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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

David H. Brooks, Pastor

Mission Statement: Welcoming Everyone to Walk the Way of GRACE:
Grow with Jesus • Rejoice in God • Answer with Hope • Care for the Neighbor
• Embrace Community

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WELCOME TO GRACE:

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.'"

- Psalm 122:1

Worshiping with us the first time? Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself. If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see!

Copies of the week's eNews announcements are located in the Narthex.

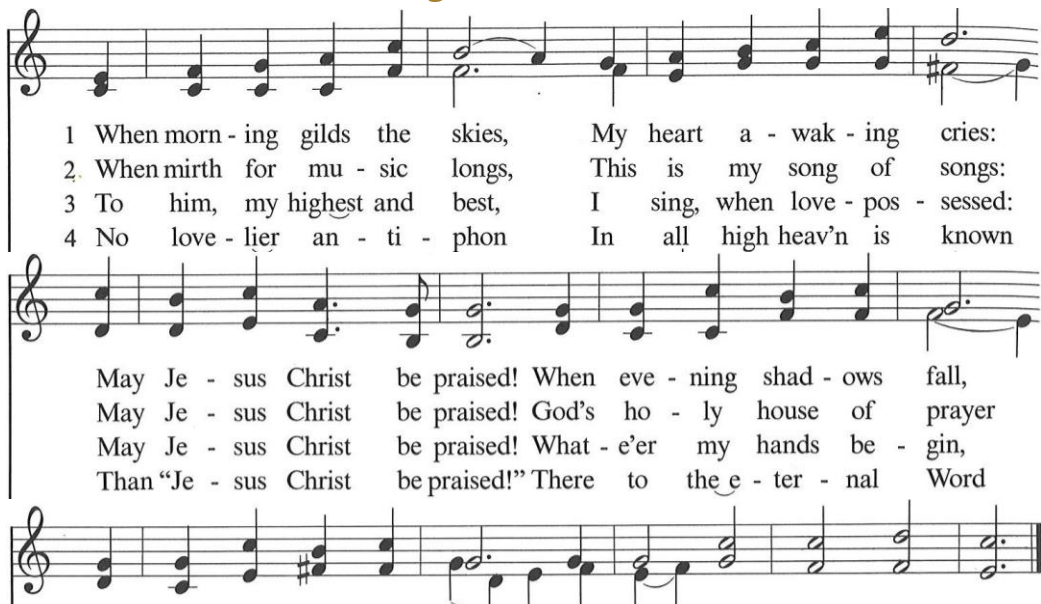
We welcome children in worship services.

Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

PRELUDE: *"Father, We Are Here" – arr. Paris*

..... CALL TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE HYMN: *"When Morning Gilds the Skies" LBW 546*



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love - pos - sessed:
4 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known

May Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
May Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
May Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word

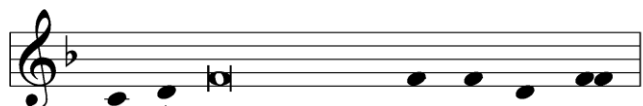
This rings my cur - few call: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Has none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
This bless - ing shall break in: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: Oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

5 Let all of humankind
In this their concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Sing, sun and stars of space,
Sing, all who see his face,
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
Today and evermore,
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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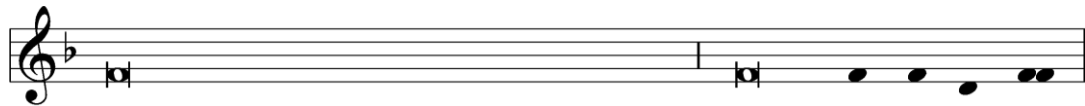
KYRIE:



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



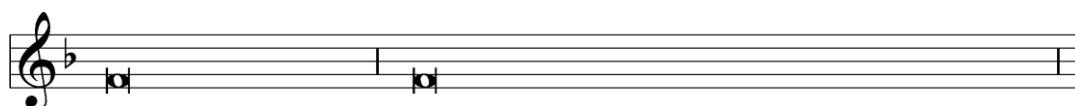
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



