

### **Altar Guild**

Anne Bigelow

### **Usher(s)**

Martin Kunkel/Richard Drachenberg

### **Greeter(s)**

The Schoellen family

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

Nancy Grossberg

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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### **Usher(s)**

Tracy Woolery/Greg Ison

### **Greeter(s)**

TBD

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# Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 5/2	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cantate)</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Paul's Epistle to the Romans</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship
Monday 5/3	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Tuesday 5/4	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 5/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Private Confession The Daily Office: Evening Prayer	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM
Thursday 5/6	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Private Confession The Daily Office: Vespers	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 2:30 PM 3:00 PM
Friday 5/7	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Private Confession The Daily Office: Matins	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM
Saturday 5/8	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 5/9	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogate)</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Paul's Epistle to the Romans</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship

# Truth ~ GROWING IN HIS WORD

## ✝ Adult Bible Study: *Paul's Epistle to the Romans*

Theme: Law and Gospel. Judgment and grace. Freedom and bondage. These are just a few of the powerful themes St. Paul mentions in his letter to the Christians at Rome. Masterfully, he uses such images to paint a vivid portrait of salvation in Christ Jesus. Come, uncover the beautiful picture of what life now looks like on account of your Savior.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., through the end of June

Location: Church fellowship hall

## ✝ Adult Bible Study: *Stewardship Basics*

Theme: You are a stewards of God's gifts! So, do you know how to best manage them? Learn how to make the most of what God has given you, and watch the gifts multiply in your life. This eight-part Bible study is designed to help you live the joyful stewardship lifestyle that Christ has to offer you.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from July 11 through August 29

Location: Church fellowship hall

## ✝ Book Club: *The Monster Within*

Theme: The classics of literature serve as cautionary tales. They have much to teach us about ourselves, and warn us what can happen if we're not careful. Each month you are invited to attend and discuss the moral of each of the following books.

Day & Time: *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
Sunday, June 27 at 3:00 P.M.

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley  
Sunday, July 25 at 3:00 P.M.

*Dracula* by Bram Stoker  
Sunday, August 22 at 3:00 P.M.

Location: Pastor Miller's home  
35 Coopers Glen Drive SW  
Mableton, GA 30126

### ✝ Women's Group Bible Study: *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions*

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: May 22 at 10:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

## *Beauty* ~ WORSHIPING OUR GOD

### ✝ The Daily Office

Theme: We pray that the Lord would "Give us each day our daily bread." Throughout the week at Ascension, He answers that prayer. While Sunday morning Divine Service is the main entrée of your week, He ever provides the manna of His Word to tide you over. And what better way to receive this food for your soul than to gather with your church family. Private Confession is available 30 minutes prior to each Daily Office.

Day & Time: Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M.

Vespers: Thursdays at 3:00 P.M.

Matins: Fridays at 9:00 A.M.

Location: Church sanctuary

### ✝ Preserving Our Musical Heritage: Organ Maintenance Donations

Theme: Our organ is a one-of-a-kind custom pipe organ. Over the decades, she has partnered with God's Word to move our hearts and stir our souls. Please consider making a donation toward this summer's \$2,000 organ maintenance to ensure the blessing of this instrument may be had by all for years to come.

# *Goodness* ~ SERVING IN HIS NAME

## ✝ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: 1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

## ✝ Stepping Stone Mission Project

Theme: Once again, we are teaming up with Stepping Stone, a mission to aid the homeless in Atlanta. From now through May 16, we are collecting clothing and toiletry items. You may drop them off in the clearly marked bin in the church office. New and used items to be collected are as follows:

- Underwear and socks (new only, please)
- Shoes and boots
- Pants
- Shirts
- Sweatshirts and sweaters
- Coats and jackets
- Hats
- Gloves and mittens
- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Travel size toiletries
- Plastic Ziploc bags

## ✝ Brazilian Barbecue

Theme: Back by popular demand, it's almost time for the Brazilian barbecue hosted by Brazilian native, Martin Kunkel. This go around, men, women, and children of all ages are welcome to enjoy the fine cuisine and fun festivities. If you missed out before, you'll want to be sure to catch it this time!

Day & Time: Saturday, June 19 at 2:00 P.M.

Location: Church grounds

## ✝ Pastor's Open House

Theme: Pastor, Jeni, and the kids are rolling out the welcome mat for you. You are invited to enjoy the hospitality of their home with good food and fellowship. A lunch will be provided, and silly games will be included. This annual event has returned for 2021!

Day & Time: Saturday, September 11 at noon – 2:00 P.M.

Location: Pastor Miller's home  
35 Coopers Glen Drive SW  
Mableton, GA 30126

# LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

## **Birthdays**

- ✝ Isaac Beckman, 5/7
- ✝ Alex Woolery, 5/7
- ✝ Evan LaVan, 5/8

## **Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)**

- ✝ None this week

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

- ✝ None this week

## **Membership Anniversaries**

- ✝ None this week

## **In Need**

### **Recent Requests**

*For persecuted Christians:*

- ✝ South Sudan

*For comfort, health, and recovery:*

- ✝ Sandy Bickart (sister of Jean Meyers)
- ✝ Mary Greene (neighbor of Ruth Henry)
- ✝ The unborn child of Lauren and J.P. Morr
- ✝ Adi Murphy (former neighbor of the Beckmans)
- ✝ Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu)
- ✝ Suzanne Powell (mother of Bekah Beckman)
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Pam Von Wedel (mother of Jill Drachenberg)
- ✝ All impacted by COVID-19

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

- ✝ Fred Grenier (grandfather of Josh Mech)

### **Ongoing Requests**

*For family and friends of the congregation:*

- ✝ Edith Bohannon (mother of Caitlin East's friend)
- ✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)
- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden
- ✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)
- ✝ Brandon Irwin (friend of Lauren Morr)

*For the leaders of Church and state:*

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & 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 Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials









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