Fifth Sunday of Easter Divine Service, Setting Three May 2, 2021

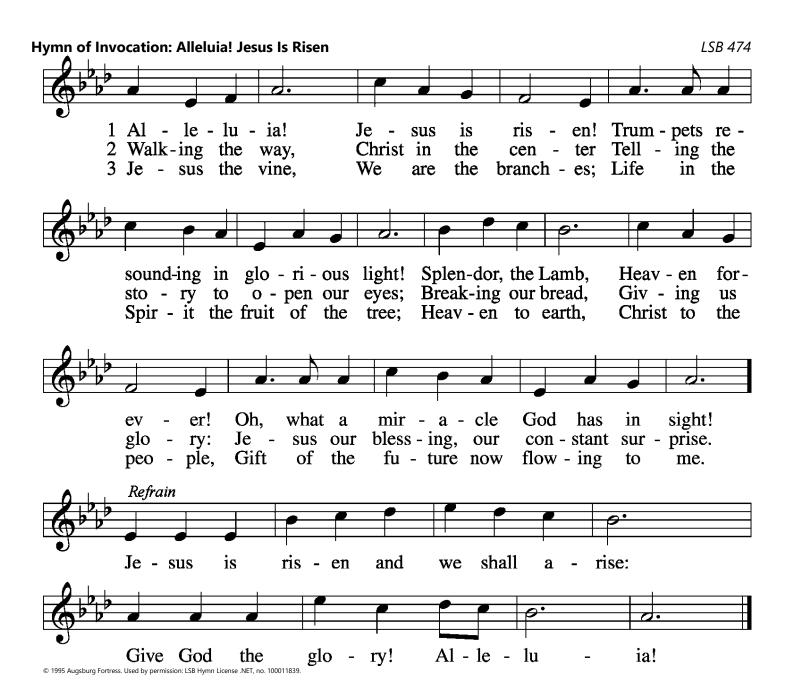


Regarding the Lord's Supper – Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning Church fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17), we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests desiring to receive the sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand



Easter Acclamation

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

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

Invocation LSB 184

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 184

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.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins LSB 184

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

Absolution LSB 185

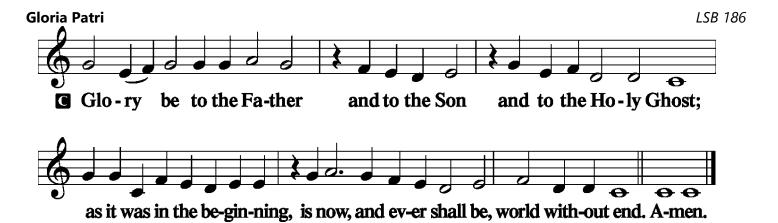
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

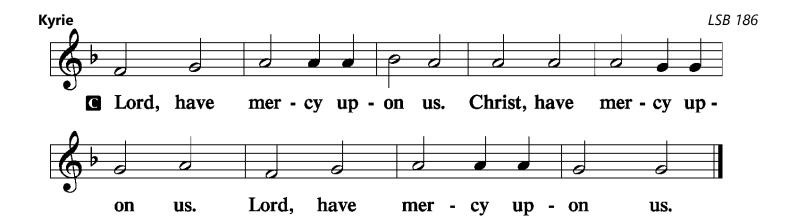
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Introit

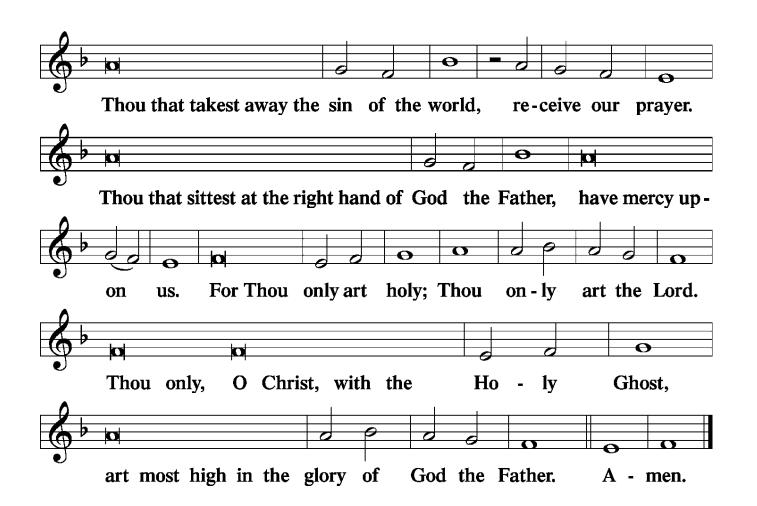
Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

