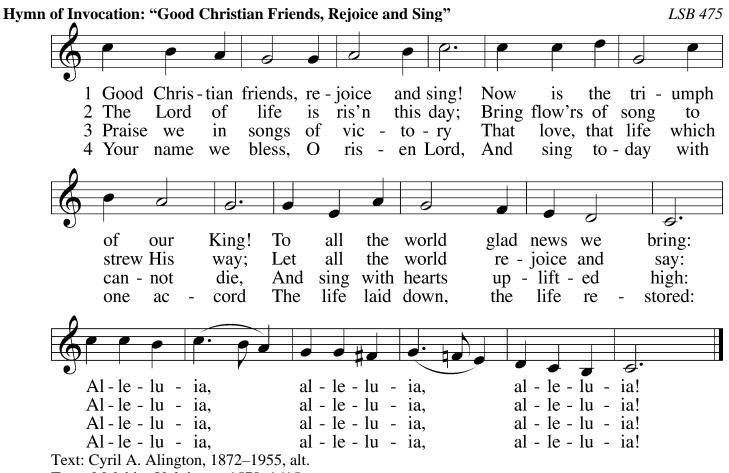
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Confession and Absolution



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- \blacksquare 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

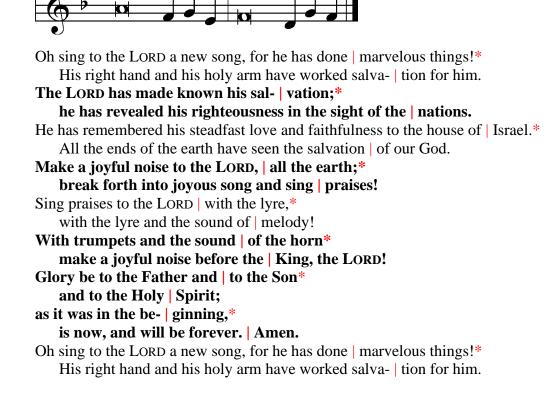
Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

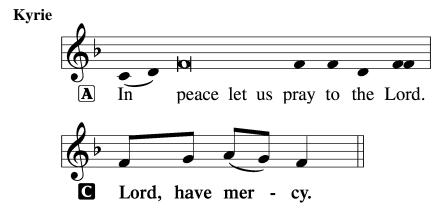
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

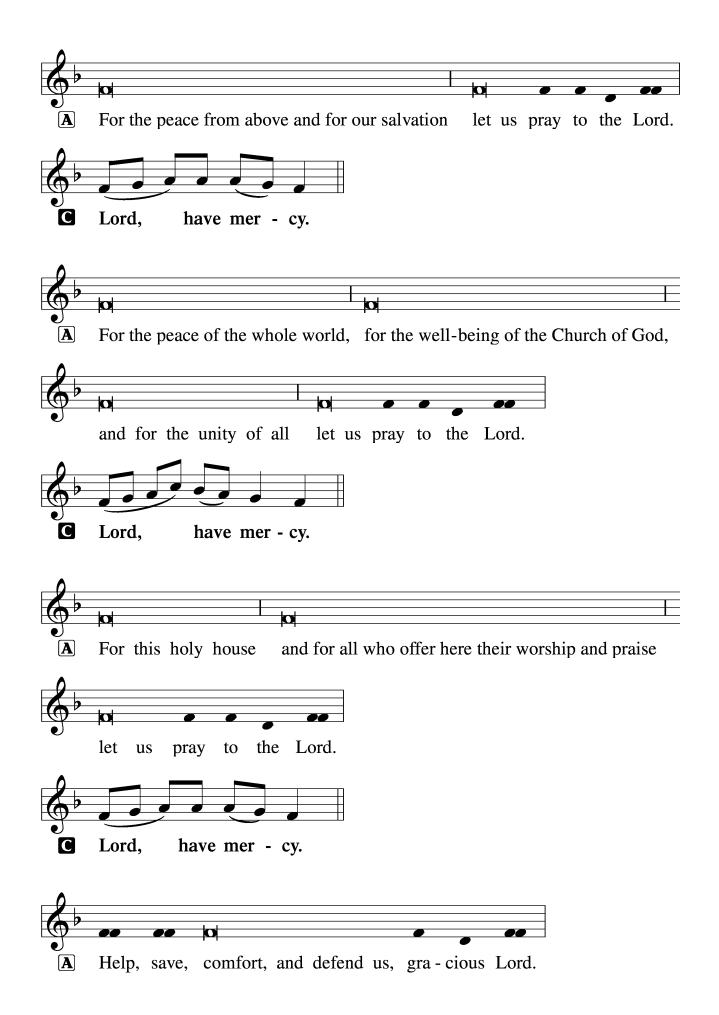
Psalm 98:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

