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April 28, 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
OUR MISSION STATEMENT
"Sharing Christ's Love with Everyone"

"Be thoughtful – be silent – be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another."

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SERVING TODAY -9:00 A.M.

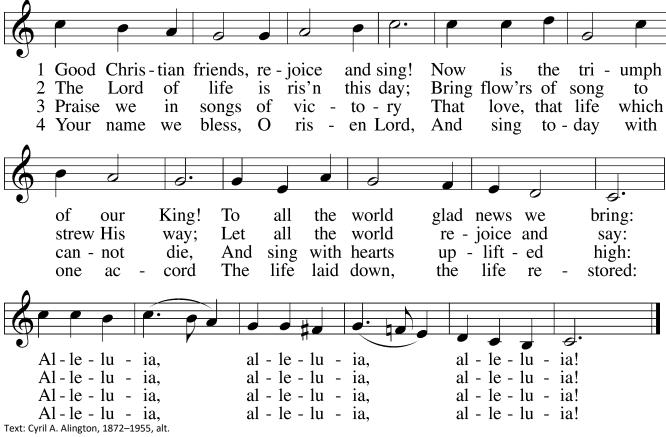
WORSHIP ATTENDANT	Paul Guss
ORGAN TECHNICIAN	Rose Cirac
USHERS	Carol Carnine & Jane Brunker
READER	Jane Brunker
PREACHER	Pastor Steve Cluver

PLEASE SILENCE ALL PHONES AS WE TALK WITH GOD!

Welcome

Stand

Hymn of Invocation- Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing 475



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Confession and Absolution

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

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 167

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **G** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

Absolution

LSB 167

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.

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Stand

Service of the Word

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

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

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you

and praise your name forever and ever.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

and all your saints shall bless you!

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

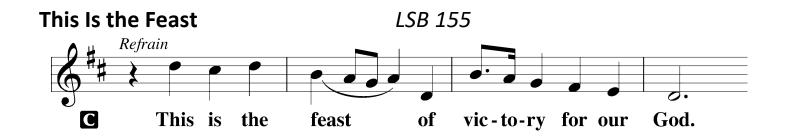
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A little while, and you will see me no longer;

and again a little while, and you will see me.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also 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 Amen.

Sit

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.

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

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

Christ has risen from the dead.

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

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

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. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

G 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.
- © Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day-Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 700st 1-4 vine. Joy 1 Love di all loves ex - cel - ling, of 2 Breathe, O Thy lov breathe ing Spir it In to might - y, 3 Come, Al de - liv er; Let to us cre - a 4 Fin ish then Thy new tion, Pure and heav'n, earth come down! Fix in Thy to us 'ry bled breast; Let all ev trou us in all Thy life re - ceive: Sud den - ly re less let spot us be; Let us see Thy Thy dwell - ing, All faith - ful mer - cies crown. hum ble Thee in - her - it; Let find Thy prom - ised rest. us Nev Thy turn. and nev - er, er - more tem - ples leave. Per sal - va - tion fect - ly re - stored great Je Thou all com - pas - sion, Pure, sus. art un -Take the love Al a way of sin - ning; pha bless - ing, Thee Thee we would be al ways Serve Changed from glo ry in to glo Till in ry, bound - ed love Thou Vis it with art; us and 0 me ga be: End of faith, as Thy hosts a bove, Pray and praise Thee heav'n Till we take place, our we cast our Thy En 'ry trem - bling heart. sal - va - tion, ter ev be - gin - ning, Set hearts at lib - er - ty. our ceas - ing, Thy per - fect love. with - out Glo in ry crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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Stand

Sermon

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,

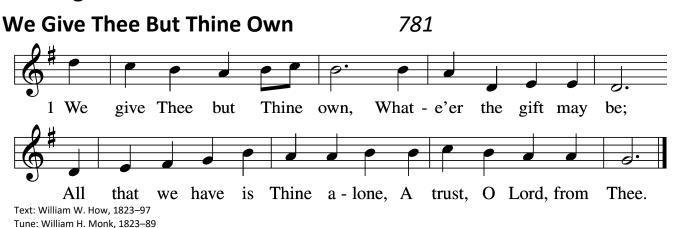
whose kingdom will have no end.

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.

