St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Erik Sorenson



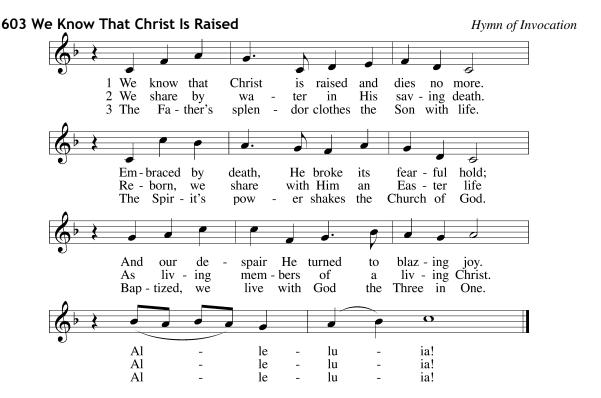
May 2, 2021

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750.

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this morning. Pastor will come to the parking lot to distribute communion following the worship service.

Confession and Absolution



Invocation

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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. 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

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

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.

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.

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.

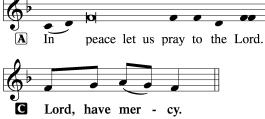
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

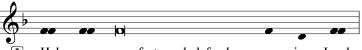
A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.

Kyrie

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



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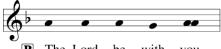
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ia.

LSB 155





P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

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.



First Reading Acts 8:26–40

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle 1 John 4:1–21

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel John 15:1-8

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



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

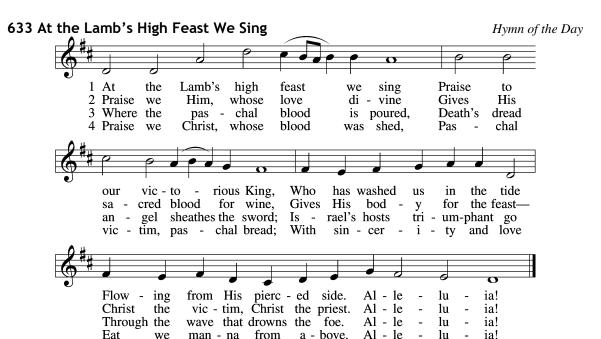


Nicene Creed

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 + of the world to come. Amen.



- 5 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!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 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!

Sermon Be a Branch

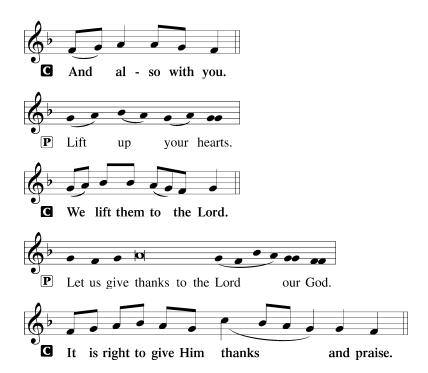
Sending Rite for Laborers for Christ

Prayer of the Church



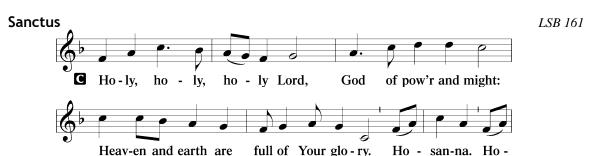
Service of the Sacrament





Proper Preface

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 saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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



Distribution & Hymns



5 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.

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread





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The Dismissal



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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



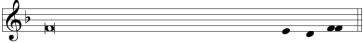
Post-Communion Collect

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.

 \mathbf{C} Amen.

Benediction LSB 166



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.



878 Abide with Me Closing Hymn



- I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Announcements for the Week of May 2, 2021

This Week:

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8
9:00 – Divine Service 10:15 – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	Pastor at Southern Indiana Pastors Conference			10:00 AM –		
	7:00 PM – Southern IN Pastors Conference Divine Service	2:00 PM – Online Devotion	No Bible study this week	Elders' Mtg.		

