SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5, 2024

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> > 10:30 A.M.

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord Jesus Christ, while I was still in my sins You chose me, laid down Your life for me, and called me friend. By Your great love for me, inspire me to love one another that I may abide in Your grace and may bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The hymn text "Abide with Me," by English clergyman Henry Lyte, has a history that assists in making the words of hope and comfort in the text memorable. Yet, in reflecting on the true importance of the hymn, it is not the circumstances surrounding why it was written that gives it beauty but the words themselves that the author wrote. In timeless poetry, Lyte underscores the meaning of God's presence in the life of the Christian as he writes: "I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless" (LSB 878:5). Our Lord abides with us not only at eventide, but at all times and in all places. Here and now let us bring to this caring God our thanks and praise!

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm

Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10

- P Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- C While I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
- C The Lord shall reign forever—Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the Lord!



LSB 573



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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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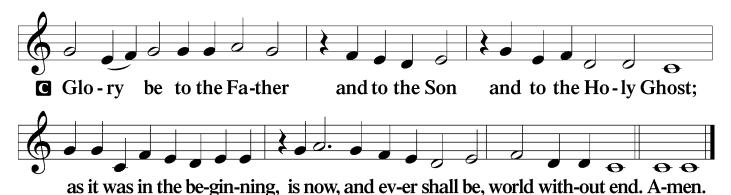
INTROIT *Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

- P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.
- C Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!
- P Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.
- C Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His

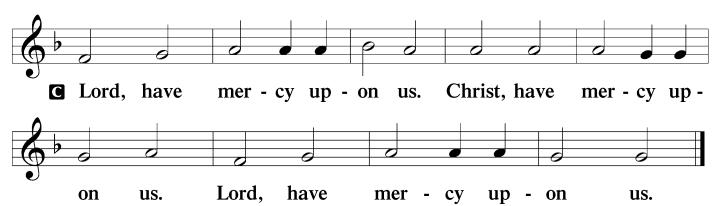
praise to be heard,

- P Who keeps our soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved.
- C Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!
- P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.

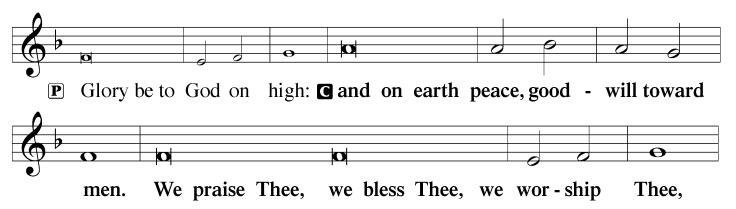
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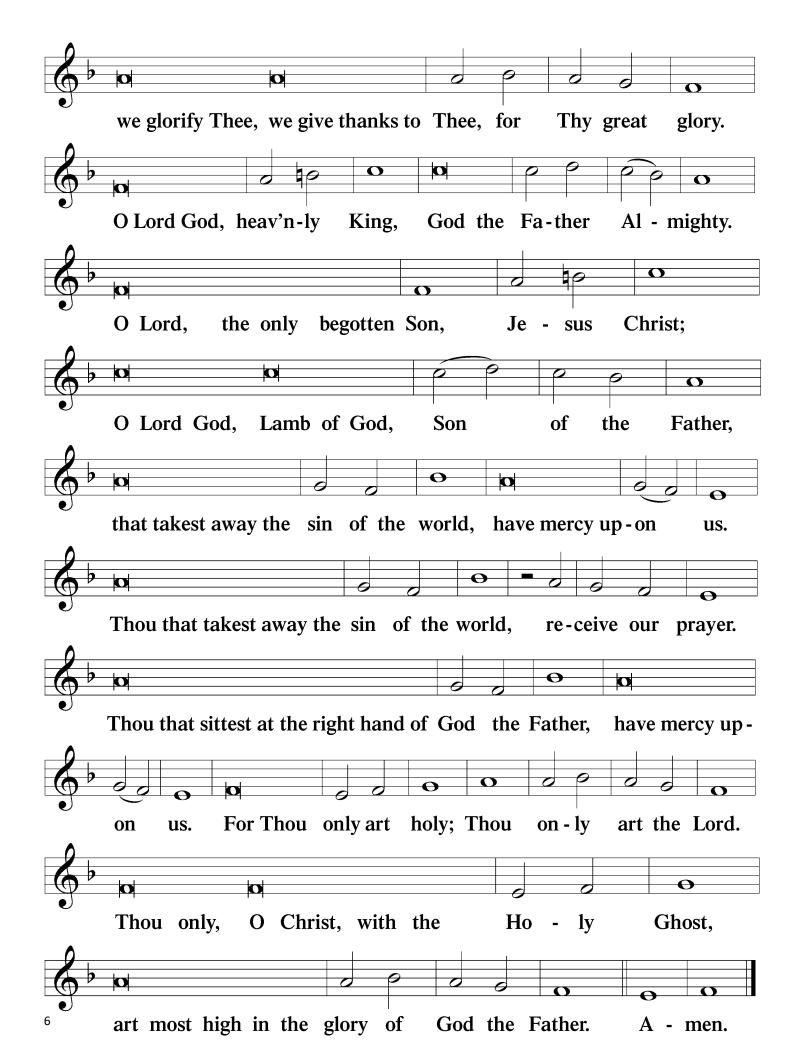


