

Faith Lutheran Church

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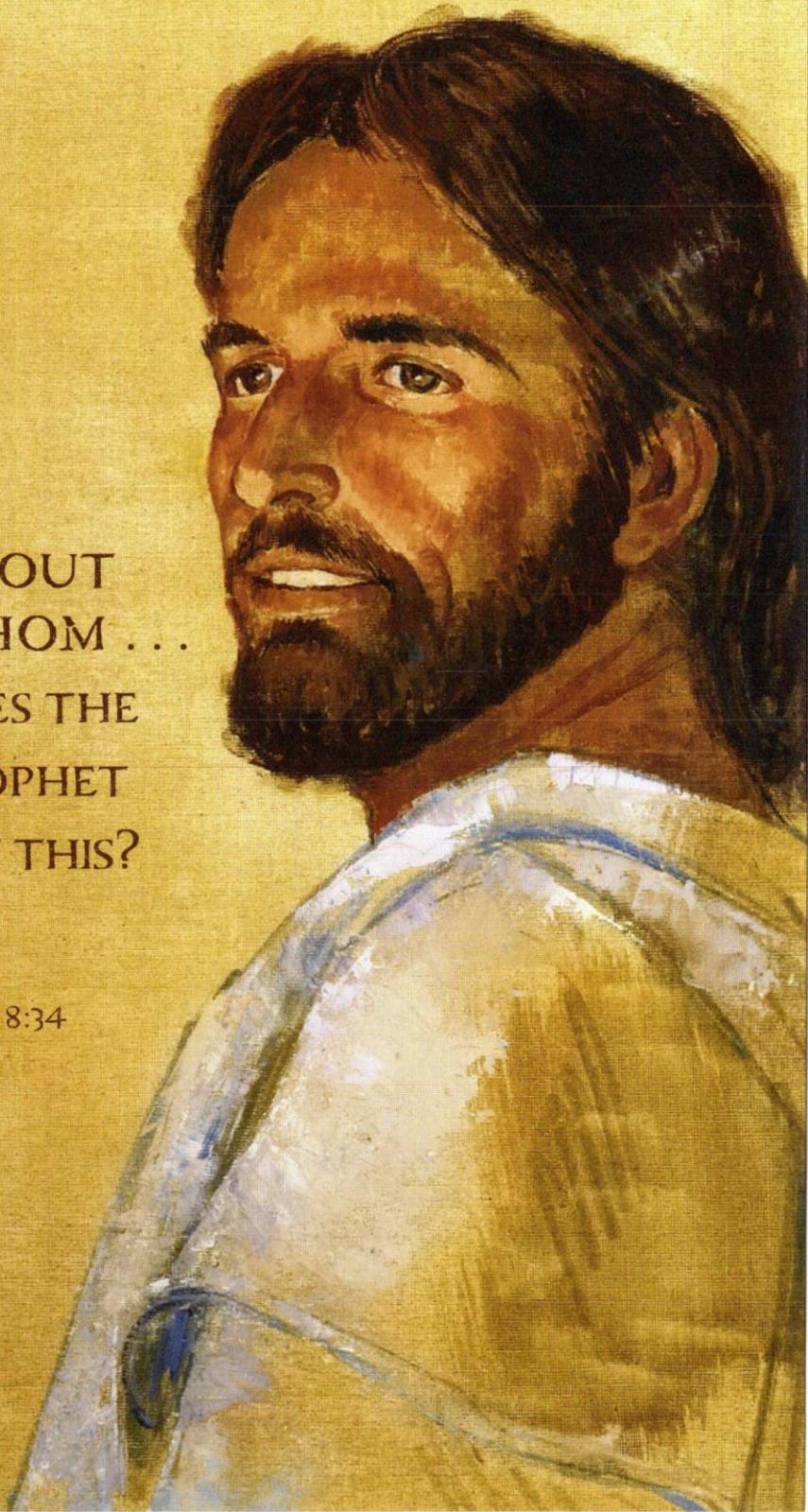
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ABOUT
WHOM ...
DOES THE
PROPHET
SAY THIS?

