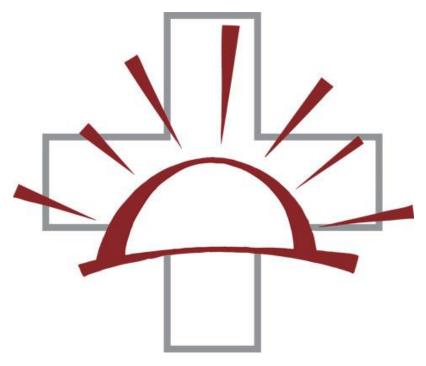
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



The 5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025
Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167
8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm
*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

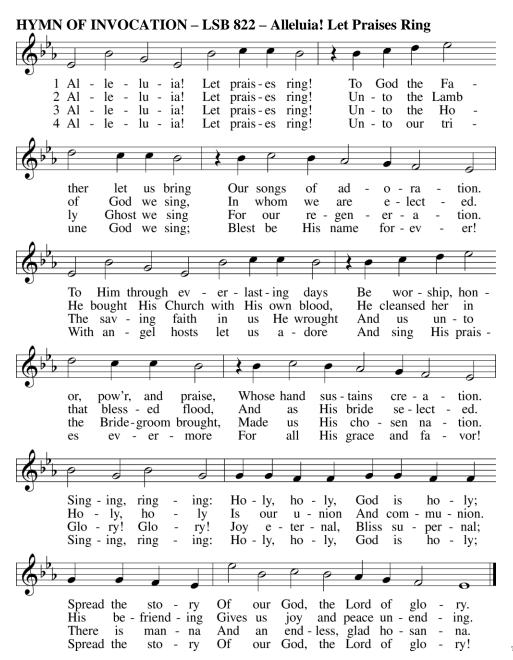
As We Gather

Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy

On earth "you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, "God has granted repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is "a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household" (Acts 11:14). He gives freely "from the spring of the water of life" (Rev. 21:6), "and death shall be no more" (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (arr. Fedak & Eatherton)



INVOCATION - LSB 167

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+++ WORD+++

INTROIT – Psalm 98:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done mar- | velous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;* he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.* All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,* with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
make a joyful noise before the | King, 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.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.



HYMN OF PRAISE – This is the Feast – Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

P This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!







SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY–2 Timothy 4:22

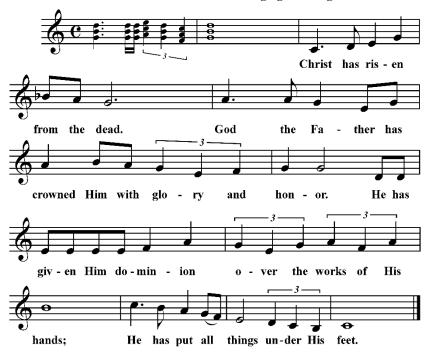
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST LESSON – **Acts 11:1-18** – The apostles rejoice that the Spirit has been given to Gentiles.

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, 3"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." 4But Peter began and explained it to them in order: 5"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. 6Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And 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.' ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And 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; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' 15As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If 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?" ¹⁸When 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."

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

GRADUAL – Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6 – The congregation sings all.



SECOND LESSON – Revelation 21:1-7– Joy will be complete as God dwells with His people.

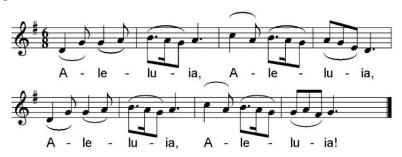
¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, 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. ⁴He 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."

⁵And 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." ⁶And 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. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

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

ALLELUIA and VERSE – Romans 6:9; John 14:23

The congregation sings the refrain before and after each verse



Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **REFRAIN**

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. **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL – John 16:12-22 "Your sorrow will turn into joy."

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

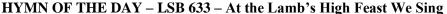


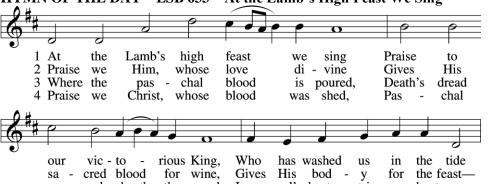
¹²[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶ A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

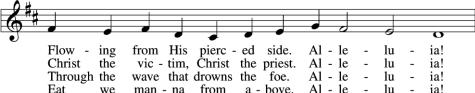


10:30 am - CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



- 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!

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SERMON – The Reason for Joy – John 16:12-22

8:00 am - NICENE CREED

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.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm - APOSTLES' CREED

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.

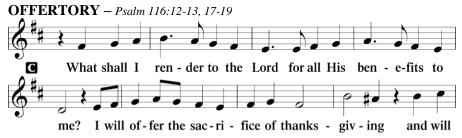
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

A ... one God, now and forever. C Amen

OFFERING – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (arr. Robert Lind)

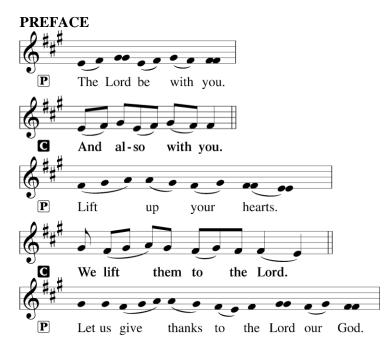




10:30 am & 5:00 pm – Continue with the **Lord's Prayer** (page 13) and conclude with the **Benediction and Hymn to Depart** (page 18).