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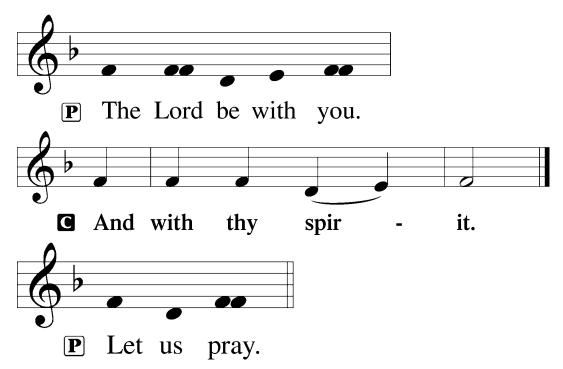


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P 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.



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FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-48

(People from every nation are accepted by God.)

34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— 37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed

by the devil, for God was with Him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. 40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. 42 And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

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

PSALM Psalm 98

- P Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.
- C The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.
- P He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- C Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.
- P Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm,
- C With trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.

- P Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it;
- C Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together
- P before the Lord, for He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

EPISTLE 1 *John 5:1–8*

(The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)

1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

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

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ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

(Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)

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

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- 9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
- 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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All: 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.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829 vs. 1-4





Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set And by His death sal - va - tion won For Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The

all who name Your name; forth on Scrip-ture's page; ev - 'ry child of earth; Life, the Truth, the Way;



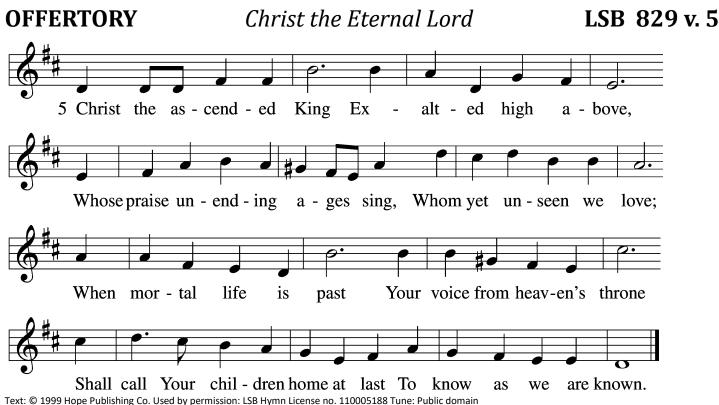
With thank-ful-ness and praise Trans-form our thought and mind, In - spire our hearts, we pray, That light of truth You give We stand be - fore Your throne, En - light - en all who read, To tell Your love a - broad, To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known. With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed. That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord. Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" [through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

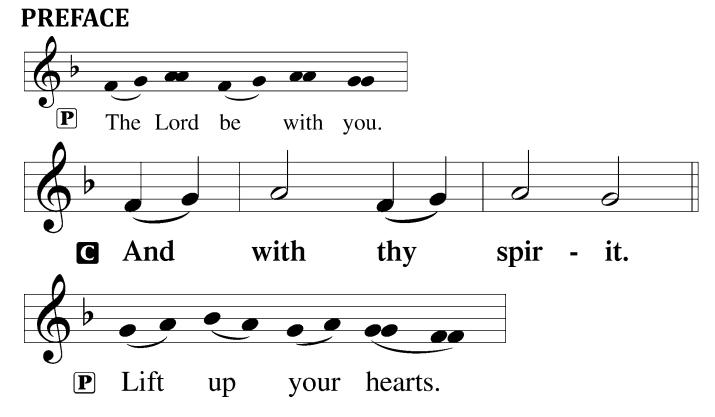
- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