- P A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.
- I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
- **P** Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
- The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!
- My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.
- All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.

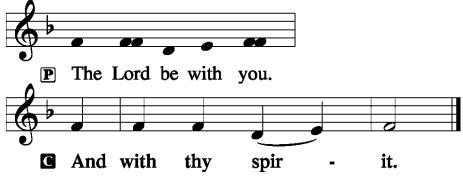












P O Let us pray.

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. Amen.

Sit

First Reading Acts 8:26–40

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down

from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel John 15:1-8

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



¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

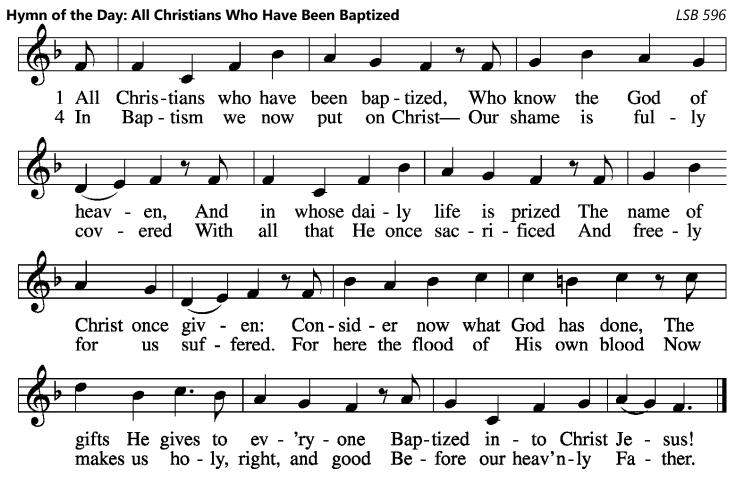


Nicene Creed

□ 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 \pm of the world to

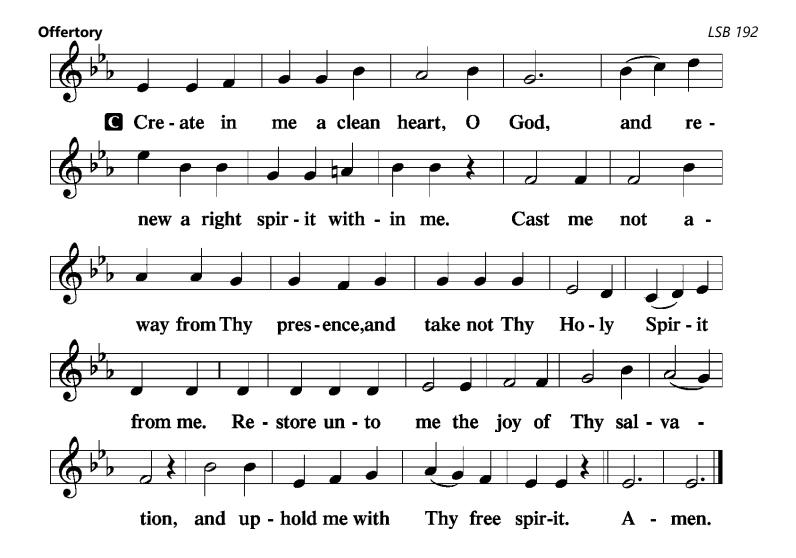


- O Christian, firmly hold this gift
 And give God thanks forever!
 It gives the power to uplift
 In all that you endeavor.
 When nothing else revives your soul,
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
 And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—
 In Christ a new creation!
 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!

