MISSION STATEMENT:
In response to God's love for us, we **SERVE** God,
**SUPPORT** Christian fellowship,
And **SPREAD** the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Order of Worship – 9:00 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB)

**AS WE GATHER** – When the Gentiles began showing up, the Church was left with a question. Were they those whom the Father had also elected, or were they intruders? Was the Easter miracle of life in the face of death, and resurrection hope for a people who knew only the grave, big enough for Gentiles as well? It was an answer God had already given. The Gentiles were no longer the dogs who did not belong but a people who shared in the gift of forgiveness and the promise of the resurrection to everlasting life. All of this unfolded in small steps until, in the wake of Pentecost, this blessed truth was made clear and plain for all to see.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**    “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”    by Mark Knickelbein

 Let Every Creature Join

**WELCOME**
[Means please stand; ? Means please be seated]

Let Every Creature Join

TERRA BEATA
English
Adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930

Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

1. Let every creature join to praise the eternal
2. Let those of wide command exalt the gracious
3. From mountains near the sky let songs of joy return

God The heav'nly hosts begin the song. And
Lord; Let judgments yield to God's own hand. Be
sound! From humble souls to leaders high. From

(continued)
INVOCATION
P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
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. 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.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

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.

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.

GLORIA PATRI
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men.
KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship 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 upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only 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 & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

All: 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. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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

HOLY GOSPEL

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
HYMN OF THE DAY

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602

1. The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me
2. The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3. The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow;
4. The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read;

To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.
The pastor’s words are Christ’s For us to trust and know.
God’s children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed.

Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim
Here He for-gives our sins With wa- ter and His Word;
For-giveness that we need Is granted to us there;
Christ fills them with Him-self, Blest words that give them life;

That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri-une God Him-self Gives pow’r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Restoring and re-fresh-ing Them for this world’s strife.

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

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

SERMON

"UNWELCOME GUESTS"

Acts 11:1-18

I. Like the divisions between Jews and Gentiles, there is much that divide us today.
II. But the Good News of Christ’s salvation is for all people.

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 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 worshipped 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.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION

Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God

“Jesus Christ My Living Hope”

OFFERTORY

G Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-

new a right spirit within me. Cast me not a-

way from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit

from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salva-

tion, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P God has made His dwelling place with man; He will dwell with us, and we will be His people; and God will be our God. In confidence of this, let us raise to Him our prayers on behalf of those in need and all people. Almighty Father, You met a divided world with one saving love and will, manifested in the incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us one people in Him, and bless all efforts to come to the true unity of Your Word by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Give Your rich and abundant blessing to Your Church, O Lord, that she faithfully hold to Your Word even amid trial and persecution, and give Your blessing to all pastors and servants of the Church in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P 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, C hear our prayer.

P Raise up before us, O Lord, the holy vision of heaven and the eternal city, Jerusalem, on high, that things of this life not distract us from the future You have promised and that we live in holy anticipation of the eternal day when all things have been brought to fulfillment. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P 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, 

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, 

Bidden by Your promise, we Your people commend to You these concerns of our hearts, these prayers of Your Church, and these petitions on behalf of all people as they have need, through the mercy and because of the merits of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. 

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry. Hos-an-na,

hos-an-na, hos-an-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,

hos-an-na, hos-an-na in the high-est.
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
P Holy Lord, Mighty God, Your glory is endless and Your mercy is without end. We give You thanks and praise for the greatness of Your creation and most especially for the greater glory of Your salvation, accomplished through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died that we might live and rose to grant us new and everlasting life. Bless us this day as we come in His name, bidden by His own Word, to receive the gifts of His promise in this blessed Communion.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST
P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Remembering Your mercy, O Lord, and how our Savior suffered upon the cross, died the death that was ours to die, rose to bestow upon us the life that death cannot overcome, ascended to the glory of the Father's right hand, and sent forth the Spirit to lead us into faith, we pray You to bring to conclusion all that our Savior began and deliver us to that everlasting life and light in heaven forevermore. Hear us as we pray with one voice the prayer He has taught us:

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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

P O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

With High Delight Let Us Unite

1 With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing. His enemy Doth vanquished lie;
3 Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration. His honor speed By word and deed

Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation. To set us free For ever, He Is ris’n and sends To all earth’s be Like victory O’er death and grave,” Saith He, who love Give us above, From misery And death set ends Good news to save every nation.
gave His life for us, life renewing.
free, All joy and full consolation.


By Grace I’m Saved

1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct
3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is

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doubt it not. Why stagger at this word of promise?

have no worth. God in His love sent our Redeemer,
bear our sin. Was it because of your own merit true, it stands. What saints have penned by inspiration,

Has Scripture ever falsehood taught? No! Then this word must Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth; His death did for our That Jesus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and What in His Word our God commands, Our faith in what our

ture remain: By grace you too will life obtain.
sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.
grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
God has done Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

5. 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?

6. 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.

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
2 O happy harbor of the saints,
3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
4 There trees forevermore bear fruit

When shall I come to thee?
O sweet and pleasant soil!
Continually are green;
And evermore do spring;

When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
May be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
Pleasant flow'rs As nowhere else are seen.
Angels dwell And evermore do sing.

5. Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there

Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

6. O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare

For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.
NUNC DIMITTIS

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 Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

Amen.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace. Numbers 6:24-26

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

CLOSING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of
sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses in worst dis-
heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls Thou
resses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the
wak-est, Our bonds Thou break-est; Who trusts Thee surely Has built ses-
tory Tell of His glory With hearts and voices; All heav’n re-
cure-ly; He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are
joices In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for
pinning To see Thy shining, Dying or living
gladness, Triumphant o’er sadness, Love Him and praise Him

To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us seve-er: Alleluia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Now Herald the King” by David Paxton

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