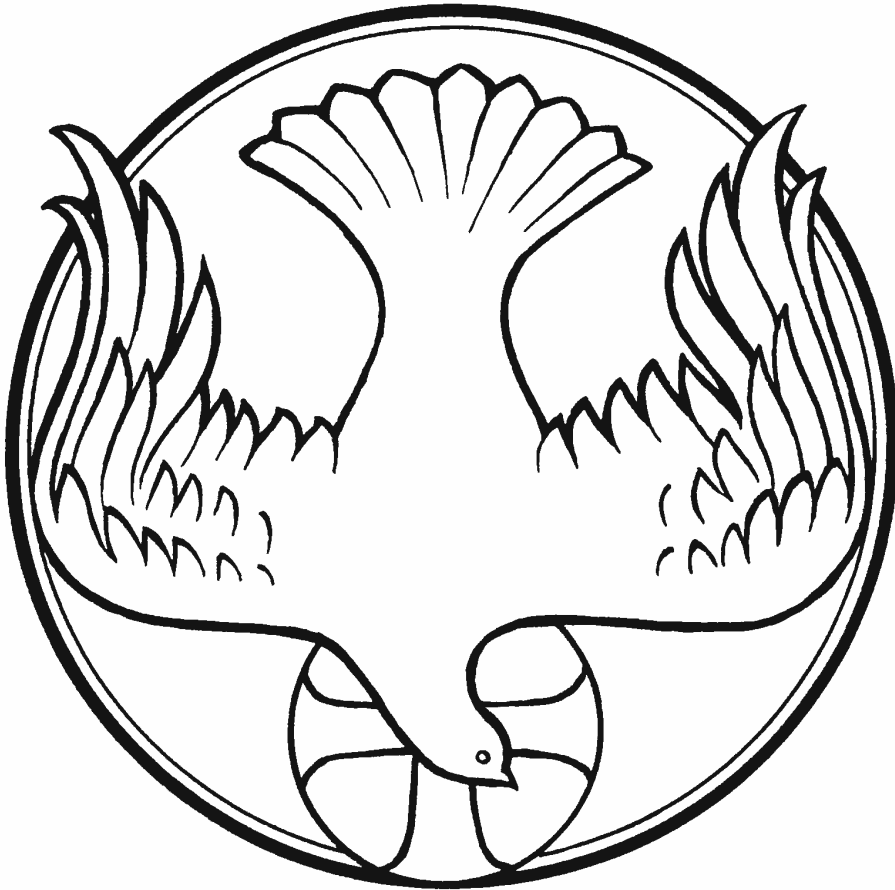


**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*Full Service Bulletin*  
Pastor Erik Sorenson



**May 14, 2023**

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this evening.

If you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, *please read and fill out one of the registration cards* on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750.

Communion Statement - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

# Confession and Absolution

## 769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

*Hymn of Invocation*



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,  
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;  
 Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—  
 Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.  
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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## Invocation

*LSB 151*

**P** 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.

**C** 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.

**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. 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 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105*

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

**Forever, O LORD, your word  
is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;  
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

**By your appointment they stand this day,  
for all things are your servants.**

If your law had not been my delight,  
I would have perished in my affliction.

**I will never forget your precepts,  
for by them you have given me life.**

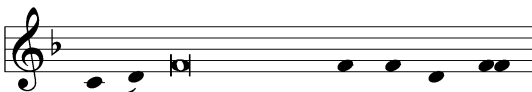
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

# Kyrie

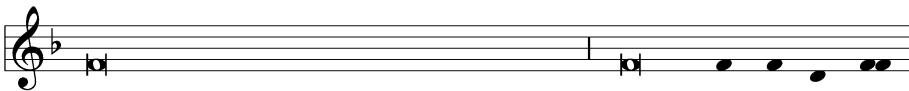
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



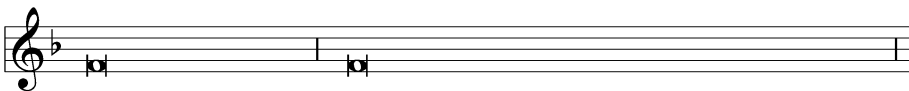
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



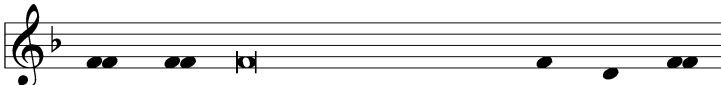
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155



