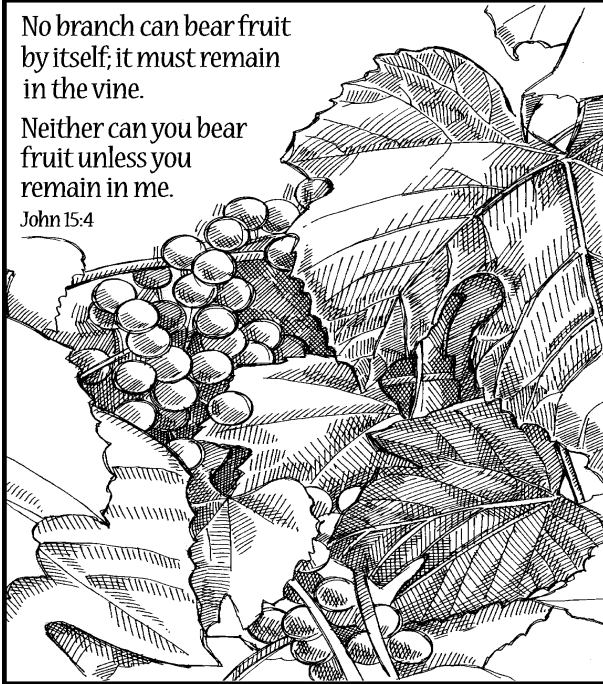


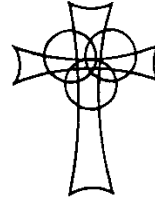
No branch can bear fruit
by itself; it must remain
in the vine.

Neither can you bear
fruit unless you
remain in me.

John 15:4



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We are glad that you are joining us for worship today. We are an “Easter People.” As such, we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped among us here as the Living Lord and He is seen alive as He comes to us through His Word and the Sacraments. We pray that you will see and meet the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

O God, You give us Your Son as the Vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in His resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of Your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament
in the Season of Easter**

*From Divine Service, Setting One
Lutheran Service Book, Page 151ff*

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ The Preparation ✠

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 474

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

- 1 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!
- 2 Walking the way,**
Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory:
Jesus our Blessing, our constant Surprise. *Refrain*
- 3 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*

The Hymn continues on the next page...

4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
“O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

5 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*

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The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P All of us who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.
C Alleluia! *from Galatians 3:27*

P In Baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Confessing our sins in penitence and faith, let us receive through Christ’s forgiveness new life in Him. *from Romans 6:4*

Silence is kept for a time of reflection and 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.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

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

- P** A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.
- C** **I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.**
- P** Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
- C** **The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P** All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
- C** **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.

The *Kyrie Eleison* Litany:

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

I am
the
vine;
you
are
the
branches.
John 15:5

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia!

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



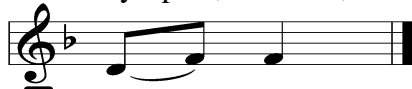
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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 A - men.

The Congregation is seated.

The 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.

³³In 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gradual and Alleluia Verse:

*adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6
Romans 6:9 and John 14:23*

P Christ has risen from the dead.

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

C **He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.**

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C **death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.**

P Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him,

C **and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 919

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

- 1** Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.
- 2** Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.
- 3** Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.
- 4** Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.
- 5** Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our Strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

The Hymn concludes on the next page...

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

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The Sermon

Life in the Vine

The Congregation rises.

The 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.**

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty Father, You sent Your Son into the world that all might be saved. Through Your Holy Spirit bring those who do not know You to repentance and faith. Grant all pastors, church workers and missionaries the skill, patience, and courage to open and teach the Scriptures as Philip did for the Ethiopian eunuch, that all may come to the waters of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Strengthen our congregation, the Mekane Yesus congregation, and Christian congregations in every place, that all her members may be kept steadfast in faith and growing love, as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Preserve our nation in peace through those You have placed in authority, especially our President, and our governor and legislature. Give them wisdom and courage to lead according to Your will. Protect us from all those who hate us, and from all evil-doers. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** According to Your gracious will, grant healing to those who are sick, especially _____, or give them strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace. Comfort those who suffer from depression, disability, or loneliness, reminding them that they are never alone in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Be present with Your peace among all those who grieve, especially _____. Help them to hold fast through their tears to the hope that flows from the risen heart of Christ, which gives life to all those who have been baptized into His death. Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We thank You that You abundantly bless Your people with all that is necessary for life on earth, as well as giving us that which gladdens our hearts. With those who rejoice we also rejoice (including _____). May we ever give You all thanks and praise for every blessing that You continue to shower on us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Continue to look with compassion and love upon all of Your children as we commend to Your fatherly care all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you _____ and all the people and concerns we name in the silence of our hearts... Hear all these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Bless all who commune this day that we may receive the forgiveness of sins and newness of life promised in the Body and Blood at the Lamb's high feast. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We remember with thanksgiving Athanasius, Friedrich Wyneken, Frederick the Wise, C.F.W. Walther, and all those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P The Risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.