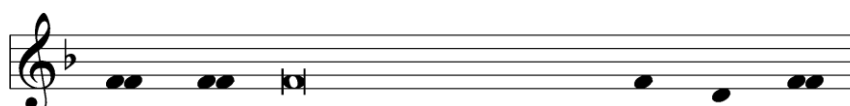
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



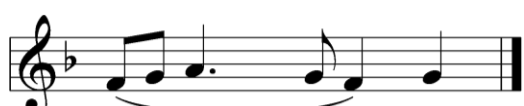
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST:

Refrain



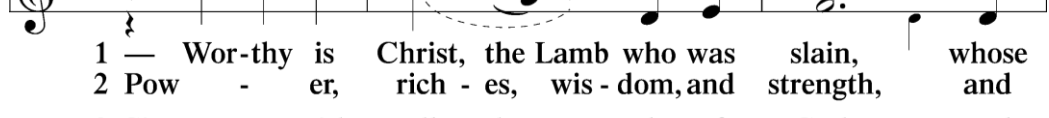
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



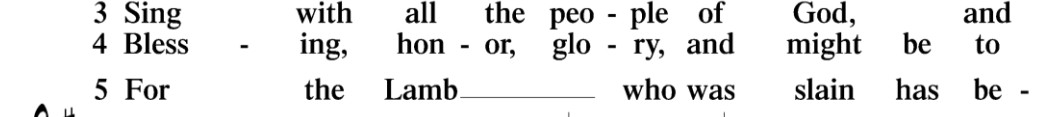
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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 -



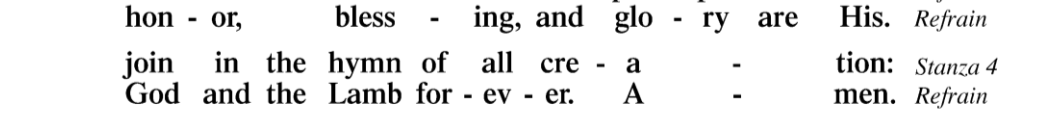
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . .

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON:

Acts 10:34–48 (*Pew Bible, pg. 919*)

The First Lesson is from the 10th Chapter of Acts.

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

³⁶As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

³⁹And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead.

⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98: *"All the Ends of the Earth"* Gather Comprehensive 95



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds; whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us, God's holy arm. **Refrain.**
- 2 The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all, remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel. **Refrain.**
- 3 All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song. **Refrain.**
- 4 Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn.
Sing in your joy before the king, the king, our Lord. **Refrain.**

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EPISTLE LESSON:

1 John 5:1–8 (*Pew Bible, pg. 1023*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 5th Chapter of First John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him.

²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments.

³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is

the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one Who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and

these three agree.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL:

John 15:9–17 (*Pew Bible, pg. 902*)

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.

¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

¹⁴You are My friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.

