

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION SERVICE
DIVINE SERVICE I MAY 10, 2020 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE & WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “*This Joyful Eastertide*” [LSB 482]

1.
**This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and
sorrow! My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain***

Refrain
**Had Christ, Who once was slain, Not burst His
three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But
now has Christ arisen!**

2.
**Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Jesus
crossed the river; Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: *Refrain***

3.
**My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season
slumber Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain***

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Please stand*) (Page 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 In the Mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God Forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the Power to become the Children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, Who has begun this Good Work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our LORD Jesus Christ. **C** Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN “*I Know My Redeemer Lives*” [LSB 461]

1.
**I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, Who once was dead;
He lives, my Ever-Living Head.**

2.
**He lives Triumphant from the grave;
He lives Eternally to save;
He lives All-Glorious in the sky;
He lives Exalted there on high.**

3.
**He lives to Bless me with His Love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

4.
**He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to Guide me with His eye;
He lives to Comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.**

5.
He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

6.
He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and Loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7.
He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my Mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8. ▲
He lives, all Glory to His Name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

KYRIE ~ LORD, Have Mercy ~ (Page 152)

- P** In peace let us pray to the LORD. **C** LORD, have Mercy.
- P** For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD. **C** LORD, have Mercy.
- P** 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 Mercy.
- P** For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD. **C** LORD, have Mercy.
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD. **C** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast of Victory” (Page 155)

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose Blood set us free to be People of God.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY (Page 156)

- P** The LORD be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** 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. *(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

“Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right that we should give up preaching the Word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you

seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of Wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word.’ ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of Faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed

and laid their hands on them. ⁷ And the Word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the Faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of Grace and Power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen ... ² And Stephen said: 'Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of Glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, ... ⁵¹ 'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous

One, Whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.' ⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, Full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into Heaven and saw the Glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, 'Behold, I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'LORD Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'LORD, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep."

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

R 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 un- | der His feet.

EPISTLE READING: *I Peter 2:2-10*

'Like newborn infants, long for the Pure Spiritual Milk, that by it you may grow up to Salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the LORD is Good. ⁴ As you come to Him, a Living Stone rejected by men but in the sight of God Chosen and Precious, ⁵ you yourselves like Living Stones are being built up as a Spiritual House, to be a Holy Priesthood, to offer Spiritual Sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Zion a Stone, a Cornerstone Chosen and Precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.' ⁷ So the honor is for you who

believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone,' ⁸ and 'A Stone of stumbling, and a Rock of offense.' They stumble because they disobey the Word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a Chosen Race, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a People for His Own Possession, that you may proclaim the Excellencies of Him Who called you out of darkness into His Marvelous Light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's People; once you had not received Mercy, but now you have received Mercy."

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" [LSB 466]

1.
**Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.** Refrain

Refrain:
**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

2.
**For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He Who gives Life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show.** Refrain

3.
**The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus Who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there."** Refrain

4.
“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won.” Refrain

5.
Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

GOSPEL *John 14:1-14*

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

C **Glory to You, O LORD** (Page 157)

“[Jesus said:] ‘Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s House are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a Place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a Place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.’ ⁵Thomas said to Him, ‘LORD, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the Way?’ ⁶Jesus said to him, ‘I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.’ ⁸Philip said to Him, ‘LORD, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.’ ⁹Jesus said to him,

‘Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The Words that I say to you I do not speak on My Own Authority, but the Father Who Dwells in Me does His Works. ¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the Works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the Works that I do; and greater Works than these will He do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in My Name, this I will do, that the Father may be Glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask Me anything in My Name, I will do it.’”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

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

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” [LSB 474]

1.
**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain**

**Refrain:
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

2.
**Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Refrain**

3.
**Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain**

4.
**Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain**

5.
**City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain**

SERMON: “The Double Meaning of, ‘I Go and Prepare a Place’ Is Only Through the One Way”

NICENE CREED *(Please stand as we confess our faith)* (Page 158)

C **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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty Father, Everlasting God, Your Son has Revealed You to us as a Merciful LORD. ...

After each portion of prayers: **P** LORD, in Your Mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Jesus Christ, our LORD, through Whom, with Whom and in Whom, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, all Honor and Glory is Yours, Almighty Father, both now and Forevermore.

C Amen. *(Please be seated)*

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE DROP YOUR OFFERINGS
IN THE OFFERING PLATES LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX AFTER WORSHIP !!!

☩ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ☩

PREFACE *(Sung)* [LSB: pg. 160]

P The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C And with Thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
C We lift them up unto the LORD.

P Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. *Psalm 136*
C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE [LSB: pg. 160]

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... 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.

SANCTUS ≈ *Holy, Holy, Holy* [LSB: pg. 161]

C Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Power and Might, Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER [LSB: pg. 162]
Matthew 6:9-13

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 WORD'S OF OUR LORD [LSB: pg. 162]
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25

P "Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed ... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the LORD* [LSB: pg. 163]
John 20:19

P The Peace of the LORD be with you always.

C (*Sung*) Amen.

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God* [LSB: pg. 163]
John 1:29

C (*Sung*) **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*" [LSB: 633]

1.
At the Lamb's High Feast we sing
Praise to our Victorious King,
Who has Washed us in the Tide
Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!

2.
Praise we Him, Whose Love Divine
Gives His Sacred Blood for wine,
Gives His Body for the Feast —
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.
Alleluia!

3.
Where the Paschal Blood is Poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts Triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

4.
Praise we Christ, Whose Blood was
Shed, Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

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!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" [LSB: 633]

1.
Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices
raise: Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2.
Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met
defeat: See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

3.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high: Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

THE DISMISSAL [LSB: pg. 164]

- P** The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life Everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.
- C** Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS [LSB: pg. 165]

- C** (Sung) LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in Peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT [LSB: pg. 166]

- P** O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all Goodness, Who in Loving-Kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His Sake You have given us Pardon and Peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your Children but always to Rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, ☩ our LORD, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
- C** (Sung) Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT [LSB: pg. 166]

- P** Blessed LORD, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed Hope of Everlasting Life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
- C** (Sung) Amen.

BENEDICTION (Page 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** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" [LSB 457]

1.

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant Holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

3.

**But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our
salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above
the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels
ever sing. Alleluia!**

2.

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto
Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia! Who
endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to
redeem and save. Alleluia!**

4.

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His Love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly Host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