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Sermon

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Sit

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

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

Heavenly Father, You have grafted us onto the vine of Your Son. Prune us and cut off from us all sin and dead works, that we may always draw life from Your Son and produce the fruits of faith and good works. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Your only Son came in the flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Protect us from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, that we may always confess Christ to be our only true God and remain faithful to Him. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father and Teacher of all truth, guide teachers and catechumens in Your Word, that they may increase in understanding, faith and love for Christ, the Lamb led to the slaughter in our place and risen from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, give health and guidance to our president and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with Your good order. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

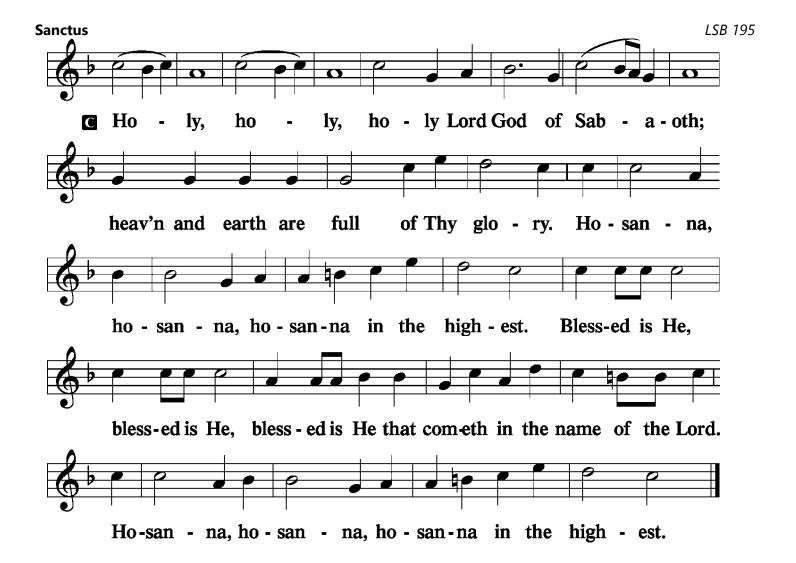
Merciful God, You hear and answer Your children in their hour of need. [Give aid to ______.] Grant that they would bear their crosses with faith, ever looking to You, and so fix their hearts where true joy is found. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Proper Preface (Full)

Li 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:



Lord's Prayer

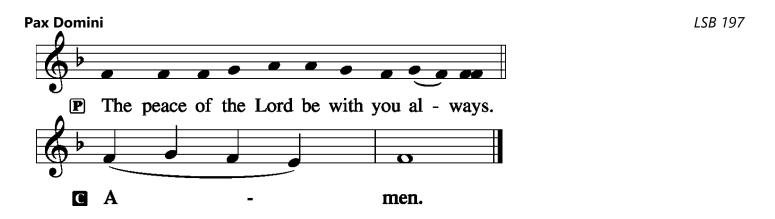
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

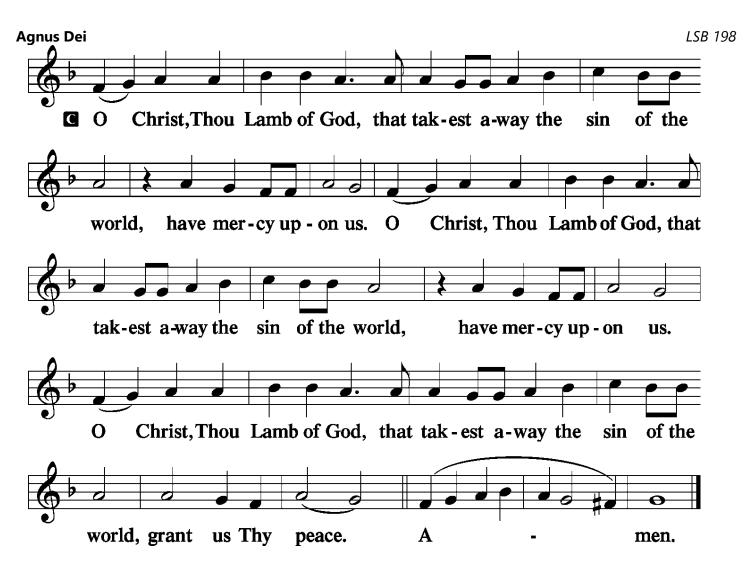
The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

