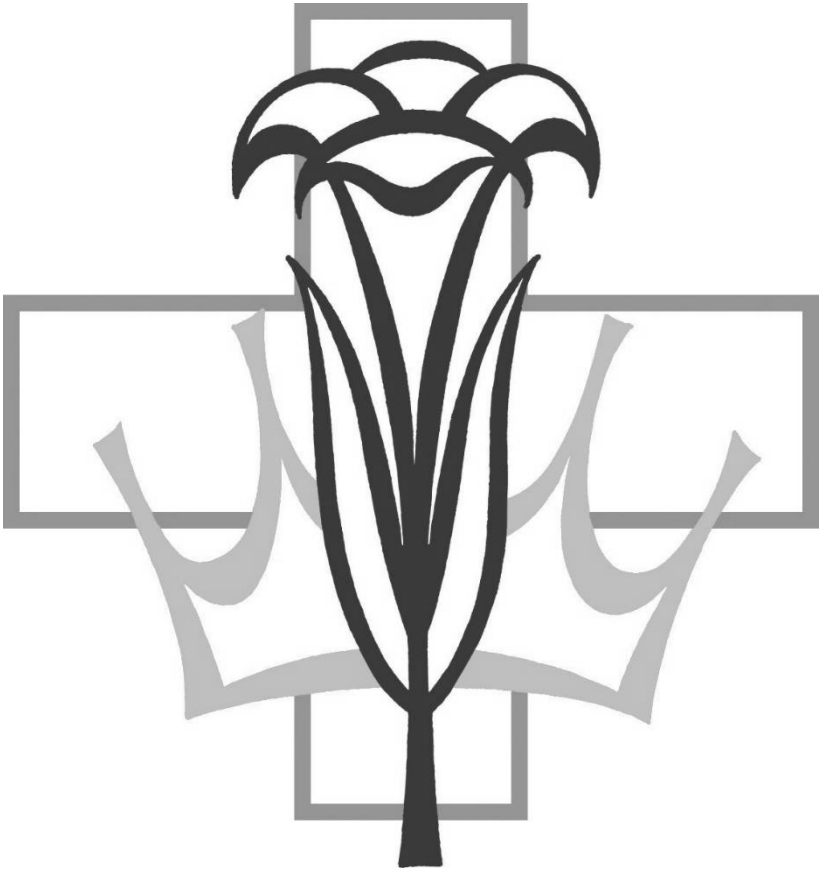


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Order of Worship

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Introit

Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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.

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Communion Theology and Practice

Please see our statement of Communion Theology and Practice
on the back page of the worship bulletin.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the
Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

Thank you.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service

Welcome

Stand

Song 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) *Redman/Myrin*

Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Instrumental, Verse 3, Chorus x2, Tag

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul.

Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

oh, my soul. I worship Your ho - ly name.

1. The sun comes up. It's a new day dawn - ing.

It's time to sing Your song a - gain. What -

ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,

let me be sing-ing when the ev'n - ing comes.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul.

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Worship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

oh, my soul. I worship Your ho - ly name.

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to ang - er. Your

name is great and Your heart is kind. For

all Your good-ness I will keep on sing - ing

ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul.

Worship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

oh, my soul. I worship Your ho - ly name.

Instrumental
3. And on that day when my strength is fail-ing, the

end draws near and my time has come,

still my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing

ten thousand years and then for - ev - er more.

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul.

Worship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

oh, my soul. I worship Your ho - ly name. Bless the

wor-ship Your ho - ly name. Yes, I will

wor ship Your ho - ly name. Lord, I

wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

Confession and Absolution

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

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

C Amen.

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.

Kneel/Stand

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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Song

Sing of Your Love

Poythress, White

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus

VERSE

1. When my heart is heav -

y, when my soul is vexed with shame; When

my mind is bur - dened, I will call up-on Your Name;

When the road I walk is eas - y, when the sun -

13
shine rules the day, when I feel You close be-side

16
me, I will call up-on Your Name. I will dwell

19 **CHORUS**
in Your tab-er-nac - le, I will hide be-neath Your wings;

22
On the rock that is high-er than I, I will sing

25
of Your love, sing of Your love, sing, of Your love

28
for me. 2. In a world

33 **VERSE**
that's grow - ing dark - er, where it seems all hope is lost,

36
I will find a light to cling to in the shad -

39
ow of Your cross; 'Cause Your love is nev - er end -

42
ing, and this one truth re - mains; There's sal - va -

45
tion for ev - 'ry - one that calls up-on Your Name.