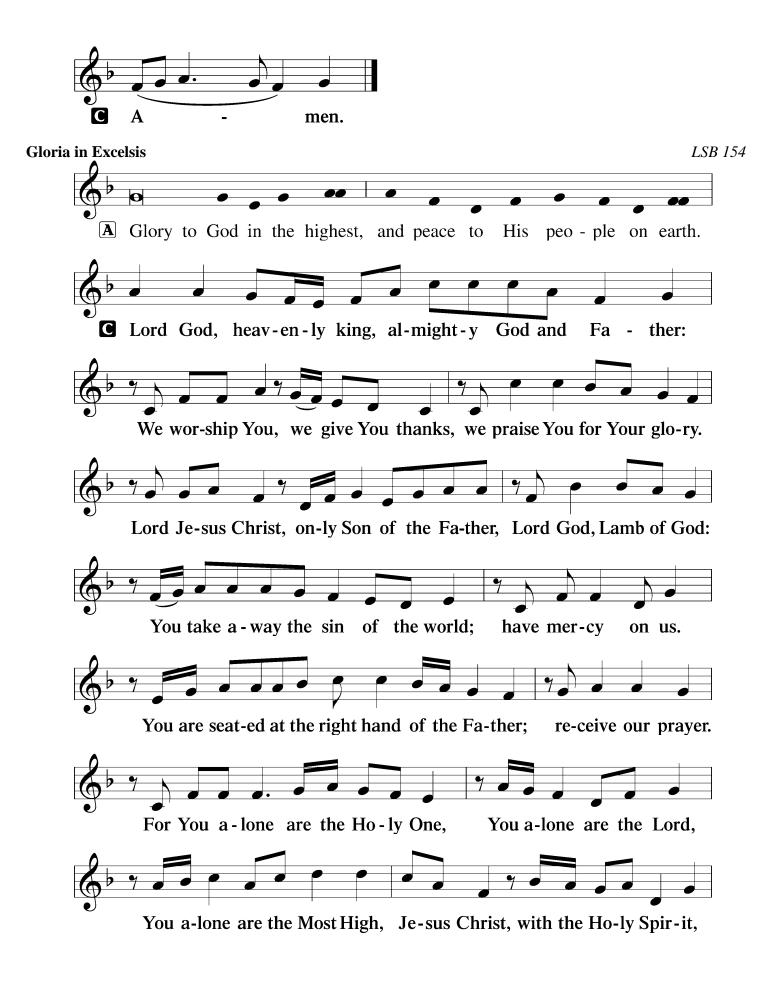


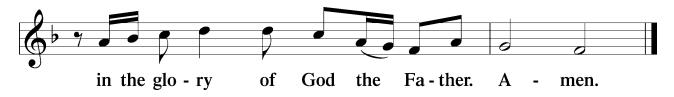


(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)









Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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.
- **C** Amen.

Bell Choir "Rejoice!" by Cynthia Dobrinski

Old Testament Reading

Acts 11:1–18

Easter 5

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "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. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And 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; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If 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?" When 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."

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

Psalm

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is ex- | alted;* his majesty is above earth and | heaven. Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the | heavens;* praise him | in the heights! Praise him, all his | angels;* praise him, | all his hosts!