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 → body, which is given for you. This

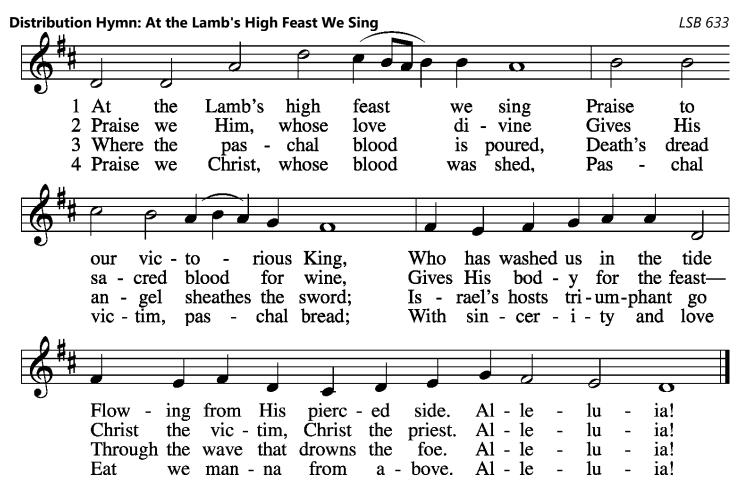
do in remembrance of Me."

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
→ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



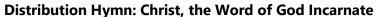


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- Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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- 1 Christ, the Word of God in car nate, Lord and Son of
- 2 Christ, the liv ing bread from heav en, Food for bod y,
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri um phant From the stump of
- 4 Christ, our good and faith ful shep herd, Watch ing all Your



Christ. the ra - diance of bra - ham: the Fa ther, food dai - ly for soul; Christ. the man - na giv en, Jes - se's tree: Christ. true vine, You nur - ture branch - es lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God. the great Ι AM: strength - en, Nour - ish. make us whole. fruit bun - dant - ly. bear a fail - ing keep. Nev - er vig - il

Christ, the light, You Feed us with the Graft us in - to When we stray, Good



shine un - van-quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light food of Fore - taste of the feast to heav - en, be: Quench our re - main Fruit - ful Say - ior: Prune our hearts so we Shep-herd, seek Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb us,



with Your own us grace to heed Yourcall. Grant path pres - ence, thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing e - ter - nal - ly. up vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain. branch - es in Your hear Your voice a-lone. our shep - herd, keep Let us: us

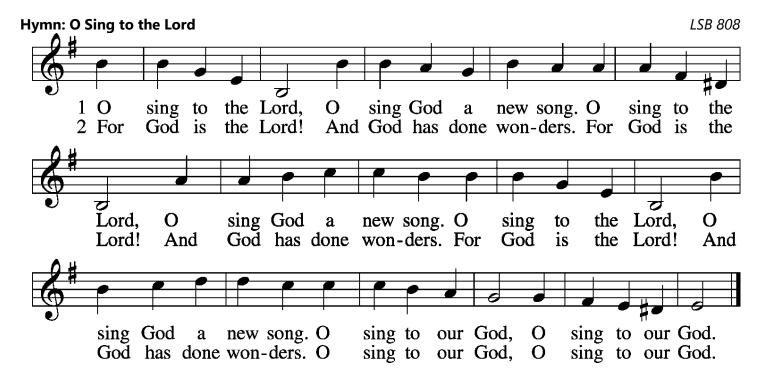
Christ, the way that leads unfailing
 To the Father's home on high,
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
 Christ, the life that cannot die.

