THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14-15, 2022

"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."



~ Revelation 21:5 ~



Music of Preparation, Welcome, Announcements, Greeting Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: "Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."

Welcome! The psalmist calls all creation — sun and water, trees and mountains, animals and people — to praise the Lord (Psalm 148). And so we shall. Welcome!

Devotions & Publications are available in the Main Entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

*Communion: The Lord's Supper - A Reverent Sacrament

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:27,29, "Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the Lord's cup in an unworthy way is guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Lord's body brings judgment on himself as he eats and drinks." In view of the serious nature of the Lord's Supper, <u>Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we are partaking the supper for the purposes for which Christ instituted with our hearts properly prepared.</u> We heartily invite Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to receive of the Lord's Supper. Other guests, we ask you to see the pastor or lay minister first so that you may receive the supper to your benefit rather than to your harm as the Apostle Paul warns.

NOTE: If you are allergic or cannot drink full strength wine, The two (2) cups in the center of each tray have water with a drop or two of wine.

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshiping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. <u>Please list the name of each</u> <u>person in worship.</u> (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Please sign our guest book found in the main entryway. Our school has a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 151 in the Hymnal)

Notes for Worship: As you prepare to receive the Lord's Supper this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for use before and after receiving the Lord's Supper (page 308 as well as on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

Before worship prayer

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" LSB, hymn #508, st1-4

The day is surely drawing near In all His power shall appear Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And flames on flames shall ravage earth As Scripture long has warned us.

The final trumpet then shall sound And all the earth be shaken, And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken. But all who live will in that hour, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r, Be changed at His commanding.

The books are opened then to all, A record truly telling What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling, And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been In thoughts and words and actions.

Then woe to those who scorned the Lord Who here despised His precious Word With shame and trembling they will stand To Satan be delivered. And sought but carnal pleasures, And loved their earthly treasures!

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. Natthew 28:19b
- 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
- P: Dear Friends in Christ, let us humble our hearts before our Holy God and silently reflect upon our sins. (Moment of silent reflection)
- 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. 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.

<u>KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy</u>

Mark 10:47

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P: 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: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

- P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: (Sung) Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast (Sung)

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

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- C: (Sung) And also with you.
- P: Let us prayLord Jesus, Bridegroom of the Church, You have done everything needed for us to join You at the heavenly wedding feast that has no end. Guide us so that our thoughts, words, and deeds may testify that we are no longer wed to this world, but are Yours, now and always; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

(Please be Seated)

Hymn: "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

LSB, hymn #508, st5-7

My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten; Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me; There is no condemnation! May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay, We often tremble on our way O hear and grant our fervent plea: From death and ev'ry evil.

THE READING OF THE WORD

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7

(Everything Is Made New)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse - Common

John 6:68

- C: (Sung) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.
- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.
- C: (Sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon Hymn: "Be Strong in the Lord"

LSB, hymn #665

Be strong in the Lord In armor of light, With helmet and sword, On prayer be dependent, In breastplate resplendent: The armor of God.

Integrity gird Y The truth of His Word His righteousness wearing His victory sharing,

You round to impart As truth in your heart; g As breastplate of mail, Be strong to prevail.

With eagerness shod Or go forth for God No foe shall disarm you No arrow can harm you Stand firm in your place, With news of His grace; Nor force you to yield, With faith as your shield.

Though Satan presume In helmet and plume Beset by temptation Your helmet salvation

To test you and try, Your head shall be high; Be true to your Lord, And Scripture your sword. So wield well your blade, Fight on undismayed Then in Him victorious To praise, ever glorious,

Rejoice in its pow'rs, For Jesus is ours! Your armor lay down, His cross and His crown.

Sermon: "Everything Is Made New"

Revelation 21:5

Stand

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for God's people here and around the world, and for all people in their various needs. . . .