**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.



**C** A - - men.

## First Reading

*Acts 17:16–31 (p. 926, p. 1178 LP)*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Seek Ye First – Youth Handbells*

## Epistle

*1 Peter 3:13–22 (p. 1016, p. 1295 LP)*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 14:15–21 (p. 901, p. 1146 LP)*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

*LSB 159*

**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.**

# 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

*Hymn of the Day*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly  
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it  
 4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all  
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
 moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left  
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

5 God said to His belovèd Son:  
 "It's time to have compassion.  
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
 And bring to all salvation.  
 From sin and sorrow set them free;  
 Slay bitter death for them that they  
 May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,  
 Was born of virgin mother;  
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
 He came to be my brother.  
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;  
 A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
 To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,  
 I am your rock and castle.  
 Your ransom I Myself will be;  
 For you I strive and wrestle.  
 For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
 And where I am you may remain;  
 The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,  
 Me of My life bereaving,  
 All this I suffer for your good;  
 Be steadfast and believing.  
 Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
 My innocence shall bear your sin,  
 And you are blest forever.



9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav’n ascending,  
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, Wittenberg  
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## Sermon


*Loved by God*

## Prayer of the Church

## Offering

## Offertory

*LSB 159*



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



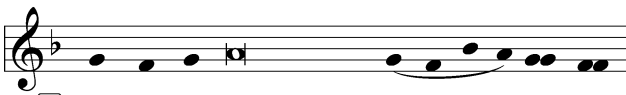
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



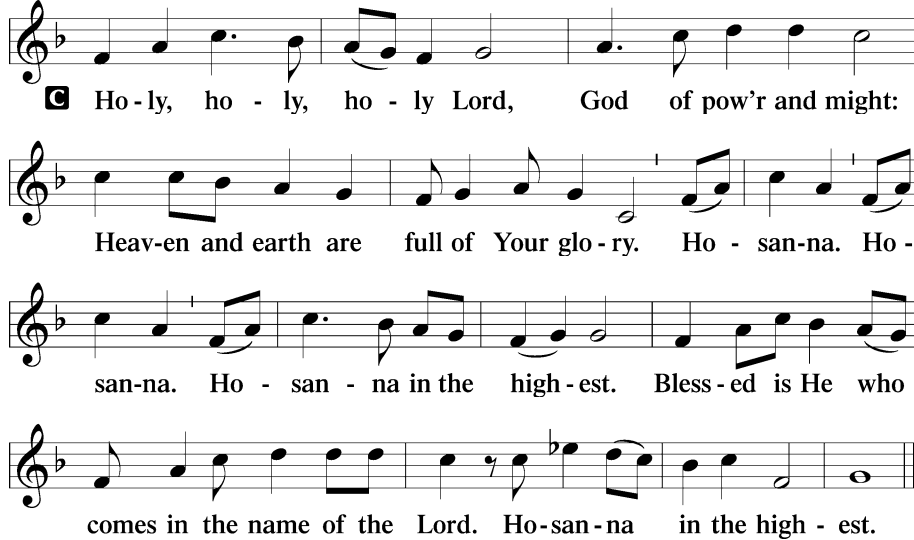
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

**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 saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**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.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

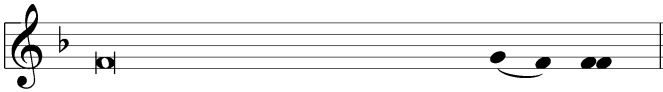
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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\nabla$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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  $\nabla$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution & Hymns

## 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of the  
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.  
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in  
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea, Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt. Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87

Text and tune: Public domain

## 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
 Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
 Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
 Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
 Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
 Thee we greet triumphant now:  
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt. Tune: French, 13th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden

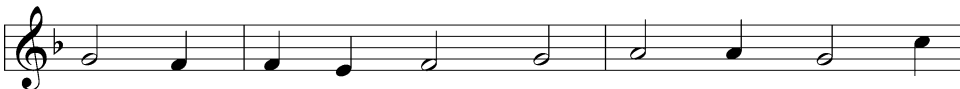
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## 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844-1932, alt. Tune: Cantionale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim Text and tune: Public domain

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



☐ 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



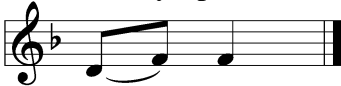
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

**A** Let us pray.

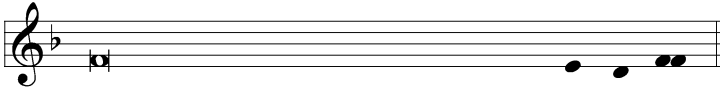
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



**C** A - - men.

# 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.



**C** A - - men.

# 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

*Closing Hymn*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!