 Mediator to the Father,
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,

There to share Your wedding feast.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

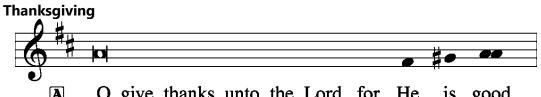
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- 3 So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.
- O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.
 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.
 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit.
 O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
- For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
 O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, A

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Post-Communion Collect

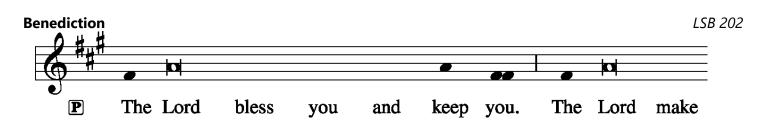
A Let us pray.

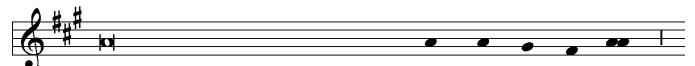
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and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



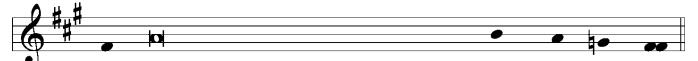








His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



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



Easter Acclamation

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



Postlude

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Announcements

<u>"Cinco de Mayo" Luncheon</u> – We will have a wonderful Mexican luncheon after worship today. All are welcome. Come for the Word of God, stay for the tacos!

Special Celebrations? If anyone has a special celebration or event and they would like to observe it during the fellowship time after worship, please talk to Donna Barkley.

<u>Wednesday Warriors</u> – There's a new group that's starting to meet on Wednesday mornings to do general upkeep and mild maintenance around the church. If you have the time and the desire to help out and spend time with your fellow Christians, please talk to Tony Cuchlinski (561-317-2084).

Youth Confirmation – For May 9, REVIEW Catechetical Helps and Bible Passages on page 188. READ AHEAD Chapter 26, pages 189-191.

Memory Verse Challenge for This Week: John 1:4 – In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17.

<u>Membership Database Update</u> – CTK would like to have the correct contact information for our members and regular visitors. Please complete the Contact Card and put it in the box that is on the usher's table.

Prayer List – Matt, Kris, Ruth; Charlie; Beverly; Rusty; Roma; Gloria; Mireya; Scott; Cathy; Kathy; Kelly; Angela; Susan; John; Blaine; Lois; Wally; Marjorie; Darlene; Randy; Barbara; the wife of Jonathan.

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Serving Today:

Elder – Charlie T.

Ushers – Tony C., Clair S.

Organist – Stan S.

Altar Guild – Angela F.

Camera – Lisa T.

Tellers - Jim L., Mike P.

Serving Next Week:

Elder – Dave B.

Ushers – Dave B., Charlie T.

Organ – Lisa T.

Altar Guild – Robin F.

Camera – Angela F.

Tellers - Angela F., Mike P.

Upcoming Calendar

4/	'25	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class.
		10am	Worship
		11:30am	Youth Confirmation
		4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
4/	'27	2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS). Topic: Colossians 4.
4/	'28	6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Study
5/	′2	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
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		11:30am	"Cinco de Mayo" Mexican Fiesta Luncheon
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		4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
5/	′3	7pm	Elders Meeting
5/	' 4	2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS). Topic: TBA
5/	' 5	6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Study

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP

FAITH Lutheran Church in Parrish, FL is sponsoring GriefShare, a program featuring Biblical, Christ-centered teaching focused on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminars include information from nationally respected grief experts, and real-life stories of individuals; followed by a small group discussion. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions have been to them.

The next program will begin on Monday, May 3, 2021 and conclude on August 9, 2021. The weekly sessions will be held on Mondays at 6:30 PM at Faith Lutheran Church which is located at 9608 US Hwy 301 North in Parrish, FL.

If you know someone that has lost a spouse, close friend or relative recently that could benefit from attending this program, please ask them to please contact the church office between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM Monday through Friday at 941-776-1395. The cost for attending this program is \$20.00, which covers the cost of the workbook, videos, etc. If that cost presents a personal hardship, please just let them know.