

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18 & 19, 2019

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



## AS WE GATHER

“A little while” says Jesus, and He will not be seen and then seen again—because He is going to the Father. Jesus is nothing but blunt with His disciples, telling them what will happen. But they do not want to hear it. They did not want to hear His words of suffering and death to come on the cross, and they missed His promise to rise again. Jesus knew their aching hearts were full and promised the Spirit to lead them into all truth. A little while and death will give way to life—for Jesus and also for His disciples. Because He goes to the Father, preparing the way, we also look forward to going to the Father. This hope sustains the weary through their trials in this mortal life. We belong forever to the Lord.

**PRELUDE 8:15 AM** “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

*Bell Choir*

**RINGING OF THE BELLS** - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** “In Thee Is Gladness”

*LSB 818*

**In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

**Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

*(Please Stand)*

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**Men:** *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**Women:** *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**Pastor:** Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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. [*John 20:19-23*]

People: **Amen.**

[OR]

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: **Amen.**

### ☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD☩

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is the Feast"

*LSB 155*

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

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.

People: **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;**

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

People: **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**OLD TESTAMENT** *Isaiah 12:1-6* (The Lord Is My Strength and My Song)

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM 8:15 AM** “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

*Bell Choir*



**EPISTLE** *Revelation 21:1-7* (The vision of the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, is described.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

*(Please Stand)*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world’s salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 16:12–22* (I am going to the Father.)  
*The congregation is invited to read the words printed in bold*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.  
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When 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. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup> “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup> So 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’?**” <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, “**What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.**” <sup>19</sup> Jesus 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’? <sup>20</sup> Truly, 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. <sup>21</sup> When 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. <sup>22</sup> So 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



**APOSTLES’ CREED**

LSB 159

**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.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

LSB 477, v. 2

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow’rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

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

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

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

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!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

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!

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



### GRADUATION MILESTONE

*(Please Stand)*



### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Give us Your Spirit, O Lord, that we welcome the stranger and boldly speak Your Word to those who have not heard it. Guide us by Your grace that we be faithful witnesses until You come in Your glory to finish Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Govern the nations, O Lord, and bless our leaders, that they be people of good moral conscience and integrity, for the sake of the poor and the oppressed, and for the encouragement of virtue and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Accept, O Lord, our song of praise and the worship of our hearts, and with them the tithes and offerings of a grateful people, who rejoice in Your mercies and in the daily provision of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Guard those in need, O Lord, from the pain of body or mind, from the suffering of illness, and from the fear of death, [*especially . . .*]. Bring them the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, patience in the day of trial, and deliverance at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People:** **hear our prayer.**

*(Special Petitions)*

Pastor: Bidden by Your promise, we Your people commend to You these concerns of our hearts, through the mercy and because of the merits of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS 8:15 AM** “On Eagles’ Wings”

*Ascension Choir*

*(Please Stand)*

**OFFERTORY** “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

*LSB 806, v. 1*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**Give thanks, give thanks.**



**✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠**

**PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You 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 singing:

**SANCTUS** *Holy, Holy, Holy Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*LSB 161*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 162*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*LSB 162*

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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. *Matthew 6:9-13***

**PAX DOMINI** *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

*LSB 163*

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

**AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God John 1:29*

*LSB 163*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

*LSB 631*

**Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand th' eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.**

**Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.**

**This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.  
I have no help but Thine; nor do I need**

**Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**“Salvation unto Us Has Come”**

*LSB 555*

**Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.**

**What God did in His law demand And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.**

**It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.**

**From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain. Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart  
So deep is our corruption.**

**Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.**

**Since Christ has full atonements made And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed.  
For You have paid my ransom.**

Let me not doubt, but truly see Your word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!” No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.

The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.

Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav’n above, You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

“By Grace I’m Saved”

*LSB 566*

By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! The this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.

By grace God’s Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus dies your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation’s furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father’s heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I’ll rest when dying; In Jesus’ promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart’s condition, I also know my Savior’s voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

ANTHEM 8:15 A “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

*Ascension Choir*

*(Please Stand)*



**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

*LSB 166*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*LSB 805*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Organ*

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