Offering



Prayer of the Church

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- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the Church on earth, that she would be protected from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, and so always

confess Christ come in the flesh, remaining faithful to Him, our only true God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For God's people, that as branches of the vine, all sin and dead works would be pruned and cut off from them; and that drawing life from the Son, they would continually produce the fruits of faith and good works, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need of Baptism, that nothing would prevent them from being welcomed into God's kingdom and given everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who bear the cross in suffering and affliction, that they would ever look to the Lord and so fix their hearts where true joy is found, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who come to God's feast of love, that they may worthily eat of Christ's body and blood, abiding in this love of God and God in them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Heavenly Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever. C Amen.

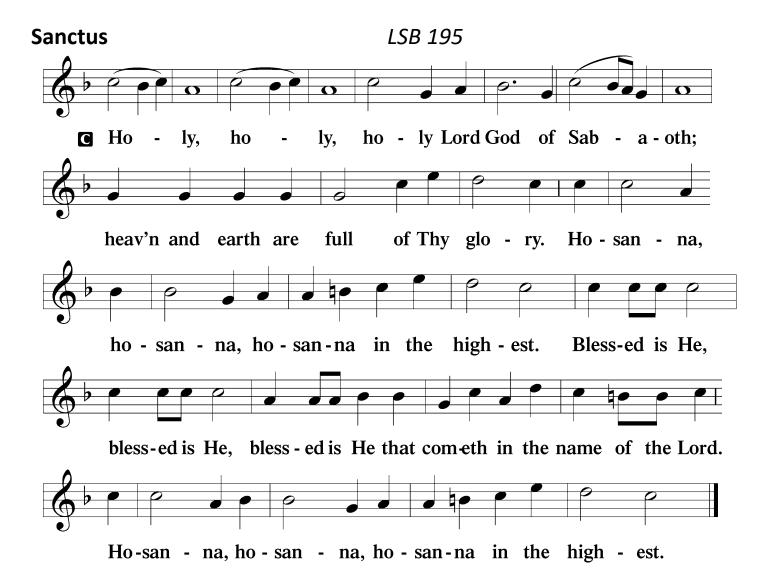
Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 177

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- (It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

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."

Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **©** 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:

Lord's Prayer

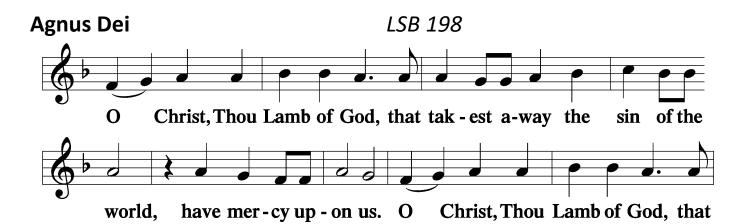
Cour Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

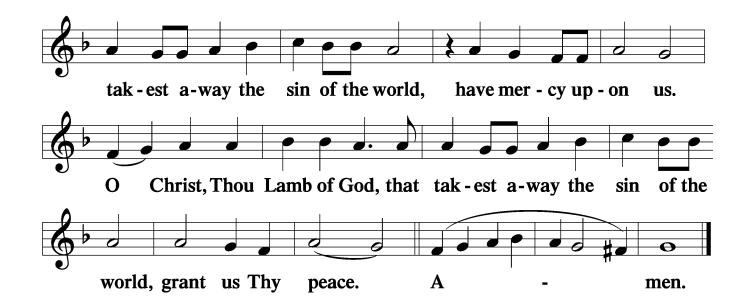
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LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.





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Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