Almighty Father, You met a divided world with one saving love and will, manifested in the incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us one people in Him, and bless all efforts to come to the true unity of Your Word by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give Your rich and abundant blessing to Your Church, O Lord, that she faithfully hold to Your Word even amid trial and persecution, and give Your blessing to all pastors and servants of the Church in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give us Your Spirit, O Lord, that we boldly speak Your Word to those who have not heard it. Guide us by Your grace that we be faithful witnesses until You come in Your glory to finish Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Raise up before us, O Lord, the holy vision of heaven and the eternal city, Jerusalem, on high, that things of this life not distract us from the future You have promised and that we live in holy anticipation of the eternal day when all things have been brought to fulfillment. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Govern the nations, O Lord, and bless our leaders, that they be people of good moral conscience and integrity, for the sake of the poor and the oppressed, and for the encouragement of virtue and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Accept, O Lord, our song of praise and the worship of our hearts, and with them the tithes and offerings of a grateful people, who rejoice in Your mercies and in the daily provision of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

- P: Guard those in need, O Lord, from the pain of body or mind, from the suffering of illness, and from the fear of death. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially*, ...). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts ... (*Silence*). Bring them the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, patience in the day of trial, and deliverance at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Recalling the saints of old who trusted in You, we pray You, O Lord, to bring us with them to the great and holy day when the old is past, tears are dried up, fears are ended, and death is no more. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .) 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

(Please be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

OFFERTORY - Let The Vineyards

- LSB, Hymn # 955
- C: (Sung) Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

HOLY COMMUNION

(In preparation to receive the Sacrament, please read the Communion notes on page 2)

P:	The Lord be with you.	2 Timothy 4:22
C:	(Sung) And also with you.	-
P:	Lift up your hearts.	Colossians 3:1
C:	(Sung) We lift them to the Lord.	
P:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	Psalm 136
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- C: (Sung) 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 singing:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

- C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
- P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us, Your children, and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
- 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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 t 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 is my t blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Mt 26:26-28, Mk 14:22-24, Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ The Lamb of God

John 1:29

John 20:19

C: (Sung) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB596 - All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven, And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given: Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone Baptized into Christ Jesus!

You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception, Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception. For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good, You constantly denied Him.

But all of that was washed away— Immersed and drowned forever. The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed According to our nature.

In Baptism we now put on Christ— Our shame is fully covered With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered. For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good Before our heav'nly Father.

O Christian, firmly hold this gift It gives the power to uplift When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole And then in death completes you.

So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new creation! As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation, Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness Bestowed on you forever!

LSB341 - Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! The King of kings is drawing near; Life and salvation He doth bring; To God the Father raise

Behold, the King of glory waits.
 The Savior of the world is here.
 Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
 Your joyful songs of praise.

A righteous Helper comes to thee; His kingly crown is holiness, His The end of all our woe He brings; There To Christ the Savior raise Your o

 thee; His chariot is humility, His scepter, pity in distress.
 Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
 Your grateful hymns of praise.

How blest the land, the city blest, O peaceful hearts and happy homes The cloudless sun of joy is He To God the Spirit raise

Where Christ the ruler is confessed! To whom this King in triumph comes! Who comes to set His people free. Your happy shouts of praise.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin. To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!

Redeemer, come and open wide O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Eternal praise and fame My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide! Thy face of mercy on me shine. Until our glorious goal is won. We offer to Thy name.

LSB655 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has done. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

> O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank The Lord:

C: (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. . . . Merciful Father, Your own dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. He has accomplished salvation for us and brought us from being no people to being Your people. Bring to completion all that He began, that our sorrows be turned to joy and we be strengthened in faith and live in confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

- **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 t give you peace.
- C: (Sung) Amen

Closing Hymn: "Jerusalem the Golden"

LSB, hymn #672

Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest— The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest— We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there: The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song, As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene; The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released, Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast. They sing to Christ their leader. Who conquered in the fight, Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect! O sweet and blessed country In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest With You and God the Father

That faithful hearts expect! And Spirit, ever blest.

See You In Worship Next Week!

After worship prayer

Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There is a Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that is wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you want a prayer for someone else, a concern or situation you may have, or yourself.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers Altar flowers this weekend are given in honor of our mom and grandma, Donna Duchene's birthday (5/14), by her children and grandchildren.



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