

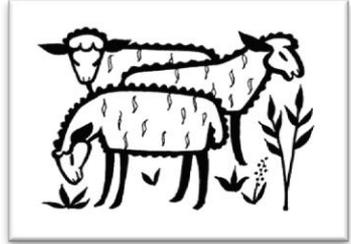
# THURSDAY IN THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

THURSDAY, 1:30 P.M., MAY 6, 2021

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## **Welcome to guests and visitors!**

*This pamphlet will guide your worship today. The assembly's parts are indicated by ☒ and bold font. The vertical line in the left margin indicates when the assembly stands as each is able.*



## **About Holy Communion with Saint John Lutheran Church**

“It is taught that the true body and blood of Christ are truly present under the form of bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper and are distributed and received there” (Augsburg Confession, Article X). “A person who has faith in these words, ‘given for you’ and ‘shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,’ is really worthy and well prepared.” “Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament” (The Small Catechism, Part VI). “This church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion” (The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 50).

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## **EASTER GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☒ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*A welcome and introduction to the day are made.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☒ **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**☩ We thank you, O God.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**☩ We bless you, O God.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**☩ We praise you, O God.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

#### **ENTRANCE PSALM (98)**

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**☩ <sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.**

<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**☩ <sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>6</sup>Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**☩ <sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Glory 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.**

### GREETING

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

**☩ And also with you.**

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

**☩ Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

**☩ Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God,

**☩ for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**☩ And also with you.**

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

The Lord declares: <sup>17</sup>I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMODY: Psalm 80

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**☞ <sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**☞ <sup>4</sup>O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**☞ <sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**☞ <sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You prepared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.

**☞ <sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.

**☞ <sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**☞ <sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

<sup>15</sup>They burn it with fire like rubbish;  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

**☞ <sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**☞ <sup>18</sup>Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## SECOND READING: James 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup>The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

The word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. I am the vine, you are the branches.

**☩ Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL: John 14:18-31

The holy gospel according to John.

**☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” <sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

<sup>28</sup>“You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to

the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

*Silence for reflection may follow the sermon.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**☩ Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**☩ And also with you.**

*The assembly remains in place, as the service continues.*

#### NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**☩ We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition ends:* Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

*The prayers conclude:* In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

### OFFERING PRESENTATION

*Offerings are received at the door as one enters. The offering is presented for the work of Christ's Church, here and throughout the world.*

## OFFERTORY

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**☩ Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Give thanks to the LORD,  
call on his name;

**☩ make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.

**☩ <sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Alleluia.

**☩ Alleluia.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

*At the conclusion, the assembly responds:*

**☩ Amen.**

*The table is set.*

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**☩ And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**☩ We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☩ It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

*The minister continues, concluding: ... and join their unending hymn:*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

**☞ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. . . .

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**☞ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life . . .

Grace our table with your presence.

**☞ Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. . . .

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**☞ Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places . . .

we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**☞ Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**☞ 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to receive from this table.  
Eat and be satisfied.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION SONG (AGNUS DEI)

**☞ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please remain seated where you are. The communion elements will be brought to you. The host is received in your open hand. The wine will be taken by you from an individual glass. Carefully place your empty glass on the pew until end of worship.*

## BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PSALM (80)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**☞ Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;

**☞ shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

**☞ you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You prepared the ground for it;

**☞ it took root and filled the land.**

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**☞ and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

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**☞ and its branches to the river.**

<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;

**☒ preserve what your right hand has planted.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,

**☒ the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;

**☒ give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

Glory 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.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*At the conclusion, the assembly responds:*

**☒ Amen.**

### BLESSING

*Response after the blessing:*

**☒ Amen.**

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please check web-sites and printed materials for further information.*

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**☒ Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**☒ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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