Praise him, | sun and moon,* praise him, all you | shining stars! Praise him, you highest | heavens,* and you waters above the | heavens!

Let them praise the name | of the LORD!* For he commanded and they were cre- | ated. And he established them forever and | ever;* he gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

Praise the LORD | from the earth,*

you great sea creatures and | all deeps, fire and hail, | snow and mist,* stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!

Mountains and | all hills,* fruit trees and all | cedars!

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

Kings of the earth and all | peoples,*

princes and all rulers | of the earth! Young men and maidens to- | gether,* old men and | children!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is ex- | alted;* his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

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!

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

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is ex- | alted;* his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

Epistle

Revelation 21:1–7

Then 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. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And 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. He 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." And 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." And 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. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

С Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse "Alleluia — II" LSB 952



Choir Verse: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; Death no longer has dominion over him.

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Choir Verse: If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, And we will come to him and make our home with him.

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Holy Gospel

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

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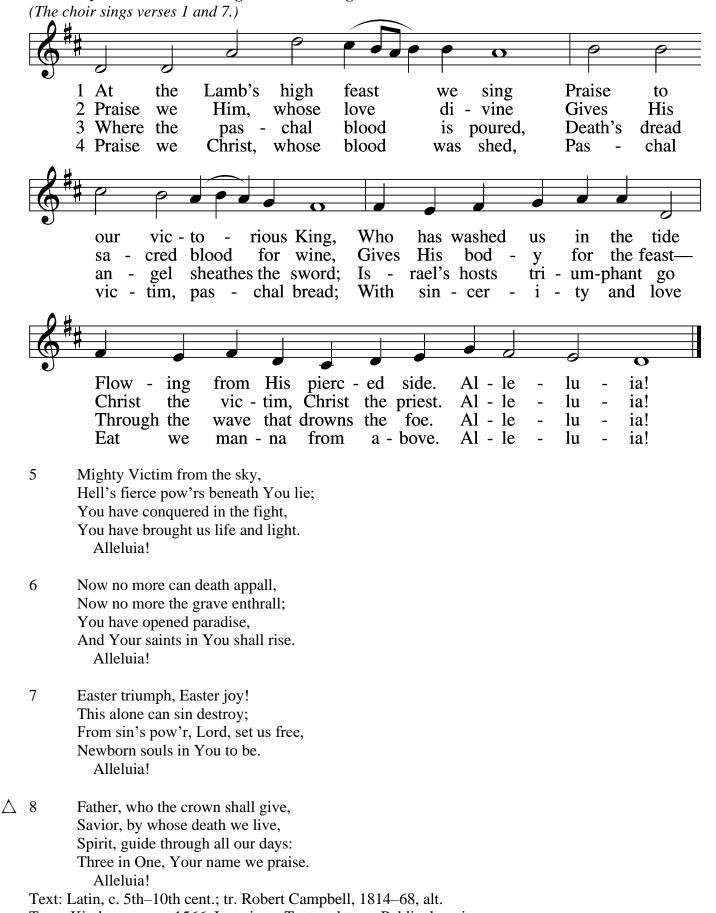
John 13:31–35

Glory to You, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

С Praise to You, O Christ. Hymn of the Day: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"



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Sermon "Wedding Crasher(s)" (Acts 11:1-18)

- I. Wedding Crasher (11:1-3)
 - Who is the crasher? What else did Jesus call them?
 - Whose wedding is it?

II. Peter's Explanation (11:4-14)

- What is the point of the vision of the sheet?
- How does Peter apply that point with the Gentile guests?

III. Peter's Preaching (11:15-18)

- Who is the message for?
- What same things are Jews and Gentiles given?
- How do the Jews respond?
- What happened to the wedding crasher(s)?

