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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
MAY 5, 2024  
✧ DIVINE SERVICE III/HOLY COMMUNION ✧  
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## **REGISTRATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

Members of Mt. Calvary and visitors, who are confirmed members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to announce attendance at Holy Communion by means of the registration cards in the pews. Non-member visitors and guests, who may desire to attend Holy Communion, are asked to speak in person with the Pastor before doing so. Those who desire a blessing, but choose not to commune, may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest.

In accord with Holy Scripture, our church teaches that Holy Communion is open only to those who: (1) have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; Matt. 28:19, Acts 2:41-42; (2) are able to examine themselves both as to what this meal is and also its purpose; 1 Cor. 11:26-30; (3) have confessed and repented of their sins; 1 John 1:8-2:3; (4) believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine all communicants receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins: 1 Cor. 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 10:16, Matt. 26:26-28; and who (5) are united in belief in the same teaching: 1 Cor. 10:17, Rom. 16:18, 2 John 10-11, Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:9.

*Looking for extra help in focusing your thoughts for the Lord's Supper? "Christian Questions with Their Answers" was prepared by Luther to address just that. They can be found in your hymnal on pages 329-330. Review them if you get to church early, or during the offering, or if you are waiting to be invited forward.*

### **Prayer before Worship:**

*O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

### **PRELUDE**

### **RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**     *LSB 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***Page 184 (left column)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

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.**

**INTROIT***Ps. 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:16*

**COME AND HEAR, ALL YOU WHO | FEAR GOD,\*  
 AND I WILL TELL WHAT HE HAS DONE | FOR MY SOUL.  
 SHOUT FOR JOY TO GOD, | ALL THE EARTH; \*  
 SING THE GLORY OF HIS NAME; GIVE TO HIM | GLORIOUS PRAISE!  
 BLESS OUR GOD, O | PEOPLES; \*  
 LET THE SOUND OF HIS | PRAISE BE HEARD,  
 WHO HAS KEPT OUR SOUL AMONG THE | LIVING \*  
 AND HAS NOT LET OUR | FEET SLIP.  
 BLESSÈD | BE GOD, \*  
 BECAUSE HE HAS NOT REJECTED MY PRAYER  
 OR REMOVED HIS STEADFAST | LOVE FROM ME!  
 GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON \*  
 AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;  
 AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING, \*  
 IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.  
 COME AND HEAR, ALL YOU WHO | FEAR GOD, \*  
 AND I WILL TELL WHAT HE HAS DONE | FOR MY SOUL.**

**KYRIE***Lord Have Mercy**Page 186*

**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS***Glory to God in the Highest**Page 187-89*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship 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 up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly 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


**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**C:** **O GOD, THE GIVER OF ALL THAT IS GOOD, BY YOUR HOLY INSPIRATION GRANT THAT WE MAY THINK THOSE THINGS THAT ARE RIGHT AND BY YOUR MERCIFUL GUIDING ACCOMPLISH THEM; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

*Please be seated*

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLKFIRST READING

Acts 10:34–48

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. <sup>36</sup>As for the Word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised Him on the third day, <sup>41</sup>and made Him to appear, <sup>42</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. <sup>43</sup>And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>44</sup>To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His Name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

<sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were

hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**PSALM** Psalm 98

*(Sung responsively by whole verse)*



Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for He has done | marvelous things!\*  
His right hand and His holy arm  
have worked salva- | tion for Him.

**THE LORD HAS MADE KNOWN HIS SAL- | VATION;\***

**HE HAS REVEALED HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE SIGHT OF THE | NATIONS.**

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of | Israel.\*

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation | of our God.

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, | ALL THE EARTH;\***

**BREAK FORTH INTO JOYOUS SONG AND SING | PRAISES!**

Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,\*  
with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

**WITH TRUMPETS AND THE SOUND | OF THE HORN\***

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE BEFORE THE | KING, THE LORD!**

Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;\*  
the world and those who | dwell in it!

**LET THE RIVERS CLAP THEIR HANDS;**

**LET THE HILLS SING FOR JOY TOGETHER BE- | FORE THE LORD,\***

**FOR HE COMES TO | JUDGE THE EARTH.**

He will judge the world with | righteousness,\*  
and the peoples with | equity.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON\***

**AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;**

**AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING,\***

**IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.**

**EPISTLE READING**

1 John 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is He Who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the One Who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

<sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*Please stand*

**ALLELUIA****HOLY GOSPEL**

John 15:9-17

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



<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

<sup>14</sup>You are My friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear

fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name, He may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



## NICENE CREED

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**C: 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.**

*Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY    *LSB 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

SERMON



Please stand.

**OFFERTORY**

*Create in Me ....*

Pages 192-93

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

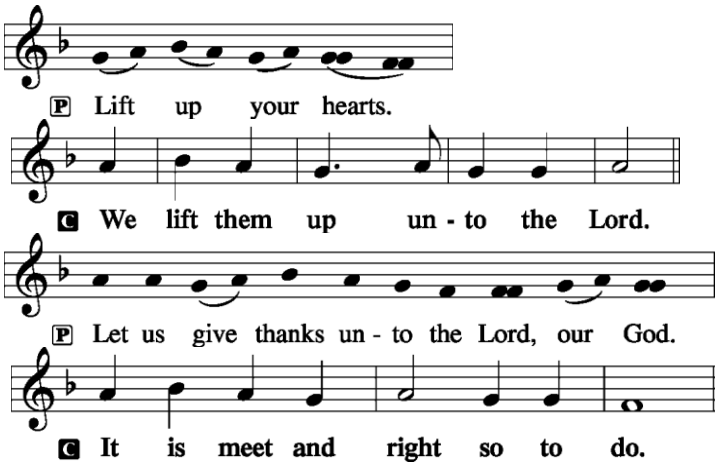
**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Hymn: *LSB 550 Lamb of God*

**PREFACE**

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**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### PROPER PREFACE

**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 singing:

### SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

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**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

*The Peace of the Lord*

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated*

**AGNUS DEI***Lamb of God*

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**☐** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Prayer before Communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

**DISTRIBUTION**

LSB 528      *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

LSB 563      *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** May the true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His most precious Blood, strengthen you in true faith, granting you the forgiveness of sins, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**C: AMEN.**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant  
(Song of Simeon)*

*Pages 199-200*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

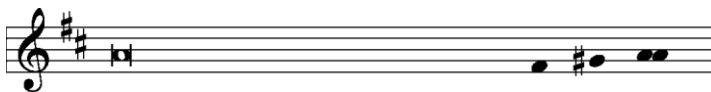
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

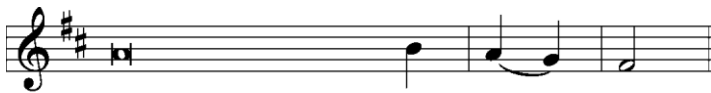
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**THANKSGIVING***Pages 200-01*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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** A - men.

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS***Pages 201-02*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**    *LSB 706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living***SILENT PRAYER**

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****POSTLUDE**

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