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

5/6: Don Schafstall 5/8: Jeanine Frankie

Thank you to Eric & Brenda Turner for this week's altar flowers.

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Operating Fund: \$1667.00 Synodical Fund: \$20.00

<u>150th Anniversary Pens</u>: There is a basket in the narthex with special 150th anniversary pens. Grab one for yourself and for your family and friends.

Ascension Day Service: Join us on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 PM for a joint Ascension Day Divine Service. The service will be held here and we will be joined by the saints from St. John, White Creek and St. Paul, Jonesville to celebrate our Lord's Ascension. This is a wonderful opportunity to join in worship with fellow Lutherans in the area on a very special day in the Church Year.

Southern Indiana Pastors Conference Worship – The congregation is invited to join the pastors attending the Southern Indiana Pastors Conference in worship on Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM. We will be having the Lord's Supper that evening and the Indiana District President, Rev. Daniel Brege, will be the guest preacher.

<u>Job Opening</u> - Lakeview Ministries, a summer camp and year-round retreat center in Southwest Bartholomew County, is searching for individuals to join our staff. Do you desire to work in a strong faith-filled environment, with co-workers who will become like family? We are searching for full and part time positions including: Assistant Maintenance, Food Service Assistant, and Housekeeper. We offer competitive hourly wages with additional healthcare benefits for full time employees. Please visit lakeview.camp/year-round or call our camp office at 812-342-4815 for more information.

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Each week between now and our 150th anniversary celebration, the bulletin and/or announcements will include excerpts from some of our Church's early board meeting minutes.

Below are some excerpts from Board Minutes from April 2, 1871 to October 6, 1912. These were written in German and translated by Rev. A. A. Mueller. It is worth noting how important church attendance and voter meeting attendance was and that being in church and living a life according to God's Word was extremely important. Christian life was to be lived every day.

October 4, 1874: It was further resolved that each congregational member shall bring 30 good fence rails to the parsonage land.

The congregation was reminded that since the pastor has not received half of his salary for the year that has now passed, the members, if at all possible, should pay their contribution very soon because the pastor already finds himself in great money difficulties.

Since our congregational constitution states that all men in the congregation of the age of 21, are to sign it and have already been reminded of this repeatedly in the meetings, therefore the assembly must express its surprise at this that in spite of this several still fail to attend. It was resolved that all those young men over the age of 21 who have not signed by the next quarterly meeting ate to be summoned in writing by the congregation to explain themselves concerning this matter before the assembly why they do not wish to do so.

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 5/3: Read the first lesson: Acts 8:26-40 The Holy Spirit used Philip to proclaim the good news of Christ to the Ethiopian and bring him to the saving waters of Holy Baptism.

 Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Pray the Collect of the Day: 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. Amen.
- Tues. 5/4: Read the Epistle lesson: 1 John 4:1-11 (12-21) The confession of Christ coming in the flesh reveals whether someone is speaking the truth or not. Since we know God through the love of Christ who died for us, we also can know when we hear His voice since it always speaks of Christ.

 Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/3)
- Wed. 5/5: Read the Gospel lesson: John 15:1-8 Jesus is the vine in whom we live and by whom we bear fruit. Let us always abide in Him

 Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

 Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/3)
- Thur. 5/6: Read the first lesson: Acts 10:34-48 The message of Christ and the forgiveness of sins that He won by His death and resurrection is for all the world.

 Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice Pray the Collect of the Day: 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. Amen.
- Fri. 5/7: Read the Epistle lesson: 1 John 5:1-8 We overcome the world and its burdens not by ourselves, but through Christ, in whom we believe and who gives and sustains our faith in Him.

 Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/6)
- Sat. 5/8: Read the Gospel lesson: John 15:9-17 Let us love one another just as Christ, who laid down His life for us, has loved us.

 Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/6)