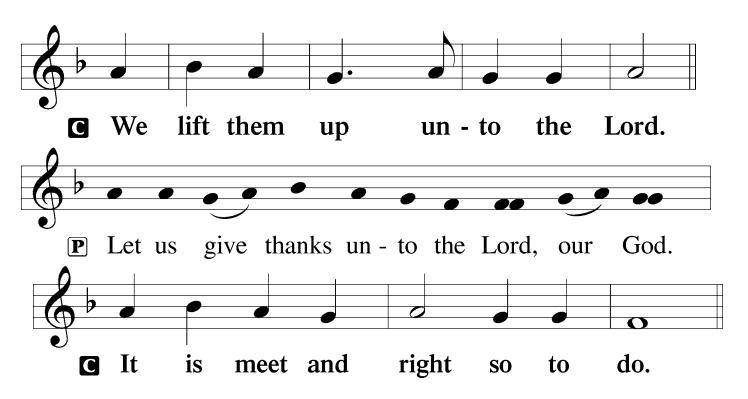
 We thank God for the Christian Church and pray that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be blessed with all grace and give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.
- C To God the Holy Spirit let us pray for the true faith needed on our way that He may defend us when life is ending and from exile home we are wending. Lord, have mercy!
- P We pray for our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We ask the blessing of our bountiful God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Also, we pray

- for all who are part of the household of faith, whose presence here this day supports and strengthens us.
- O sweetest Love, Your grace on us bestow; set our hearts with sacred fire aglow that with hearts united we love each other, ev'ry stranger, sister, and brother. Lord, have mercy!
- P We also pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known to us, [especially . . .]. Lord, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.
- C Transcendent Comfort in our ev'ry need, help us neither scorn nor death to heed that we may not falter nor courage fail us when the foe shall taunt and assail us. Lord, have mercy!
- P Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.
- C Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious light; teach us Jesus Christ to know aright that we may abide in the Lord who bought us, till to our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mercy! Amen.
- P The Christian Church today celebrates the final service before one of the greatest of all the church festivals, the Ascension of Our Lord, which occurs this coming Thursday. We rejoice that our Lord has gone to be at the right hand of the Father in heaven—and yet we wish that He would still be physically here on earth as He once was. We share the feeling of the disciples from the road to Emmaus who, after enjoying fellowship with the Lord at the table of their home, urged Him to abide with them. That special post-Easter feeling is captured in the text by Herbert Brokering in the thoughtful hymn, "Stay with Us."

- C Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to You this day be sung. Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise. Walk with us, our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry, feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to Your side. Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end. Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.
- P Jesus spoke to His disciples very directly, as we heard in the Gospel appointed for this day: "Abide in My love." As we, abiding as Easter people, gather for the worship of our risen Lord, we share in the love that He entrusted to His disciples. We remain in a divine love that is ours not only to keep, but to share both now and in eternity. Together we look forward to the celebration of Christ's ascension and all that it means for us, now and for eternity.
- C Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life You will unfold: heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light. Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace impart: Jesus, bring eternal life.

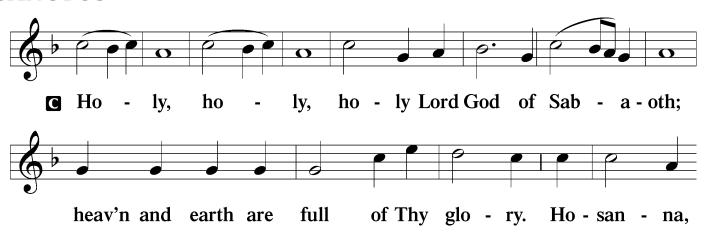
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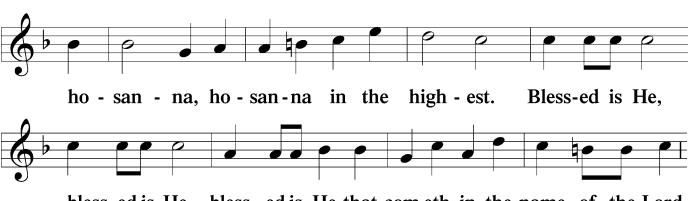




P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your grace in all our days. Assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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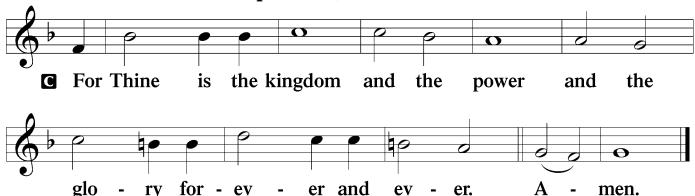
bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



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LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.