ACTS 8:34



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THE PURPOSE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the power, guidance, and strength of the Holy Spirit, we seek God's presence in worship to open our hearts and minds that He may be glorified and we may be empowered to love and serve all people, that souls may be won for Jesus Christ.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Faith Lutheran Church is a congregation of baptized believers gathered together by Christ around His life-giving word and sacraments, who are sent out into the world as witnesses to Christ as they serve their neighbors in love within their individual, God-given vocations.

Prayer upon Entering Church: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.* †

Guests: We welcome you in the name of our Savior and invite you to worship with us regularly. If you do not have a church home, why not make ours yours? If you have a spiritual concern, or would like to know more about our church, please consult with Pastor Winterstein.

Holy Communion: The practice of the Lutheran church is to receive Holy Communion with members of churches with whom we are in fellowship. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, please speak to the pastor before communing. If you have not been baptized and instructed in what we teach and confess, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The individual cups in the middle of the trays contain grape juice with a minimal amount of wine in them. If you use the individual cup, the pastor will direct you to drink with the words of Jesus. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the Sacrament of the Altar here at Faith, please speak to Pr. Winterstein.

Parish Nurse: Carol Trunzo is available by appointment at 509 393-9938 or cat121551@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayer of the Church, you may fill out a prayer card from the table by the offering plate and give it to the pastor or an usher. You may also speak to the pastor prior to the beginning of the service.

The Rite of Friendship: There is a red vinyl pad on the aisle side of the pew. Before worship, please record your first and last name and, if you are a guest, please include your mailing address. This information helps us with ministering to the needs of guests and members. Members, please record address and phone number changes, as well as your current email address, if you would like to receive a weekly update from the church.

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter Quilt Sunday

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: **God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It** *LSB 594*



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
font I've trav - eled, All your might has
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
did re - lease me In a dear for -
come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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At each ✠ one may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of one's Baptism. At each ❖ one may bow in reverence.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Since we all stand individually before our God, asking for His mercy in Jesus Christ, we take this time of silence to examine ourselves and our sin in light of His Word.

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **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.**

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

- 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.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16



A little while, and you will see me no | longer; *
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

**I will extol you, my | God and King, *
and bless your name forever and | ever.**

Every day I will | bless you *
and praise your name forever and | ever.

**The LORD is gracious and | merciful, *
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD, *
and all your saints shall | bless you!

**My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD, *
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.**

❖ *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.*

A little while, and you will see me no | longer; *
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



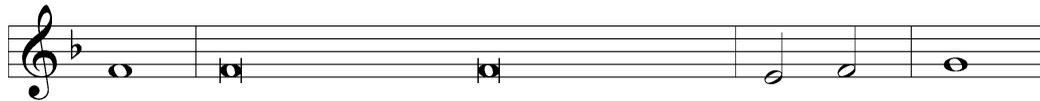
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

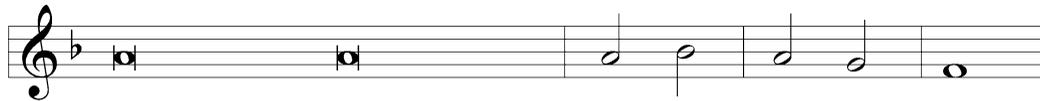
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



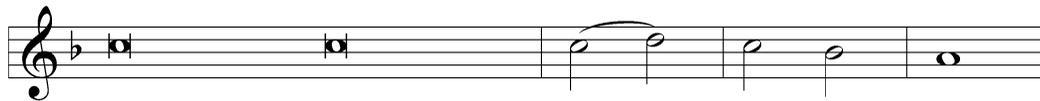
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



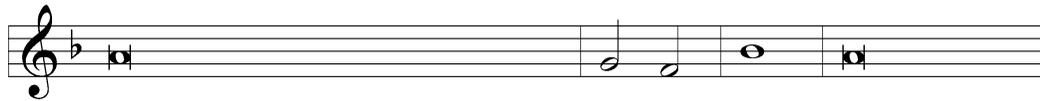
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

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

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands,*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 John 4:1–21

Test the Spirits; God Is Love

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1–8

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

I Am the True Vine

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

Hymn of the Day: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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!