++ + SACRAMENT +++

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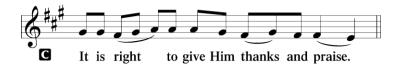


For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

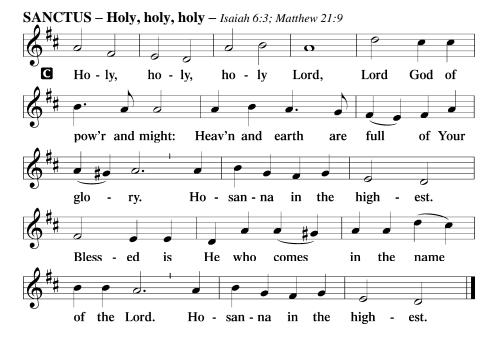
As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

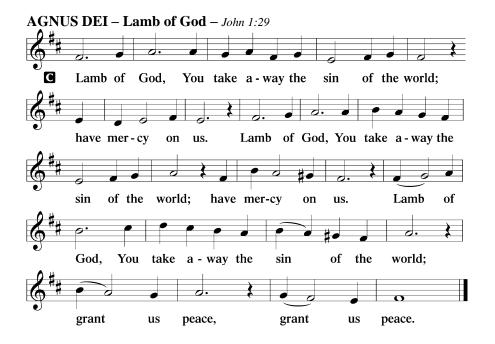
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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 – John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.



DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – *Christ Be with Me* (arr. Noel Rawsthorne)

Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a* trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to guide me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in care of friend and stranger.

-St. Patrick (attrib.)

LSB 602 - The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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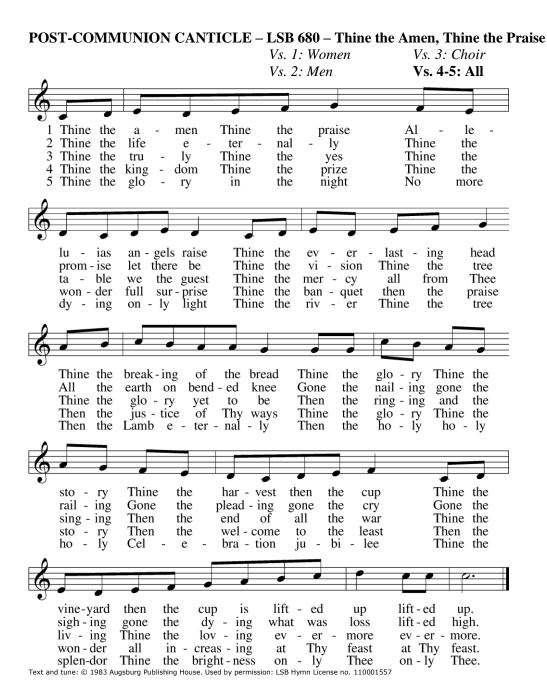




- Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love. Text and tune: Public domain

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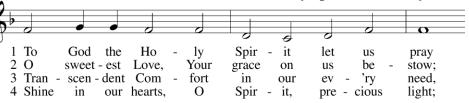
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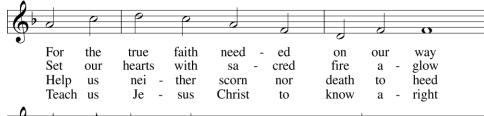
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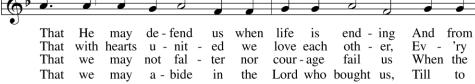
BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

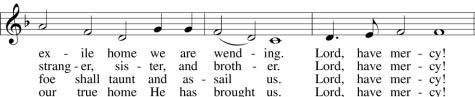
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.
- P Christ is risen! Alleluia! **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 768 – To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray









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POST-SERVICE MUSIC – To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (arr. Wayne L. Wold)





Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Barry & Bonnie Martin in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary.

Thanks be to God!

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Gradual: "Christ Has Risen From the Dead" -Setting: Jonathan Mueller

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TODAY:

Voters' Meeting



in the sanctuary, following the 10:30 service

 Extend a Call to Dr. Priscilla Gabriel as "Director of Parish Music"

All communicant members age 18+ are automatically voting members.

TUESDAY, April 20

9:30am Chinese Bible study

5:15pm First Steps in Music (ages 0-5)

6:00pm Preschool Graduation

6:15pm Men's Softball (Twin Lakes, F4)

WEDNESDAY, May 21

10:00am Men's & Women's Bible studies

7:30pm Senior Choir

THURSDAY, May 22

Last day of Preschool before Summer Camp

SUNDAY, May 25

9:15am **Special Presentation** by Rev. Micah Wildauer (LCMS Missionary in Belize)

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Spirit Camp In-gathering

After many successful years of supporting Operation Christmas Child through Spirit Camp, we are shifting gears! This year, we will be supporting one of our LCMS Missionaries with an in-gathering of books for the **Little Lambs Preschool** in Valley of Peace, Belize.

Board books, chapter books, and books of all kinds (not only for preschoolers) will be lovingly added to their growing library to help the students and community learn English. Join us at 9:15am on Sunday, May 25 to learn more about LCMS missions in Belize and how these books will be used.

CELEBRATING LIFE

We're collecting items to benefit IU Health Bloomington Hospital Community Health's Family Vitality program, which supports pregnant individuals navigating substance use disorder. This program offers individual and group therapy, plus personalized care with an OB nurse practitioner.

Let's help these moms and babies feel supported and celebrated. Our goal: fill the pack and play in the narthex by Father's Day!

Questions?

Contact the Health and Human Care Ministry Team: scschaef@iu.edu

Most-needed items:

(new or gently used in very good condition)

- Sleepers (0–3m preferred)
- Pack/Play sheets
- Crib sheets
- Nursing boppy pillows
- · Cabinet locks, doorknob & outlet covers
- Chunky children's board books
- Nipple butter or gel
- Gel nipple shields
- Faja (post-surgery compression garment)
- Body butter or lotion
- · Bath bombs for moms

Drop-off location: Pack and play in the narthex

Deadline: Sunday June 15th

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