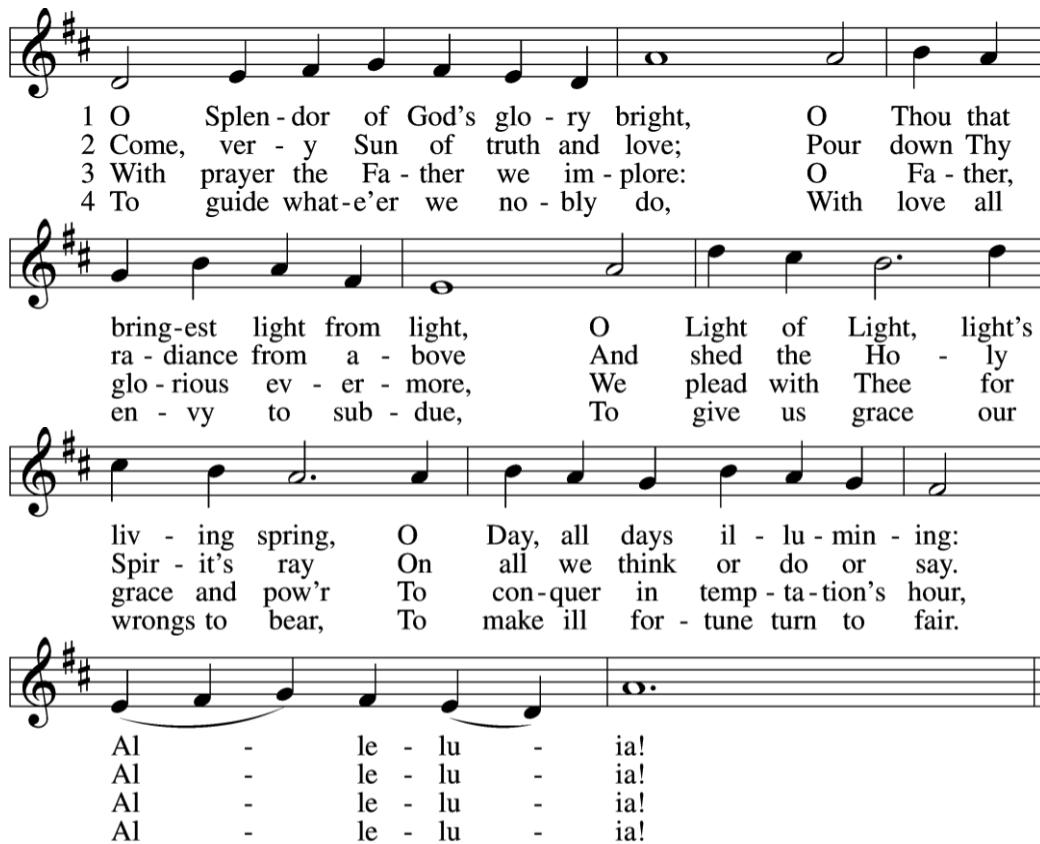
¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 874 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O Thou that
2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love; Pour down Thy
3 With prayer the Fa - ther we im - plore: O Fa - ther,
4 To guide what-e'er we no - bly do, With love all
bring-est light from light, O Light of Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove And shed the Ho - ly
glo - rious ev - er - more, We plead with Thee for
en - vy to sub - due, To give us grace our
liv - ing spring, O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
Spir - it's ray On all we think or do or say.
grace and pow'r To con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour,
wrongs to bear, To make ill for - tune turn to fair.
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

5 On Christ, the true bread, let us feed;
Let Him to us be drink indeed;
And let us taste with joyfulness
The Holy Spirit's plenteousness.
Alleluia!

6 All laud to God the Father be;
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;
All glory to the Spirit raise
In equal and unending praise.
Alleluia!

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DEDICATION OF THE NEW PIANO

NICENE CREED:

☩ 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

..... WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .
- P** Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

[†]meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine

OFFERTORY: *“Softly Now the Light of Day” – Hatton (8:30); “Be Thou My Vision”*
(Choir at 11 AM)

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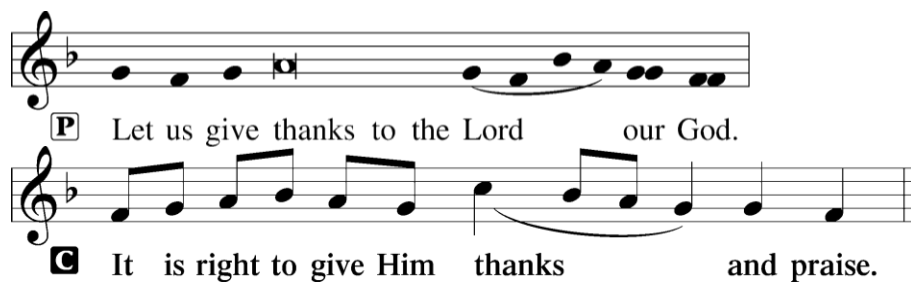
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in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

..... OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

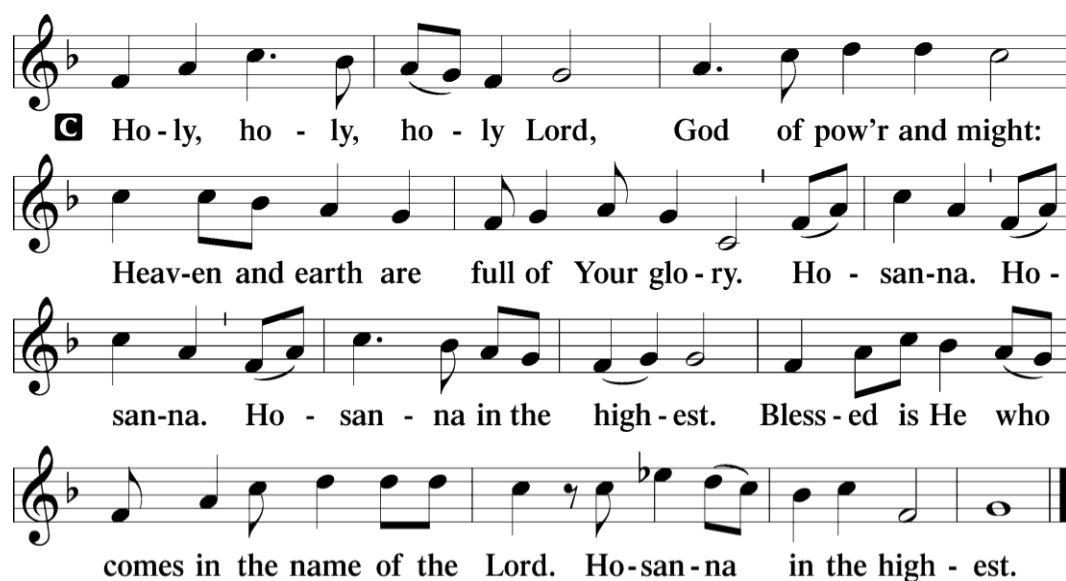


¶ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

■ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

¶ 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, . . . and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

¶ You are indeed Holy, O God, the Fountain of all holiness; You bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence . . .

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

■ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

¶ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of Your Son . . . with us the great and promised feast.

■ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our Great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.**

PAX DOMINI:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI:

C 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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: ***LBW 554 "This Is My Father's World"***

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-t'ning ears All
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car-ols raise; The
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me not for-get That,

na-ture sings, and round me rings The mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, De-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of . . skies and seas; His hand the won-ders .wrought.
rus-ling grass I . . hear him pass; He speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be . . glad!

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LSB 452 "O Perfect Life of Love"

1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
 2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;
 3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;
 4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul

All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
 His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
 All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.
 Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.

5 In perfect love He dies;
 For me He dies, for me.
 O all-atoning Sacrifice,
 I cling by faith to Thee.

6 In ev'ry time of need,
 Before the judgment throne,

Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
 Thy merits, not mine own.

7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
 As Thou for me hast wrought;
 And let my love the answer be
 To grace Thy love has brought.

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THANK THE LORD:

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek 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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION:

- 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** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *LBW 343 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"*

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me
wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me
with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,
Feed me now and ev - er - more, Feed me now and ev - er - more.
Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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DISMISSAL:

- P** We go in the strength and joy of God! Let us not forget the things that our eyes have seen or let them fade from our hearts as long as we live (Deut 4:9). So let us recall what the Lord has set before us.
- P** What is the Office of the Keys?

C The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

P Where is this written?

C This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:22–23)

Therefore, I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

P So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
8:30 AM	Tom McGill* & Dave Dickmander <u>Greeter:</u> Kathy Pittman	Janet Dickmander	Gary Stuhlmiller
11:00 AM	Joe Wethman & Scott Gesell* <u>Greeter:</u> Kathy Peterson	Kent Silvernail	Bev Hudgins
	<u>Altar Guild:</u> Carol Walton, Setup, Between Services & Clean-up	<u>A/V Operator:</u> John Kolba	
		*Acolyte	



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