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*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 Four (LSB) +

**AS WE GATHER** – Now we know the end of the story. In John's vision in the Epistle, heaven will be like an eternal wedding feast. All of us in the Church have been made presentable by Christ, the Bridegroom. Unlike the disciples, who in today's Gospel still had to experience their Lord's absence from Good Friday through Easter morning, we can be confident that no one can take our joy from us. Now we know that because He has paid the price on the cross, the Bridegroom will freely make all things new. In place of torrents of tears will be the spring of the water of life. When we receive His body and blood in the Sacrament, it is a foretaste of the feast to come, and we cannot wait to enjoy the rest of the eternal celebration!

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

*"At the Lamb's High Feast"*

by Jeffrey Biersch

## WELCOME

[♣Means please stand; ♡Means please be seated]

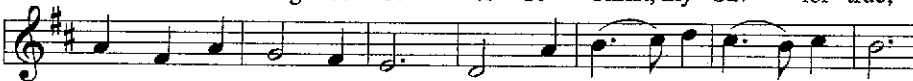
## ♣OPENING HYMN

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

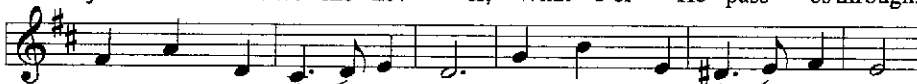
LSB 467



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;  
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;  
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!  
6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my Sav - ior true;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.  
My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er He pass - es through.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry  
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take  
He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.  
He shat - ters hell's grimthrall; I fol - low Him through all.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, all.; Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662; Text and tune: Public domain

## INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** **Amen.**

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
**P** *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*  
**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**C** **Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 98:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

- P** *Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!*  
**C** **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**  
**P** *The LORD has made known his salvation;*  
**C** **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**  
**P** *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*  
**C** **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**  
**P** *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;*  
**C** **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**  
**P** *Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,*  
**C** **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**  
**P** *With trumpets and the sound of the horn*  
**C** **make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

All: 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** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**C** His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God in the Highest*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.

## **P**FIRST READING

*Acts 11:1–18*

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-7

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

## ALLELUIA

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

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:12-22

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
  - C** Glory to You, O Lord.
- (lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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 - um - phant 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!

(continued)

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! Amen.**

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## SERMON

### **"IN A LITTLE WHILE"**

**John 16:12-22**

- I. In a little while, we will remember Jesus' ascension to heaven.
- II. And again in a little while, we will see Jesus' return on the Last Day.

## ♩ 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 / HANDBELL SELECTION

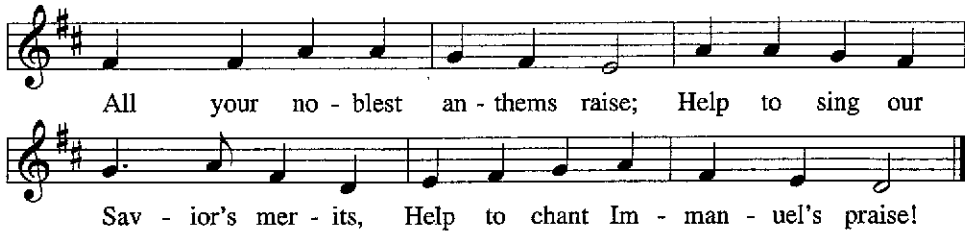
*"It Is Well with My Soul"*

## ♩ OFFERTORY

### **Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**

LSB 531 v.4

4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy  
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it  
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Text: Hymns Addressed to the Holy, Holy, Holy, Triune God, 1757, London, alt.; A Collection of Psalms and Hymns, 1760, London, alt.  
Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freydinghausen; Text and tune: Public domain

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray to God on behalf of the Church and all people in their various needs. You told Peter, "What God has made clean, do not call common." Remember those people on the margins of society, O Lord; provide caring people and institutions, open doors of opportunity, and free them from the results of their past poor decisions. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Peter and the others recognized that they could not "stand in God's way." Guide the Church's clergy and lay leaders here and around the world to seek Your will, Lord Jesus, working together creatively to find new ways to spread the Gospel in accord with Your will. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Holy Lord, in John's vision You proclaimed, "Behold, I am making all things new." Graciously work through the talents and knowledge of meteorologists, naturalists, engineers, and visionaries as they seek to find ways to renew the health of this planet. Grant that seedtime and harvest, sun and rain produce bountiful harvests that we all rejoice in Your many blessings. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Lord over all, as You foretold, often we "will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice," so we see injustice, oppression, constant warfare, and unrest in many nations. Raise up wise leaders intent on serving their citizens, police and first responders focused on maintaining the peace, and armed forces determined to reestablish calm. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Gracious Savior, by the faith given us by the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the wedding feast of the Lamb, who will end mourning, crying, and pain. Before we enter that time of rejoicing, we bring the petitions of people near and dear to us as they call out in sorrow, through tears and enduring pain, [especially . . .]. As fits Your gracious plans, give them peace, joy, and relief. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy.*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting that You have heard us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.*

## PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also 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, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give Your thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

# AGNUS DEI

# Lamb of God

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

## Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

LSB 631

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
 Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.  
 Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
 And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

(continued)



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

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## Jerusalem, My Happy Home

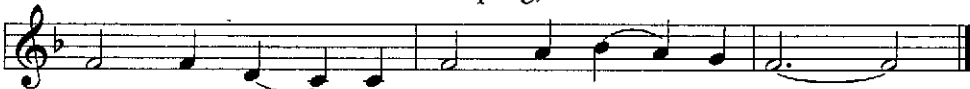
LSB 673



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,  
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,  
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks  
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit



When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
 O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row  
 Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and  
 And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
 may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.  
 pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.  
 an - gels dwell And ev - er - more 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.

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent., alt.; Tune: American; Text and tune: Public domain

## In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
 2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of

sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -  
 heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
 tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the  
 wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
 sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -  
 cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for  
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him  
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, at.  
Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622; Text and tune: Public domain

## ¶ NUNC DIMITTIS

## Song of Simeon

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

**P** 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. **G** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

### Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till  
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Lift High the Cross”**

**by Paul Manz**

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**WE WISH TO THANK** the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

- Acolyte ..... Steve Rolan
- Altar Guild ..... Marilyn Kettner & Beth Tevah
- Communion Assistant ..... Bill Milliken
- Counters..... Valerie Klein & Mike Gilbert
- Greeter ..... Sharon Milliken
- Organist / Music Director ..... Beth Buss
- Special Music: Handbells; Beth Buss, Director
- Service Web Recorder ..... Robert Showalter
- Service Live Streaming ..... Renee Ortado
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