Blessing of a Bible

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord God, by His Holy Spirit, has caused all Holy Scriptures to be "written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Such learning takes place when we hear "the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience." It is fitting that this Bible be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You have given us Your holy Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We implore You to bless these Bibles. Enlighten the hearts and minds of those who read from them, and open the ears of all who hear the Gospel proclaimed from them, that by Your Spirit they may earnestly hold fast to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these Bibles. **People: Amen.**

Installation of an Intern

The intern is presented before the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, according to the usual custom of the Church, Micah Black has been assigned to Emmaus Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church as a DCE. As a student assigned to our congregation, he will continue his education in preparation for service to the Church as a called worker.

Hear what the Word of God says about those who serve in the Church.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

The pastor addresses the intern:

Pastor: Micah Black, are you prepared to serve as intern in these congregations under the supervision of the pastors, undertaking your assignments as one who seeks training for service in the Church as a DCE? If so, then answer: I am, with the help of God. Response: *I am, with the help of God.*

Pastor: Micah Black, I install you as DCE at Emmaus Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

Stand

The intern may kneel.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour the gifts of love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant health both of mind and body to Your servant Micah Black, who now begins his term of service as DCE in our midst. Enable him to love You with his whole heart, and with his whole strength to perform those things that are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

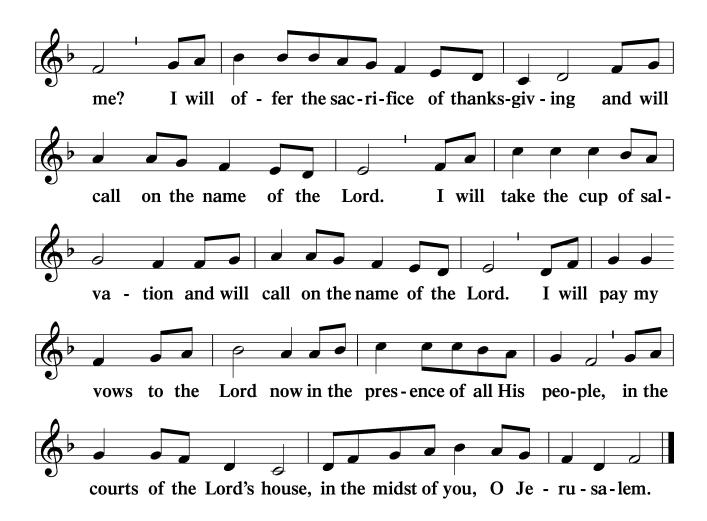
Pastor: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. **People: Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

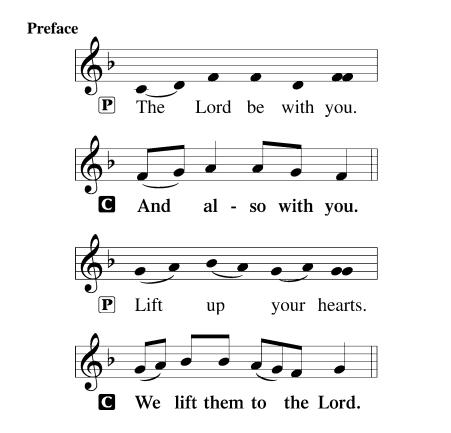
Offering

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

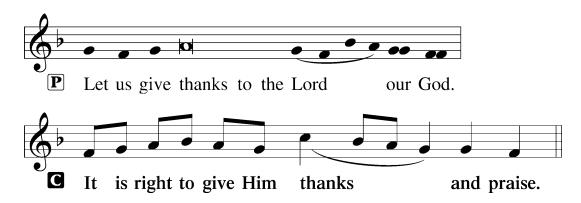




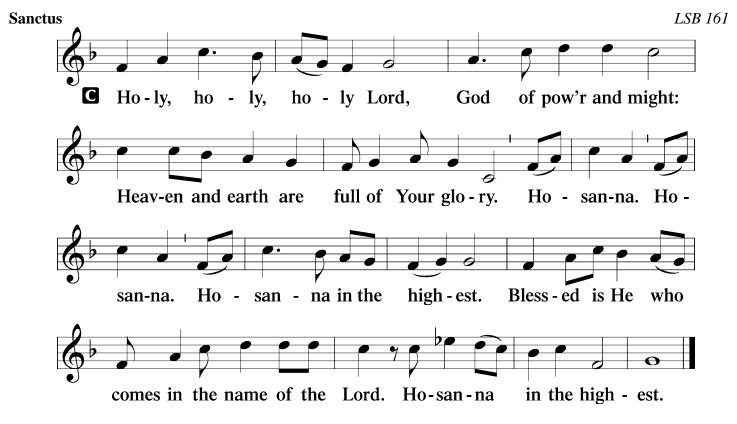
Service of the Sacrament



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■ 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Amen.