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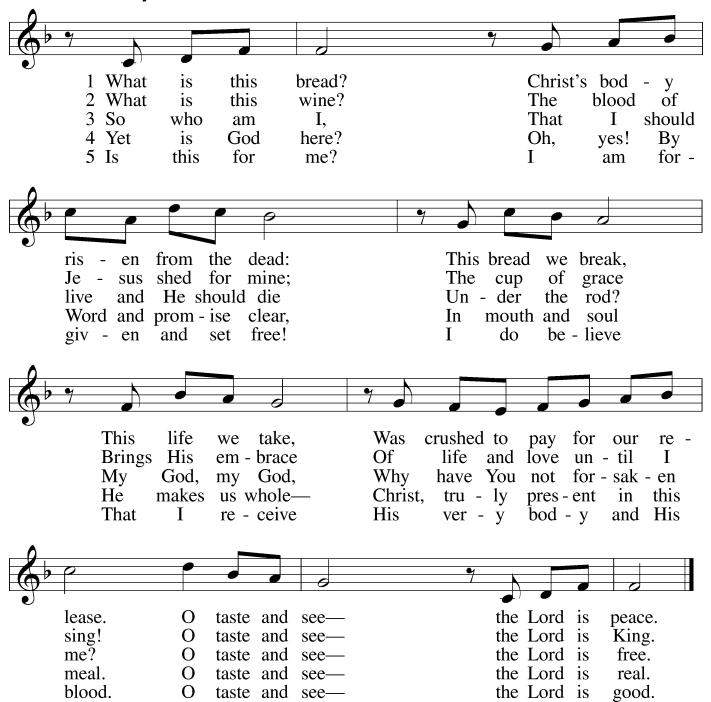
The Dismissal

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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.

Communion Hymn-What is This Bread 629



Communion Hymn- Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 477



See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more, Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



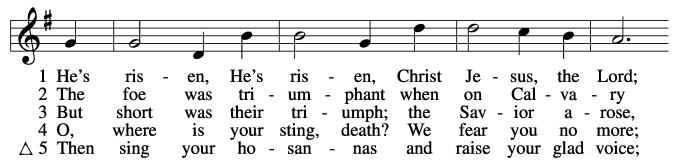
Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead. Je-sus Christ, the world's Re-deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

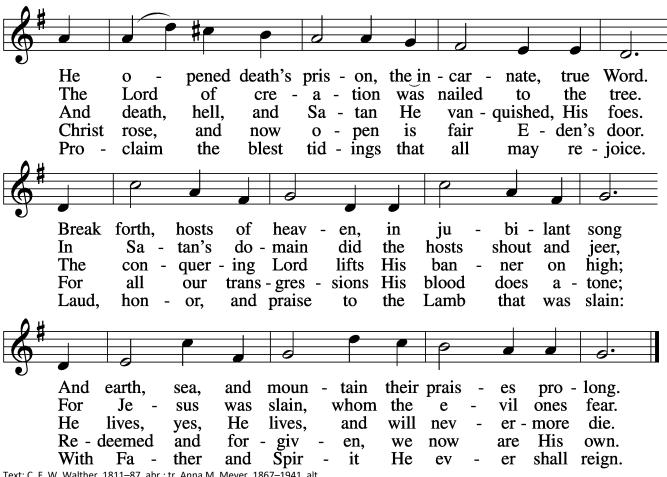
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Communion Hymn-He's Risen, He's Risen 480





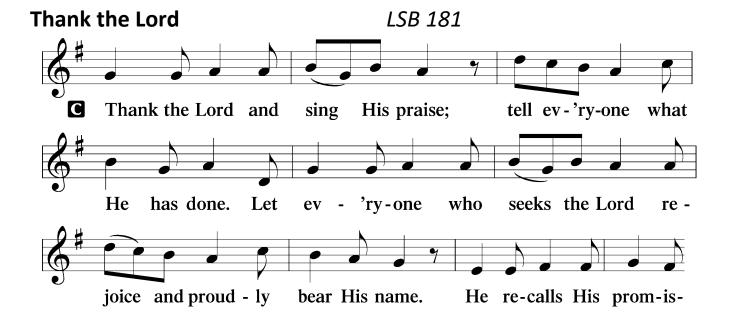
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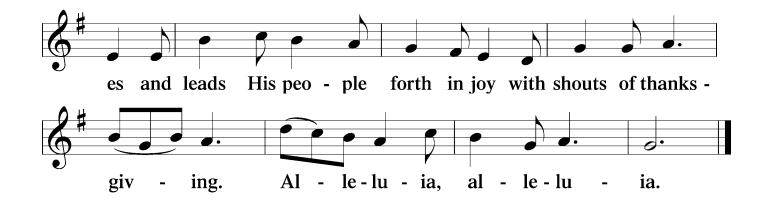
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Stand