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!

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!

△ 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!

Sermon

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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.”

Pax Domini

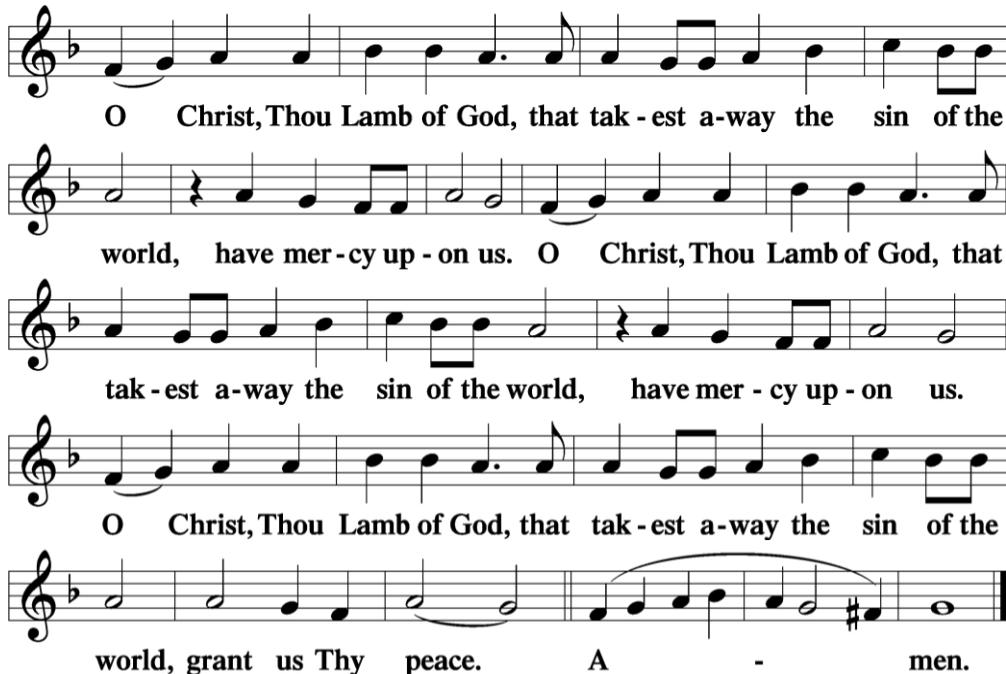
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Prayer before receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word and I shall be healed. [For further preparation, you may want to consider Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers on pp. 329-330 of Lutheran Service Book.]

Prayer after receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Distribution Hymn: Blessed Spring

LSB 595



1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign Em - brace us
2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, Un - cer - tain
3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, We breathe our
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -



be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing And trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Distribution Hymn: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Distribution Hymn: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