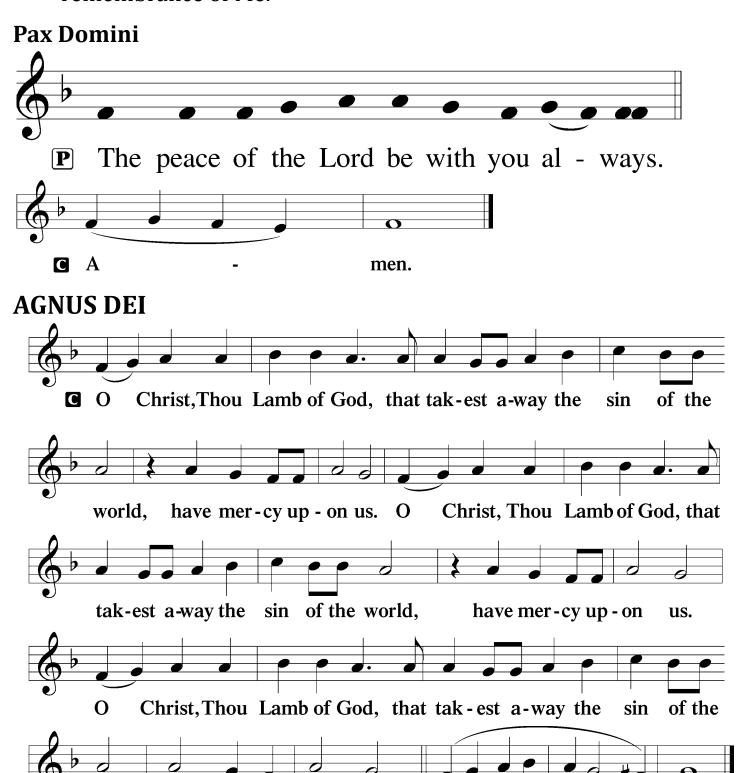


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."



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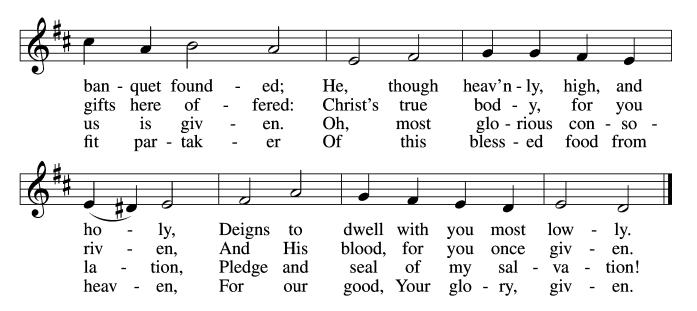
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636 vs. 1,3-4,6-8





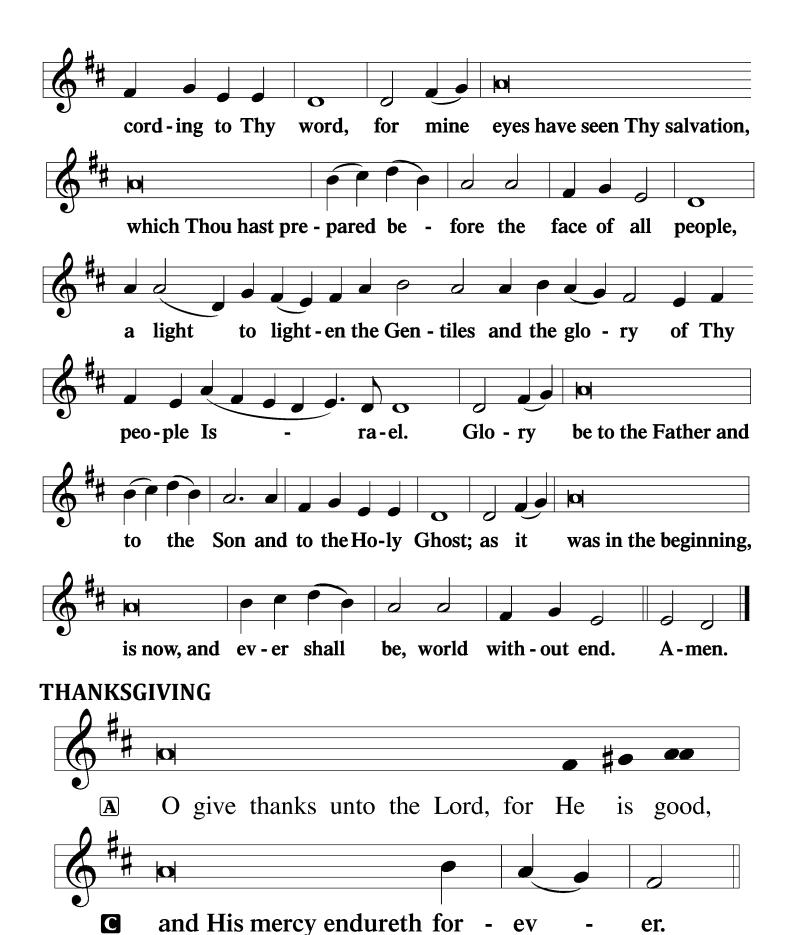
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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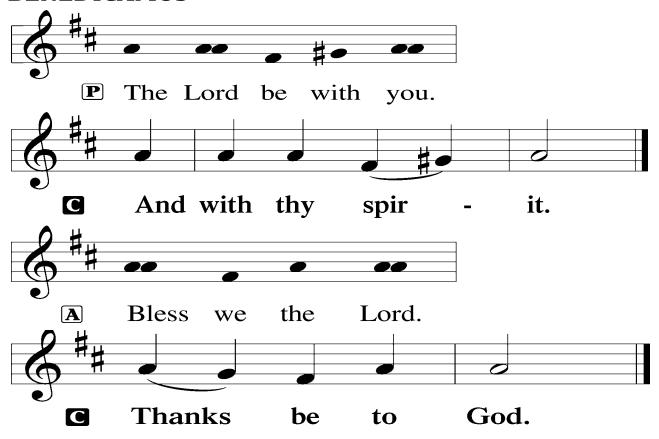




