

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: We and all people have been “married” to this fallen world since our first parents ate the forbidden fruit at their reception in Eden. But now, everyone baptized into Christ, Jews and Gentiles alike, are invited to the wedding of the Church to Jesus, her Bridegroom. The “little while” (Good Friday to Easter morning) is over, and Christ is with us now, especially as we receive His body and blood in the Lord’s Supper. It is only a foretaste of the feast to come, when He will make all things new, and the tears and sorrow we experience now will be in the past. Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Beautiful Savior” LSB 537

**Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky**

**Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 16:20; Revelation 21:6

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.

People: Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.

Pastor: Jesus promised the disciples, “Your sorrow will turn into joy,” and He promises “the spring of the water of life without payment.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Please stand)

☩ WORD ☩

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above, which bestows Christ’s saving work on all people of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, that the saving news of Christ be announced to all, and that many come to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who join us to celebrate the foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast” LSB 155 vs 1,2 &3

**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, blessings, 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

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, Bridegroom of the Church, You have done everything needed for us to join You at the heavenly wedding feast that has no end.

People: Guide us so that our thoughts, words, and deeds may testify that we are no longer wed to this world, but are Yours, now and always;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING *Acts 11:1–18 ESV*

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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

**People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory
and honor,**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His
hands;

People: He has put all things under His feet.

EPISTLE *Revelation 21:1–7 ESV*

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sung)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

VERSE *Romans 6:9; John 14:23*

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

People: 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. Alleluia.

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

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 13:31–35 ESV*

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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation” *LSB 644 vs 1 & 2*

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord

She is His new creation

By water and the Word

From heav'n He came and sought her

To be His holy bride

With His own blood He bought her

And for her life He died

Elect from ev'ry nation

Yet one o'er all the earth

Her charter of salvation

One Lord, one faith, one birth

One holy name she blesses

Partakes one holy food

And to one hope she presses

With ev'ry grace endued

++ SERMON ++

A match made in heaven

Text: Revelation 21:1-7

Theme: Jesus comes as the heavenly Bridegroom for his Bride, the Church.

Goal: That everyone listening picture Jesus’ undying love in his marriage and union with his Church, compared to the abusive former marriage we had with the world.

Outline

1. By this fruit (of the first wedding reception), do thee wed the world.
2. But the angel announces the wedding of Jesus and his Church of all believers.
3. And this time the wedding banquet is a foretaste of the wedding feast in heaven.

Jesus Comes as the Heavenly Bridegroom for His Bride, the Church.

(Please stand)

HYMN

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” *LSB 704 vs 1 & 3*

**Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

CREED

Nicene Creed

People:

**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.

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

John 16:20; Acts 11:9, 17; Revelation 21:5

Pastor: Let us pray to God on behalf of the Church and all people in their various needs. You told Peter, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” Remember those people on the margins of society, O Lord; provide caring people and institutions, open doors of opportunity, and free them from the results of their past poor decisions. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Peter and the others recognized that they could not “stand in God’s way.” Guide the Church’s clergy and lay leaders here and around the world to seek Your will, Lord Jesus, working together creatively to find new ways to spread the Gospel in accord with Your will. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Lord, in John's vision You proclaimed, "Behold, I am making all things new." Graciously work through the talents and knowledge of meteorologists, naturalists, engineers, and visionaries as they seek to find ways to renew the health of this planet. Grant that seedtime and harvest, sun and rain produce bountiful harvests that we all rejoice in Your many blessings. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord over all, as You foretold, often we "will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice," so we see injustice, oppression, constant warfare, and unrest in many nations. Raise up wise leaders intent on serving their citizens, police and first responders focused on maintaining the peace, and armed forces determined to reestablish calm. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Savior, by the faith given us by the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the wedding feast of the Lamb, who will end mourning, crying, and pain. Before we enter that time of rejoicing, we bring the petitions of people near and dear to us as they call out in sorrow, through tears and enduring pain,.....]. As fits Your gracious plans, give them peace, joy, and relief. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting that You have heard us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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, the Bridegroom of the Church, 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 opened for us the door to His eternal wedding banquet. 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
singing:

SANCTUS (*sing*) *LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for
You have not left us separated from You in this
fallen world but sent Your only-begotten Son into
our flesh to bear our sin and to adorn us with His
own holiness. With repentant joy we receive the
salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing
sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
Gather us together with all the faithful, we pray,
from the ends of the earth to celebrate 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.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;

Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: 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 *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
 the world have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
 the world, have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
 the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Your Table I Approach” *LSB 628*

Your table I approach

Dear Savior hear my prayer

Let not an unrepentant heart

Prove hurtful to me there

Lord I confess my sins

And mourn their wretched bands

A contrite heart is sure to find

Forgiveness at your hands

Your body and Your blood

Once slain and shed for me

Are taken at Your table Lord

In blest reality

Search not how this takes place

This wondrous mystery

God can accomplish vastly more

Than what we think could be

O grant most blessed Lord

That earth and hell combined

May not about this sacrament

Raise doubt within my mind

Oh may I never fail

To thank You day and night

For Your true body and true blood

O God my peace and light

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**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**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks that here in time You have already assured us of our invitation to the wedding feast above.

People: Keep the vision of that joyful eternity before us until faith turns to sight and we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus” *LSB 919*

**Abide O dearest Jesus
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place**

**Abide O dear Redeemer
Among us with Your Word
And thus now and here-after
True peace and joy afford**

**Abide with heav’nly brightness
Among us precious Light
Your truth direct and keep us
From error’s gloomy night**

**Abide with richest blessings
Among us bounteous Lord
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word**

**Abide with Your protection
Among us Lord our strength
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length**

**Abide O faithful Savior
Among us with Your love
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quilting dates:

Saturday, May 21, 2022 9am to 2pm

Thursday, June 2, 2022 9am to 2pm

Tuesday May 17, 2022

Senior Awareness Day #2 Planning Meeting at 1pm

Future dates to save and place into your calendars

Confirmation day June 5, 2022,

Church celebration dinner following service

all members are invited!

Meat and dessert will be provided

Bring a dish to pass

Senior Awareness Fair

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022

here at Mount Hope Lutheran church!

10am till 2pm

15 vendors with information, food, speakers, fellowship.

Free admission!

Golf Outing

September 24th, 2022

Tell your friends and invite them!

Details to follow!!

Attendance

Sunday May 8th 9:30 am 48

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Frances & Ron – May 20th

Birthdays

Laurie Pignanelli – May 15th

Shirley Ripke – May 18th

Avery Wilson – May 19th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

Carmell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Helen Wentz, Paul Utsai's neighbor, suffering from a broken ankle

Master Chief Starlet, Lanning Wadelte, friend of Kim Armstrong, chronic illness

Gene Orlandi, suffering from Alzheimer's, cousin of Laurie Pignanelli, and his wife Donna MaKing, decision to put Gene into Nursing home

Mike Horn, nephew and Katie, a friend of Laurie Pignanelli

The family of Laurie's Cousin Nancy, who was called to glory

Brandon Lissett— Nancy Dajos Neighbor's nephew, fore healing after a relapse and is back in the hospital on a respirator.

Rita Merkey, mother of Patti McNeil, who fell recently and broke her hip