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

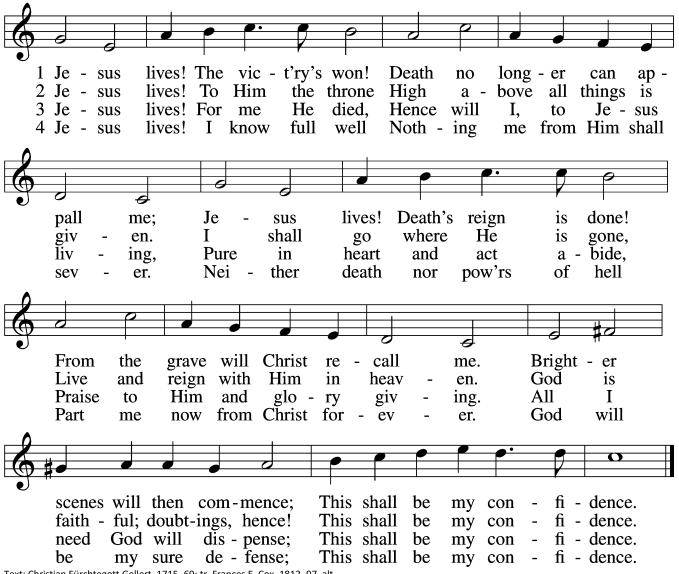
Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.



Closing Hymn- Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won 490sts. 1-4



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHUT-IN'S- Please remember our shut-ins with a call or card. They will love to hear from you and it will make their day!!!

SHUT-INS

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VISITORS: If you would like to know about the Lutheran Church and Redeemer specifically, or if you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer, please speak with Pastor Steve either in person, on the phone at 702-371-2167, or via email at pastorcluver@yahoo.com. Thanks.

SCHOOL- Our ABC Preschool children will be graduating on Friday, May 10 at 4:00 P.M. Please join us as we celebrate our children and the accomplishments they have made.

INFORMATION- If you have any questions or need other information regarding our church, please contact Sue in the office. Thank you!

PORTALS OF PRAYER-You are encouraged to pick up a copy of the current Portals of Prayer and use as your devotional at home.

BIBLE STUDY – There will be no Bible Study today.

18th Women's Tea - Is free for Redeemer Lutheran Church women of all ages and guests. Theme is "Be Inspired" based on inspiring stories of lesser known women in the Bible. A limited number of invites are now available and you are requested to RSVP to Sue in the church office. Be sure to pull those spring hats off the closet shelf and join a fun and inspiring afternoon on April 28th at 2:00pm.

USHERS-Additional ushers are needed. If anyone would like to start ushering, please see Donna

Carol Carnine & Jane Brunker
Steve & Lynda Richards
Brenda Baker & Mike Miller
Robin Glover & Gerald Pistole
Carol Carnine & Jane Brunker

READER'S SCHEDULE-Readers for this month. If you cannot read on your date, please let Sue know for a schedule revision.

April 28	Jane Brunker
May 5	Steve Richards
May 12	Ginger Ludwig
May 19	Mindy Beckwith
May 26	Lynda Richards

WORSHIP SERVICES- are now live-streamed by Dennis Brewster and are located on Redeemer's website which is:

http://www.redeemerlasvegas.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children are dismissed from church during the hymn just prior to Pastor's Sermon for Sunday School lessons

with Linda Collier. All children ages 3 through 10 are welcome to attend.

MISSION GIVING- March's Mission giving goes to Faith and \$278.00 was raised. Thank you for all the mission support you provide. April's Mission Offering will go to our Missionaries.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST- Saturday, May 4th, 9am in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite breakfast sandwich and we will see you there.

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ATTENDANCE & OFFERING STATISTICS Worship April 21, 2024

49

Average Year to Date 45

OFFERINGS

Received -April 21, 2024 \$1,134.00

April's Actual to date \$5,170.00

April's Goal \$9,648.86

Received 2024 to date \$27,800.16

Annual Goal \$73,791.12

MISSIONS

Received- Faith \$278.00

2024 Year to Date \$964.56

EVERYONE WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK, WE WISH YOU MANY BLESSINGS!!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Please wish those that have birthdays during the month of April a blessed day!

Nichole Lloyd April 5

Don Adams April 8

Jessie Hansen April 8

Carol Carnine April 15

Alyssa Salinas April 17

Wayne Hansen April 25