



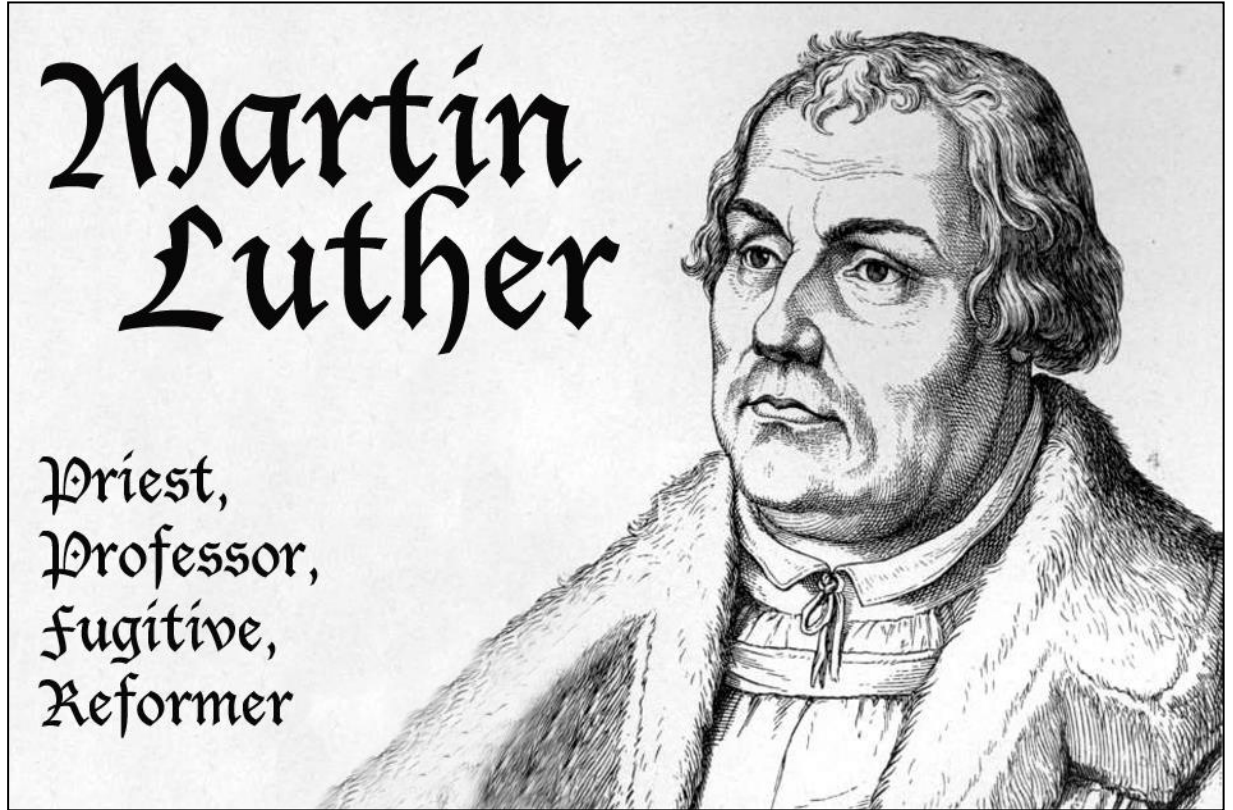
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Sunday, May 2, 2021
Celebration Of Word and Sacrament Service

Due to Covid 19 Restrictions

Worship Service will be conducted a little differently than our typical worship service.

We welcome all of our visitors and sincerely hope that you will join us again soon.

Those Serving Today

Pastor: *William Smith*

Deacon: *Bill Rice*

Organist: *Alison Luedecke*

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**Ushers: *Bonnie Metcalf*
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**Altar Guild: *Irene Richardson*
*Dawn Lindsey***

Altar Flowers


Presented to the Glory of God

Sunday, May 2, 2021

“THE WORD OF LIFE”

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Cantate Sunday

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) Divine Service Setting Two

PRELUDE  Little Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 553 by J. S. Bach and
“Schmucke dich, o liebe Seele” by Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise!