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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 2

A Together, we speak Psalm 146 responsively:

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**³Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

**⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

**⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

C **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.**

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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you

have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 14:1–14

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.**

Song

All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

Baloche

Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Tag

CHORUS

4 You lived, You died, You said in
6 three days You would rise; You did,
11 You're a - live; You rule, You reign;
13 You said You're com - ing back a - gain;
16 I know that You will; and all the earth will
19 sing Your prais - es;
22 all the earth will sing Your prais - es.

VERSE

25 You took, You take our sins a - way, O God;
28 You give, You gave Your
31 life a - way for us; You came down,
34 You saved us through the cross;
36 Our hearts are changed be - cause of
Your great love.

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

The response after each petition is as follows:

L Lord, in your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

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.**

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Song

I Will Dwell

Neale & Neale

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 3, Chorus, Bridge x3, Chorus x2

1. You are my Shep - herd, I have all that I need;
 You lead me be - side the peace - ful wat - ers to
 rest in mea - dows green; 2. You re - new my
 strength, guide me in the right way;
 me, bring - ing com - fort and joy;
 You're bring - ing all glo - ry and all hon - or
 You wel - come me as a guest in - to Your house, a -
 to Your match - less Name; Ev - en though I
 noint - ing me with oil; Ev - en though I
 walk the dark - est val - ley, I will not be
 walk the dark - est val - ley, I will not be
 a - fraid. 'Cause Your good - ness and Your mer - cy fol - low me all
 a - fraid.
 my days, and I will dwell in Your house, and I will dwell
 in Your house, and I will dwell in Your house for -

17 
 ev - er.____ 3.You walk be - side____ ev - er.____ My

21 
 cup is run - ning o - ver; My cup is run - ning o - ver; My

23 
 cup is run - ning o - ver be - cause of You;____ My

25 
 cup is run - ning o - ver; My cup is run - ning o - ver; My

27 
 cup is run - ning o - ver be - cause of You.____ My

29 
 cup is run - ning o - ver; My cup is run - ning o - ver; My

31 
 cup is run - ning o - ver be - cause of You.____ Your good -

33 
 ness and Your mer - cy fol - low me all my days, and I will dwell

35 
 in Your house, and I will dwell in Your house, and I will dwell

37 
 in Your house for - ev - er.____ 'Cause Your good -

40 
 ness and Your mer - cy fol - low me all my days, and I will dwell

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in Your house, and I will dwell in Your house, and I will dwell

44

in Your house for - ev - er.



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Resources for Meditation this Week

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 May 2026

Readings

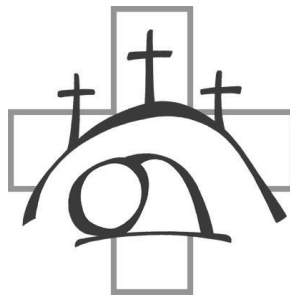
Acts 17:16–31

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection

"The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:24–25) wants all people to seek Him that they might "feel their way toward him and find him" (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols "formed by the art and imagination of man" (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and "has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us "as orphans" (John 14:18), but He gives "another Helper," the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of "Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18). Because He "suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous" (1 Peter 3:18), we "honor Christ the Lord as holy" and are always "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks" for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism "now saves" us "as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21).



Communion Theology and Practice

Welcome! In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life (Matthew 26:26-28). In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant should examine him or herself and come to the Lord's Table seeking these things. As the Small Catechism teaches, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" We likewise take seriously St. Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 regarding recognizing the Lord's Body and Blood in this sacrament and receiving it worthily. We also believe that Holy Communion is a profession of confessional unity in which all who commune at the Lord's Table are united in their confession and faith (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Therefore, we practice what is often called "closed communion," in which we invite those Christians who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, who share in the same confession of faith as the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and who believe that Jesus offers here His true Body and Blood, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine, for the strengthening of their bodies and souls, cleansing them of their old nature and giving them new life, to join us at His table.

If you are new here, have not been baptized, or have not received instruction with regard to the teachings of the Lutheran Church regarding the Lord's Supper, have doubts about the nature of the sacrament, or have questions, please introduce yourself to our pastor before the service. He will be happy to discuss these things with you and help determine whether or not you should commune. If you do not wish to commune, have not been baptized, or have not been instructed in the Christian faith, we invite you to come receive a blessing. When you come to the altar, please come forward with your arms crossed to indicate that you would like the pastor to bless you. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith or wish to be baptized, please speak to our pastor!