

5TH SUNDAY IN EASTER
DIVINE SERVICE II
MAY 2, 2021 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH: **P** *“LORD, I Love the Habitation of Your House and the Place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.”* (145)

BEFORE WORSHIP: **C** *“O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.”* (146)

P Christ is Risen ! **C** He is Risen, Indeed!

✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION..... [LSB: pg. 167]

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

[Matthew 28:19b, 18-20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION..... [LSB: pg. 167]

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.**

1 John 1:8-9

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have Mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your Ways to the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION..... [LSB: pg. 167]

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.

INTROIT..... [LSB: pg. 168]

P 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.

C **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.

P 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.

C **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.

P 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE ≈ ≈ LORD, Have Mercy [Mark 10:47] [LSB: pg. 168]

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.

THIS IS THE FEAST [Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9] [LSB: pg. 171]

P This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia.
C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose Blood set us free to be People of God. Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His. This is the Feast of Victory for our God. 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, for the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY [LSB: pg. 172]

P (Sung): The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
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.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40 [LSB: pg. 172]

“²⁶Now an angel of the LORD said to Philip, ‘Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over and join this chariot.’ ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ ³¹And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading

was this: ‘Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opens not His mouth. ³³In His humiliation justice was denied Him. Who can describe His generation? For His life is taken away from the earth.’ ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, ‘About Whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the Good News about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water. Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they

came up out of the water, the Spirit of the LORD carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip

found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the Gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

L 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: 1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little Children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is

not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for Love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is Love. ⁹In this the Love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is Love, not that we have loved God but that He Loved us and sent His Son to be the Propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Please stand) (Page 156)

C Alleluia. LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Eternal Life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8 [LSB: pg. 173]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O LORD.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I Am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. ²Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵I Am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him,

he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this My Father is Glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of our LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “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*

SERMON

CREEDAL STATEMENT: *Apostle's Creed* [LSB: pg. 175]

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 Φ Everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [*1 Timothy 2:1-4*] [LSB: pg. 175]

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY [*Psalms 116:12-13; 17-19*] [LSB: pg. 176]

C What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will take the Cup of Salvation and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His People,
In the courts of the LORD's House, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Φ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT Φ

PREFACE [LSB: pg. 177]

P The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C We lift them to the LORD.

P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God. *Psalms 136*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (*seasonal*)

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, through Jesus Christ, our LORD; for in the Mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a New Revelation of Your Glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ≈ *Holy, Holy, Holy* ≈ [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9] [LSB: pg. 178]

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of Pow'r and Might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING [LSB: pg. 178]

- 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,
- C** Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD [LSB: pg. 179]

- 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 Φ 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 Φ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST [LSB: pg. 179]

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the LORD’s death until He comes.
- C** Amen. Come, LORD Jesus. *I Corinthians 11:26
Revelation 22:20*
- P** 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 [LSB: pg. 179]

- 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.** *Matthew 6:9-13*

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the LORD* ≈ [LSB: pg. 180]

- P** The Peace of the LORD be with you always.
- C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God* [LSB: pg. 180]

- C** **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, have Mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Peace, grant us Peace.** *John 1:29*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" [LSB: 469]

1.
"Christ the LORD is Ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye Heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2.
Love's Redeeming Work is Done,
Fought the Fight, the Battle Won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3.
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His Rise;
Christ has Opened Paradise.

4.
Lives again our Glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He Died our souls to Save;
Where thy victory, 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!

DISTRIBUTION 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!

THE DISMISSAL [LSB: pg. 181]

- 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.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: [LSB: pg. 181]

C Thank the LORD and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seek the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His Name.
He recalls His Promises and leads His people forth in Joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alléluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT [LSB: pg. 181]

- P** Let us pray ... 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 Amen.

BENEDICTION [LSB: pg. 183]

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: *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* [LSB: 465]

1.
Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has Triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of Glory here:
“Christ has Triumphed! Christ has
Triumphed!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3.
O fill us, LORD, with dauntless Love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your Triumph;
Grant Grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has Triumphed! He is Living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2.
Eternal is the Gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has Triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us Life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has Triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4.
Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has Triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our LORD,
To Spirit blest, most Holy God,
All the Glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT: Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise You for Feeding us the Life-Giving Body and Blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by Faith obtain and Eternally enjoy Your Divine Grace, the Forgiveness of sins, Unity with Christ, and Life Eternal, through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (158)

FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD: LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (150)