## Announcements for the Week of May 14, 2023

| Sunday   | Mon.        | Tues.       | Wed.   | Thurs.      | Fri.        | Sat.        |
|--|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>5/14</b><br>9:00 AM – Divine Service<br>10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School | <b>5/15</b> | <b>5/16</b> | <b>5/17</b><br><br>7 PM –<br>Ascension Eve<br>Divine Service<br>(Jonesville) | <b>5/18</b> | <b>5/19</b> | <b>5/20</b> |

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

5/14: Bonnie Daab  
 5/16: Kimberly Wright  
 5/18: Tom Tracy

**Stewardship:**

**Budget per week:** \$3135  
**5/7 offerings:** \$1531  
**5/7 Synodical Fund:** \$80  
**Mortgage balance:** \$0  
**5/7 Building Fund:** \$10

*The altar flowers are given by the Acton family*

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Next Wednesday (5/24) at 6:30 PM. We will be studying different people in the Passion accounts.

**Mother’s Day Chimes:** Thank you to our youth for their chime piece this morning in celebration of all our mother’s and Happy Mother’s Day!

**Clarity Baby Bottles:** Available to pick-up starting today. We will collect them through Father’s Day (June 18<sup>th</sup>).

**Ascension Eve Service:** Join us on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at St. Paul’s, Jonesville for a joint Ascension Eve Divine Service. We will join with the saints of St. John’s, White Creek and St. Paul’s, Jonesville to celebrate our Lord’s Ascension. A dinner will also be served starting at 6:00 PM.

**Mortgage Burning & Sunday School celebration:** On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a special mortgage burning ceremony in celebration of paying off the parsonage mortgage. This will follow the Memorial Day flag ceremony at the cemetery. As part of our celebration that day, we will have food and games as we also celebrate the completion of another year of Sunday School. There is a sign-up sheet on the conference room door if you would like to donate food to help with this celebration.

**Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser:** We will be having a Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-9:30 PM. 10% of all purchases that night from people who have our flyer will be donated back to the church. Flyers are available in the narthex or on the table by the library. Take as many as you want and hand them out to family and friends!

**Prayer List:**

**Teresa Lucas** (shut-in)  
**Ron Cox** (health issues)  
**Luella Holle** (shut-in)  
**Bekah Brown**  
**Carolyn Trimpe** (health issues)  
**Greg Trimpe** (health issues)  
**Larry Phelps** (health issues)

**Upcoming Acolytes:**

**5/21:** Raleigh Acton                      **5/28:** Trevor Acree                      **6/4:** Abe Acton

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. 5/15:     Read the first lesson: Acts 17:16-31 – God is made known to us in the person of Jesus Christ and we are assured of this by His resurrection from the dead.  
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.
- Tues. 5/16:    Read the Epistle lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22 – Continue to bear witness to Christ no matter what suffering may come, for Christ has suffered to save you and He gives this salvation to you in Holy Baptism.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 556 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/15)
- Wed. 5/17:     Read the Gospel lesson: John 14:15-21 – Christ sends the Holy Spirit to be with His children. The Holy Spirit dwells in the believers and places Christ always before their eyes.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 556 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/15)
- Thur. 5/18:    Read the first lesson: Acts 1:12-26 – The Lord chose Matthias to be numbered among the Apostles as a witness to the resurrection of Christ.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer  
Pray the Collect of the Day: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 5/19:     Read the Epistle lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 – Resist the devil and stand firm in the faith for if you suffer for the sake of Christ, you are blessed. In fact, rejoice that you are counted worthy to share in suffering for the sake of Christ.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/18)
- Sat. 5/20:     Read the Gospel lesson: John 17:1-11 – Even as Christ prepares to ascend back to the Father, He prays for us because we are His and He gives us eternal life.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/18)