✠ **The Service of the Sacrament** ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 633

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**1 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!**

**2 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!**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

3 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!

4 Praise we Christ, whose Blood was shed,
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

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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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, 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 restored to us everlasting life. 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 saying:

The *Sanctus*:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful 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.

- C** **Amen.**

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.”

The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord’s Prayer:

- 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:

- 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 *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



The *Agnus Dei*:

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion:

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Music During the Distribution: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

- P** Let us pray.
We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to pour upon our hearts the spirit of Your love, and to unite in peace those You have fed with the true Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

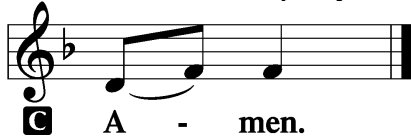
P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 484

“Make Songs of Joy”

- 1 **Make songs of joy to Christ, our head;
Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead!
Alleluia!**
- 2 **Our life was purchased by His loss;
Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross.
Alleluia!**
- 3 **O death, where is your deadly sting?
Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King!
Alleluia!**
- 4 **And where your victory, O grave,
Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save?
Alleluia!**
- 5 **Behold, the tyrants, one and all,
Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall!
Alleluia!**
- △ 6 **For this be praised the Son who rose,
Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
Alleluia!**

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Make Songs of Joy”

✘ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✘

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NOTES AND NEWS

PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY ... Even though we are not able to hold our Sunday Morning Bible Class at this time doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor has provided parts of our Bible Study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use. The guide for the Easter Season is now online. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE STUDY ... During these days of the Easter Season, join Pastor online for a study of the First Epistle of St. Peter. Having spent the Lenten Season in reflecting on Baptism and what it means as it leads us back to God, this study through the Apostle's words will help us to remember what our Baptized life in Christ looks like and what that life is all about.

Join us **Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 PM**, when Pastor will livestream from Trinity on the church's Facebook Page. The study will then be available afterward for viewing at anytime by visiting the video archive, also on the church's Facebook Page. Looking forward to being in the Word together with you!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously--that's the story of Jonah. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday May 9, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Seriously?" on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAK 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAK worldwide at WFAK.com.

FROM YOUR CHURCH'S PUBLISHER ... Concordia Publishing House is assisting congregations and their members with materials to help sustain us spiritually during this time of quarantine that many find ourselves in. Please visit www.cph.org and check out the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... The weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin is a listing of those we remember in prayer during worship at Trinity and for whom you are invited to pray for in your own personal prayers during the week. In the version of the weekly bulletin that is published online, we only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor continues to keep the list current and invites you to send him by email any new prayer requests, or to let him know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. The "full text" version of the Prayer List, as it would ordinarily be found in the bulletin, can be made available to Trinity members who request one by sending an email to Pastor.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2021 is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

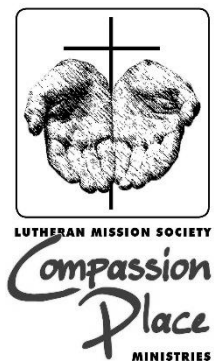
Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021

Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:1-89-17



Hyattsville Compassion Center

*A shared ministry of
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!

Our operating hours are:
Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment during the center's open hours.
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

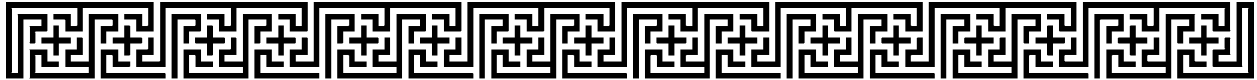
In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time owing to reduced staffing at the center.
If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center before bringing your items during center hours.

Trinity Stay-Safe Rules

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- ❖ While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- ❖ Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ❖ Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- ❖ Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- ❖ All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- ❖ Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2 - 9
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
	4:00 PM	Midweek Devotions and Bible Study (via Facebook Live)
Thursday	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)



CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Worship Attendance: 24; Communed: 22.



✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

Intercessions for the Week of May 2, 2021

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Kristie, co-worker of Joyce; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Sue, co-worker of Joyce; Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia; Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce; Alan, cousin of Kim; Danielle, neighbor of Kim; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Alix, friend of Kim, Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Zoila, mother of David; Jeff, husband of Mary; Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Joyce, friend of the Peeles; Cora, aunt of Tracy; Catelyn, step-graunddaughter of Ernie

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Carole Dingess, who celebrates her birthday this week.

Charles & Michelle McNear, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ For Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- ✠ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✠ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✠ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✠ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of the shedding of their blood.
- ✠ Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ✠ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.