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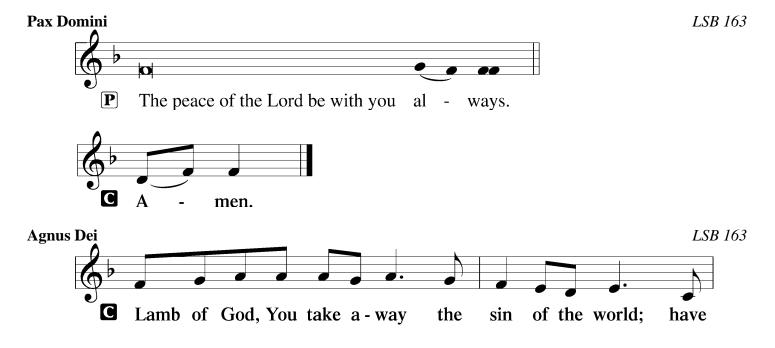
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

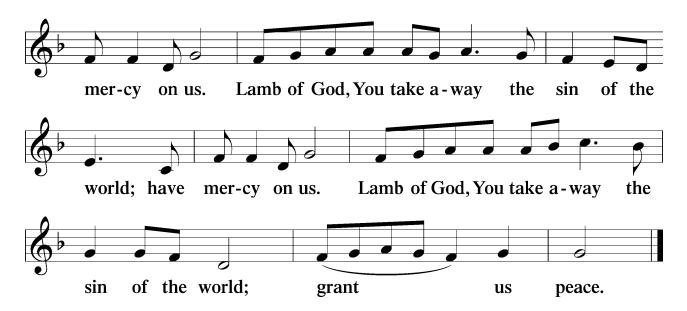
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
 Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

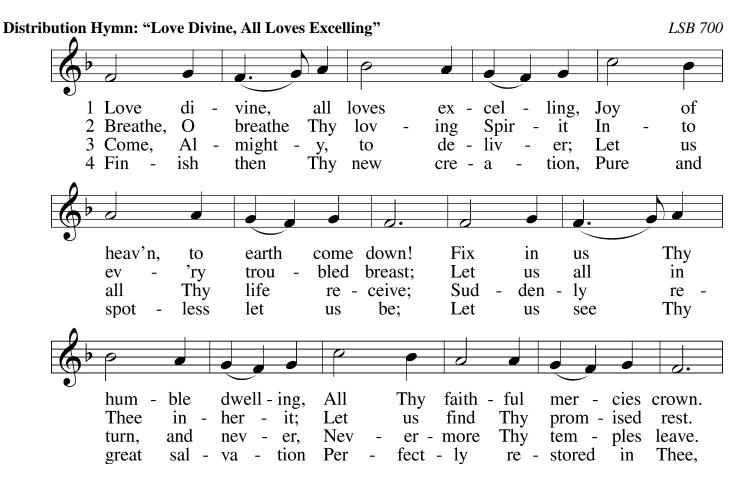
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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





Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.