LSB 955

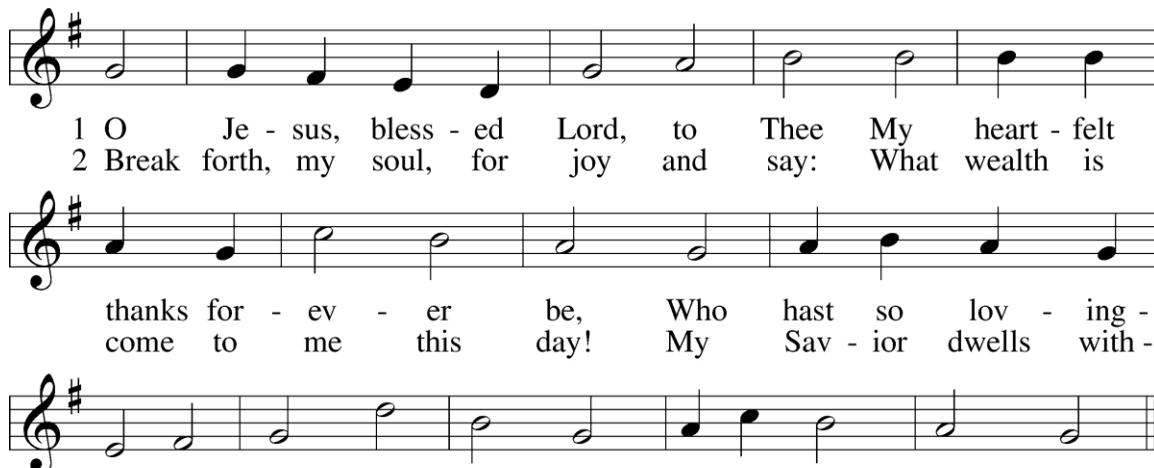
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Distribution Hymn: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 632



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1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
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come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
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Distribution Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Stand

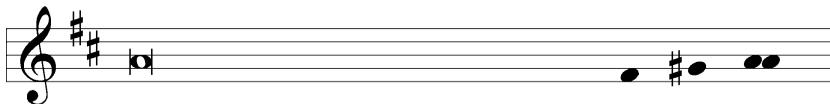
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

c 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 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

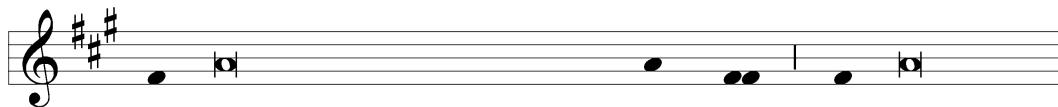


A Bless we the Lord.

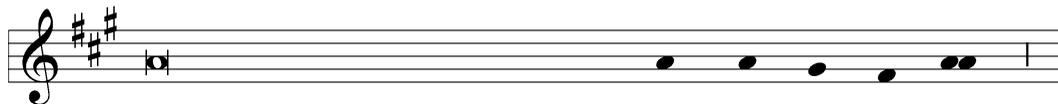
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

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Hymn to Depart: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

Text (sts. 1–2): attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.; (st. 3): Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79; Text and tune: Public domain

Announcements

P Go in the peace of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WE LOVE

because

God first

LOVED US

1 John 4:19



Announcements

Sunday School: “A Centurion Converts” is this week’s lesson. A faithful and generous centurion named Cornelius has a vision of God’s angel telling him to bring Peter to Caesarea. In Joppa, Peter sees a vision of a sheet descending from the sky, filled with all kinds of animals. The instruction to “kill and eat” confuses Peter, since many of the animals on the sheet are considered unclean. The Spirit tells Peter to go to Caesarea. At Cornelius’s home, the Holy Spirit descends on the Gentiles as Peter preaches the Gospel to them. Peter commands the Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Quilt Sunday: Tabitha Circle has worked all year and will ship to Lutheran World Relief 555 pounds of quilts and kits, including 70 quilts, 25 personal care kits, 56 school kits, and 10 fabric kits. We share the cost of shipping to Spokane with other churches in our area, but shipping from the LWR warehouse to those in need costs \$.75 per pound. Please consider a donation to the shipping fund using the envelope provided by an usher as you leave today.

National Day of Prayer: A community prayer gathering will be held at Centennial Park in Wenatchee on Thursday, May 2, at 6:00 pm for National Day of Prayer, which is always on the first Thursday in May.

Baby Bottles: The baby bottle campaign is coming to a close!! Next Sunday May 5, you may drop your baby bottles off in the church office. Thank you to everyone who helped support this special resource for at risk women in Wenatchee!!

Be Our Guest: Women of the congregation are invited to the May 7 Women’s Circle Salad Luncheon at 1:00 pm. Come and learn about our mission and service projects! Enjoy food, fellowship, and a Christian devotion.

