# WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# **Sunday, April 28, 2024** Lutheran Church of The Way

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As Lutheran Christians, we believe that the Word and Sacraments that God gives to His people as means of grace carry the power and promise of forgiveness and eternal life. We receive these gifts in brokenness for the restoration of body and soul as individuals and as the Body of Christ. As such, we do not so lightly or without regard, so we are called to first examine ourselves and consider our unworthiness to receive such gifts, and then come to His table to made be made whole in Christ.		
Examine Yourselves	[1 Corinthians 11:27-29; 2 Corinthians 13:5]	
<ol> <li>Can you admit that you are a sinner?</li> <li>"This is my blood of the covenant, which is out for many for the forgiveness of sins."</li> </ol>		h 17:9; 1 John 1:8-9]
<b>2. Are you sorry for your sins?</b> "For I know that nothing good dwells in me, the have the desire to do what is right, but not the desire to do what is right, but not the desire to do what is right.	hat is, in my flesh. For I	:9-10; Psalm 32:3,5] (Romans 7:18)
3. Do you believe that Jesus died and rose ag	, Mark 1	1 Corinthians 11:26; 0:45; Romans 4:25]
"For by grace you have been saved through fa it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so		vn doing; (Ephesians 2:8-9)
<b>4. Do you intend, with God's help, to change</b> "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance." (A	,	[John 15:5; Romans 6:11-14]
5. Do you believe as Jesus says, that his true b real and mysterious way with the bread a	<i>,</i> .	

[Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:17-23; John 13:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; cf. 11: 23–29] "Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread...said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' Then he took a cup, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood...'" (Matthew 26:17-30)

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# **Kids In Worship**

We believe that the Kingdom of God calls us to family-oriented, intergenerational ministry, and we embrace every ounce of the chaos that this brings. Our role as a church is to partner with parents and families in raising their children in the faith of Christ. As such, your kids are always welcome in worship, even if you think they are having a rough day. We have provided activities and coloring pages/crayons in the back of the room, as well as Nursery that still provides audio of our worship. We also include a time of Family Reflection and Catechesis\* during our worship to be intentional of their inclusion within the life and worship of Christ's church. Children are not the future of the church, they are the present church, and belong beside us in worship as such.

(\*The term "Catechesis" comes from the Greek "Kata-" meaning "concerning, conveyance across, etc" and "-Echo" meaning "sound repeated by reflection." Catechesis means "teaching or instruction by word of mouth")

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 28, 2024

## **The Divine Service – Setting II (LSB 167)**

#### **EASTER GREETING AND Opening Prayer**

[Collect for Before Worship]

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake.

#### C Amen.

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



## <u> ← CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +</u>

#### INVOCATION

- $\mathbf{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

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

#### **EXHORTATION**

- **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.

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

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**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.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

- 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.

# 🕂 SERVICE OF THE WORD 🕂

## Introit (Spoken Responsively)

- A little while, and you will see me no longer...
- ...and again a little while, and you will see me.
- **P** I will extol you, my God and King...
- **C** ...and bless your name forever and ever.
- **P** Every day I will bless you...
- **C** ...and praise your name forever and ever.
- **P** The Lord is gracious and merciful...
- C ...slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

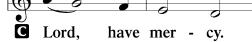


**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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

- P All your works shall
  - give thanks to you, O Lord,
- **C** ...and all your saints shall bless you!
- P My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
- **C** ...and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.
- C 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

LSB 168 [Mark 10:47]



LSB 167 [[John 20:19–23]]

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LSB 167 [1 John 1:8–9]

[Matthew 28:19b; 18:20]





# $\mathbf{P}$ The Lord be with you.

## **G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, 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.

#### FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>And 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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now 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.
- <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?
  - For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And 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?" <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And 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. <sup>40</sup>But 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.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## **GRADUAL (Spoken Responsively)**

Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor. adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

1 John 4:1–11

C He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

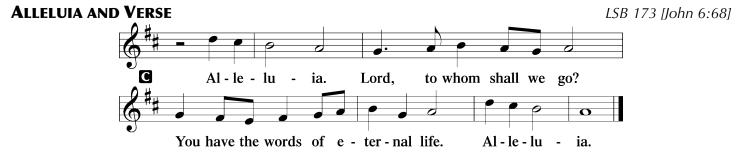
## EPISTLE

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and 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. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We 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.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In 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. <sup>10</sup>In 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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another..

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## **HOLY GOSPEL**

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

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every 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. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>If 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. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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



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#### SERMON

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

- **P** With saints past and present, we confess together our Christian faith through the words of 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.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

A 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...

## **C** ...hear our prayer.

A 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.

