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The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15th, 2022

TODAY'S PRAYERS: Helen Isherwood, Walter Harder, Irma Barten, Gary Edel, Colleen Osadchuk, Dorothy Quiring, Bruce Bird, Wally Funk, Jack Zacharias, Rick Fenske, Julian Woligroski, Del Jones, Vernice Sheppard, Kevin Patrick, Dianne McLeod, Irene Henschel, Pastor Schollenberg and Norbert Christmann.

The Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four,

LSB 203

Opening Hymn: Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

**ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 98:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

His right hand and His Holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

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.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

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.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

His right hand and His Holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Kyrie

LSB 204

G Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

G 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Sit

The First Reading

Acts 11:1–18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the Word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³**“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”** ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵**“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the Word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”** ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, **“Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

²**Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!**

³Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the Name of the LORD! For He Commanded and they were created.

⁶**And He established them forever and ever; He gave a Decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His Word!**

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

¹³Let them praise the Name of the LORD, for His Name alone is exalted; His Majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!**

The Epistle Lesson

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, **"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."** ⁵And He Who was seated on the Throne said, **"Behold, I am making all things new."** Also he said, **"Write this down, for these Words are Trustworthy and True."** ⁶And He said to me, **"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son."**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 16:12-22

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²[Jesus said:] **"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me."** ¹⁷So some of His disciples said to one another, **"What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?"** ¹⁸So they were saying, **"What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about."** ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, **"Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

**Born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into ev'ry troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit;
 Let us find Thy promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 Let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heav'n we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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Sermon: A Match Made in Heaven!

Revelation 21:1–7

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering: By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

The 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.

Closing Collect

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Hymn to Depart: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love!
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
 Praising Thee, their sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
 Drive the gloom of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
 Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
 Stars and angels sing around Thee,
 Center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
 Call us to rejoice in Thee.
- △ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
 Wellspring of the joy of living,
 Ocean-depth of happy rest!
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Fountainhead of love divine:
 Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
 Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday School: Sunday Mornings @ 9:00 a.m.

Divine Worship: Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 a.m. W/The Lord's Supper on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's.

Bible Study: Wednesday, May 18th, @ 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Instruction: Thursday, May 19th, @ 4:00 p.m.

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