OPENING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB-474 (vs 1,3,5)

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!

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*

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*

Please Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination

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: 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

KYRIE

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”

L: 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 and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and 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 and honor and 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 & COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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 8:26-40

Now 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. And 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 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now 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. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And 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?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And 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. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150

¹ **Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctu - / ary;** praise him in his mighty / heavens!

² **Praise him for his / mighty deeds;** praise him according to his excellent / greatness!

³ **Praise him with / trumpet sound;** praise him with / lute and harp!

⁴ **Praise him with tambour - / rine and dance;** praise him with / strings and pipe!

⁵ **Praise him with sounding / cymbals;** praise him with loud clashing / cymbals!

⁶ **Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD!** Praise / the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit; as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

1 JOHN 4:1-11

Beloved, 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. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and 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. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We 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. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In 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. In 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to...JOHN 15:1-8

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide 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. I 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. If 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. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

SERMON HYMN

“Fruitful Trees, The Spirit’s Sowing”

LSB-691 (vs 1-4)

Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith and self control.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven’s love and joy and peace.

SERMON

“THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER” Part 3

Please Stand

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED

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.

Please Be Seated

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offerings will be received in the Offering Plate as you exit the Sanctuary.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & GOD'S PEOPLE

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer (*said after each group of prayers*)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SACRAMENTAL BLESSINGS (Baptismal and Eucharistic Communion)

In Holy Communion the bread and the wine are the real body and blood of Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized Christians, who believe Christ is present in the bread and the wine, who see their need for forgiveness, and who want to conform their life to Jesus' example may receive Holy Communion. You may receive the wine from the individual cup.

Those who do not wish to commune are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Discreetly fold your arms across your chest to signal the clergy that you do not wish to commune, but wish to receive a blessing.

Please Stand

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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.

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:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

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

C: And also with you. Amen.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

C: 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 on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB-633 (vs 1-4)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

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!

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!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"

C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks
the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in
joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through
this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through

the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

“Christ, The Word of God Incarnate”

LSB-540 (vs 1,3,6)

Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham; Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our path with Your own presence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.

Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant From the stump of Jesse’s tree; Christ, true vine, You nurture branches To bear fruit abundantly, Graft us into You, O Savior; Prune our hearts so we remain Fruitful branches in Your vineyard Till eternal life we gain.

Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead, Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church’s glorious head: Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

POSTLUDE  Praeludium in G, BWV 568 by J. S> Bach

Next Week’s Sermon title: “The Life of Martin Luther” part 4

Those Serving Next Sunday:

Ushers: Bonnie Metcalf and Kelley Sedgwick

Altar Guild: Susan Hopkins and Dawn Lindsey

Birthdays this week: **Sheralynn Follin (May 7)**
 Mason Shipler (May 8)

Announcements:

- **Thank you to everyone who helped us have a successful Parking Lot sale!**

**God’s mission for Holy Cross Lutheran Church is:
“SHARING GOD’S LOVE THROUGH SERVICE”**

Holy Cross Calendar of Happenings – May 2021

Week of May 2	Week of May 16
<p>Sunday May 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service – 9:00am <p>Tuesday May 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Friday May 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study - 10:00am 	<p>Sunday May 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service – 9:00am <p>Tuesday May 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Friday May 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study - 10:00am
Week of May 9	Week of May 23
<p>Sunday May 9 <i>Mother's Day!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service – 9:00am <p>Monday May 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting – 4:00pm <p>Tuesday May 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Friday May 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study - 10:00am 	<p>Sunday May 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service – 9:00am <p>Tuesday May 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journey 360 Filming – 4:00pm <p>Friday May 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Bible Study - 10:00am

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