Lutherans for Life: It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

It is the particular work of the church. Missionary Spotlight! Missionaries Rev. Carlos and Deaconess Danelle (Putnam) Schumann are serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic. Please pray that the Lord would guide them as they work to support Pastors and form women for diaconal service, so that they may faithfully proclaim God's Word and Christ's mercy to the lost and broken hearted. May we also remember to pray for the group home, and the wonderful youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live there. *Pray for God's protection, and that He would sustain them daily.* To support this ministry, visit: lcms.org/putnam or missioncentral.us/putnam/
**Find more information on our Missionaries in the library!*

Missionary Spotlight! Rev. Dr. Ross and Kris Shaver, Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic. As a church planter and theological educator, Rev. Ross works with mission churches in the area, and mentors future pastors in practice and theology, assisting in congregational leadership in conjunction with Concordia the Reformer Seminary. Kris Shaver has held several jobs in education and holds a bachelor's degree from Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, CA. *Pray for comfort, strength, and guidance as they transition to a new location, language, and culture.* Learn more about Dr. Ross and Kris Shaver at lcms.org/Shaver.

Prayers

Prayers for Missionaries: Rachel Krause, Deaconess Kim Bueltmann and Pastor Hugo Gevers, working with Middle Eastern refugees in Germany; Pastor James May with Lutherans in Africa

Prayers for our Synod's Leaders: Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Paul Linnemann

Prayers for our Nation: Our President, Congress, Governor, and Legislators

Prayers for our World: Locations of conflict and wars

Prayers for our Military: Caleb Barger, Levi Barger, Captain Robert Haight

Prayers for Continued Healing: Matt Bruggman, Flo Brunner, Laura Cornwall, Liz Eberle and Melinda Lowery, Becky Fischer, David Kerby, Maxine Melcher, Barbara Miller, Joan Olson, Neel Riyali, Diana Snell, Karter Spurgeon, Don Woodworth

Prayers for Expectant Mothers: Alice (Loeb sack) Brecht, Nicole (Stone) Bernal, Carissa Stone

Prayers for Shut-Ins: Mim Schwich

Prayers for Students: Faith Lutheran Preschool staff and preschool children

General Prayers: For those seeking employment and/or experiencing hardship in these difficult times

Sunday 28 The Fifth Sunday of Easter Quilt Sunday	Divine Service Coffee Fellowship Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	9:30 am 10:45 am 11:00 am
Preschool Schedule	Pre-K: Monday, Wednesday, Friday Preschool: Tuesday, Wednesday	8:30 am-11:30 am 9:00 am-11:30 am
Monday 29		
Tuesday 30	Matins	8:30 am
Wednesday 1	Matins	8:30 am
Thursday 2 National Day of Prayer	Matins Tabitha Circle Thursday Prayer	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am
Friday 3	Men's Bible Study Ladies' Bible Study	7:30 am 9:00 am
Saturday 4		
Sunday 5 The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Divine Service Coffee Fellowship Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	9:30 am 10:45 am 11:00 am

Readings for Sunday, May 5: *Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; and John 15:9-17*

	Usher	Organist	Greeter
Today	Eric Loeb sack	Susan Rumble	
Next Sunday	Tom Watson	Susan Rumble	
Altar Care	Nikki Johnson, Char Lauer		
Flowers	<i>Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Karlene Male in thanksgiving for Gods many blessings</i>		
<i>Offerings Last Week:</i> \$3,720	<i>Offerings This Month:</i> \$11,900	<i>Attendance Last Week:</i> 65	



About the Cover

Without someone to assist him, the Ethiopian eunuch could not clearly envision the figure God's Word painted in Isaiah. But the Holy Spirit used Philip to lead him to Jesus, in whom the full picture of the Scriptures comes together. Christ's generous love and sacrifice is for the sake of the whole world as He delivers forgiveness of sins through Word and Sacrament.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:26–40

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

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.
³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Epistle: 1 John 4:1–11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are

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

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Holy Gospel: John 15:1–8

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."