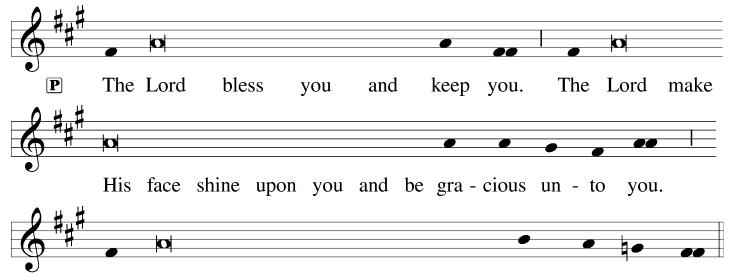
P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we bless You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us

by Your Holy Spirit that we may abide in the fellowship of the Christian Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

BENEDICAMUS



BENEDICTION



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Please sit

SENDING HYMN

Thine Forever, God of Love

LSB 687



- 1 Thine for ev er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a bove;
- 2 Thine for ev er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for ev er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth ly strife.
- 4 Thine for ev er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for ev er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty! Sav - ior, guard-ian, heav'n-ly friend, O de - fend the end! to us Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us the realms of to day. be - neath Thy care, Let Safe a - lone us all Thy good-ness share. Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n. All sins by

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DISMISSAL

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes			
2 Cor. 2:14			
Thanks be to God, Who always leads us			
Who always leads us in triumph			
and manifests			
through us the sweet aroma			
of the knowledge			
of Him in every place.			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for April to June 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Weber is leading the class.

May Activities

Youth Confirmation Class
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Elders' Meeting Tuesday, May 7th @ 9:00 a.m.

> Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th

Men's Steak Night/Bible Study
Thursday, May 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Immanuel Lutheran School

Memorial Day Monday, May 27th (no classes)

Graduation/Promotion Night
Thursday, May 30th @ 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Last Day of School Reverse Day, Lock-In Friday, May 31st from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Intentionally left blank

ROAR, & ALL THAT LET THE CLAP THEIR HANDS LET THE LET THE SING FOR JOY TOGETHER BEFORE THE LORD, FOR HE COMES TO JUDGE THE EARTH. PSALM 98:7-9

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: *Matthew 6:9-13*

Pray then like this:
"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil."

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Seventh Sunday of Easter Readings:

Acts 1:12-26 Palm 1 1John 5:9-15 John 17:11b-19

The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who "are witnesses of all that he did." He was anointed by God "with the Holy Spirit and with power," and "he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil," and so He was with those whom He sent "to preach to the people" (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ," so that "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with "the water and the blood" in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our "joy may be full." For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to "go and bear fruit" in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule			
	May Sunday Servants:			
Elder:	Don Vogel			
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maggie Weber			
Music:	Doris Pickering			
This Week	Sixth Sunday of Easter			
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus			
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am		
Next Week	Seventh Sunday of Easter			
Usher:	Ken Eilers			
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am		
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am		