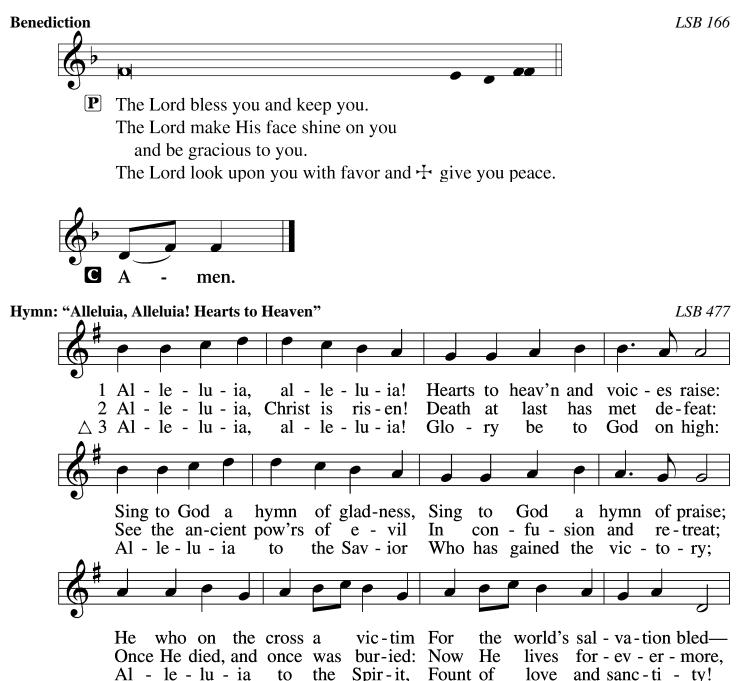


Post-Communion Collect

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.







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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: Revelation 21:1 – "Then 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." The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use "unrighteous mammon" for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

ADDRESS CHANGES: Do you have any updates to your contact information? New address directories will be printed in May, so please let Maria know if you have any updates.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS: It is time to renew (or begin) your subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness*. Cost for the year is \$19.68 per subscription per year beginning August 2022. Renewals must be to the office by May 15. Checks should be made out to Emmaus.

JEENA'S BUSINESS is now open! You can visit Namaste Brows & Boutique at 1718B Lexington Ave N in Roseville. Brochures are available in the office. <u>www.namastebrowsandboutique.com</u>

ASCENSION SERVICE: Come join us! On May 25th at 6:30 p.m., Emmaus and Jehovah will be having a joint worship service to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. The service will be at Jehovah Lutheran Church and is open to all. Come check out this special service.

LLL ST. PAUL ZONE BANQUET: Saturday, May 22 at South Shore Trinity (2480 S. Shore Blvd, White Bear Lake). The ladies at South Shore Trinity are excited to serve a meal of meatloaf with all the fixings! Arrive sometime soon after 5:00 p.m. to register and find seats. Dinner will be served at 5:30. To reserve a spot, please call Del Jentz at 651-636-2297 or email <u>drjentz785@hotmail.com</u>. Reservations help immensely. You can pay for the evening when you arrive. The cost for the events is \$10 per person / \$20 per couple. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul LLL Zone. If a wonderful dinner with all the trimmings (did we mention dessert???) is not enough to entice you to register, consider the facts: The entertainment is always exceptional, our speaker will be extremely interesting and intriguing, and you might win a valuable door prize. The fellowshipping opportunity with others interested in the effective spread of the Gospel in and of itself makes this annual event a "winner."

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "What the Bible Is For" Dr. Michael Zeigler outlines five principles to help us better hear what Scripture is saying. (1 Timothy 4:13)

MEET OUR DCE INTERN

Emmaus and Bethel are excited to welcome Micah Black as our DCE intern for this summer!

A native of the Lone Star State (and a lover of good, honest barbeque), this fall Micah will be entering his senior year at Concordia University Texas (Austin).

In pursuit of a degree in religious education and with the intent of becoming a called DCE in the LCMS, Micah wants to spend this summer gaining congregational, real-world experience working on the logistics and programming of a youth ministry. Because John1516s is building off our annual summer program to include new congregation partners and include fall/winter/spring activities, Micah thinks Bethel and Emmaus will provide him with these opportunities and skills. As such, Micah's role will be to work with the existing summer program, while building out new congregational partners for the year-round youth group cooperative.

Micah looks forward to meeting you and being an active part of both churches this summer!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m.