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A Bless this congregation and all her members, especially the *Challis, Chin, and Clark* families. Give joy and celebration to *Dawson Estano (04/29) <u>and</u> those* celebrating birthdays. Bless the community of *Hopedale,* that they may know you as their source and provider. Give comfort and faithfulness to the married, and *those* celebrating another year of marriage. Lord, in Your mercy...

## **C** ...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...

## **C** ...hear our prayer

A Merciful God, You hear and answer Your children in their hour of need. Give aid to: [those who suffer from illness and PTSD and give hope to those bound by the chains of addiction, provide for the needs of: Walt, Rhys, Claudette, Mason, Amy, Pat, Leslie, Audrey, Naomi, Joe, James, Jennifer, Madison, Pastor Mather, John, Kathy, Elizabeth, Pratt Family, Jeri, Karen, Gloria, Kay, Jack, Fred, Matthew, Delila, Thomas, Kenny, Pastor Schipul, and Kirk], as well as all those in need of Your healing and deliverance. 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...

## **C** ...hear our prayer.

A O God, You are love and always reveal Your love through Your Son. Grant that all who come to Your feast of love may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, so that whoever abides in this love forever abides in You, and You in him. 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.

## C Amen.

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#### OFFERING



#### **PROPER PREFACE**

■ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore 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

[Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-9]

• 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

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."

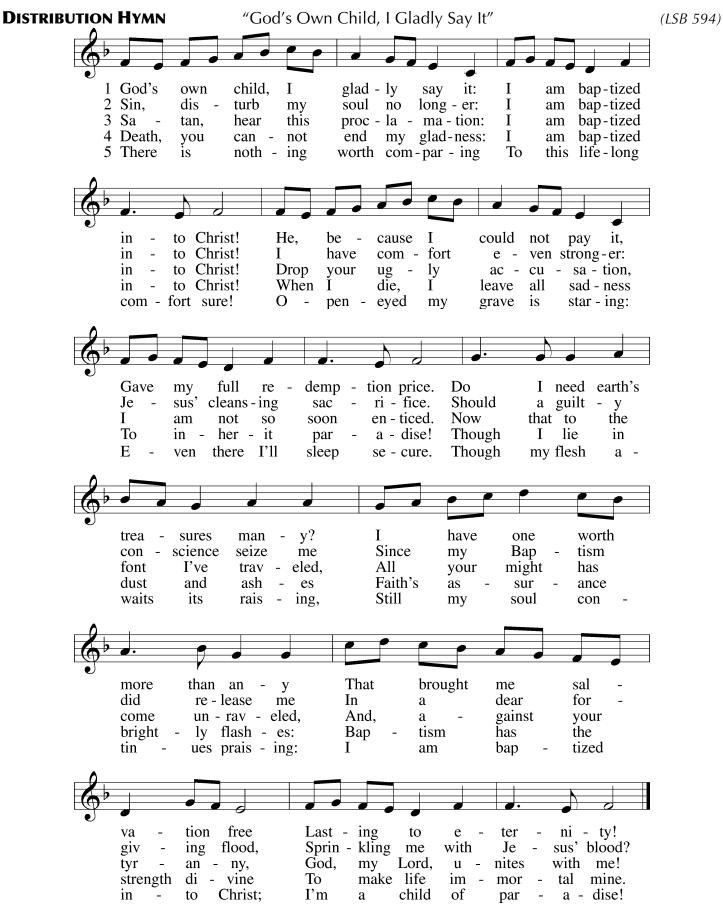
#### **AGNUS DEI**

LSB 180 [John 1:29]





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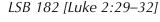


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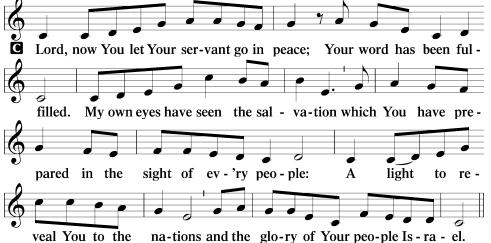
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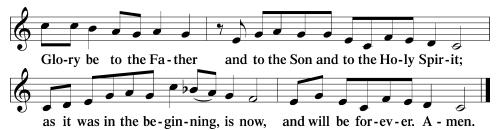
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#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**



(LSB 465)





## **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 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.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 183 [Numbers 6:24-26]

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

יְבָרֶכְהָ יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶדְ

אָמֵן

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. יָאֶׁר יְהוָהוּ פָּגָיו אֵלֶיךּ וְיחֵגֶּךָ The Lord look upon you with favor and א give you peace. יִשָּׁא יִהוָהו פַּנִיוֹ אֵלֵיך וִיַשֵׂם לִךָּ שֵׁלִום

## C Amen.



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