

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 875 “Father, We Praise Thee”



1 Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole-ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.
where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

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

Invocation

LSB 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

C **Amen.**

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Exhortation

LSB 151 1 John 1:8–9

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **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.**
P Is this your confession? If it is then repeat after me:
Yes, it is. / I confess my sins. / And I pray for God's mercy.

Absolution

LSB 151 (Alt.) [John 20:19–23]

- P Upon this, your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you. 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, by His authority, and by His command, I therefore forgive you “all your sins” in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Hymn # 584 “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 16:1-11

P ¹Preserve me, O God,
C **for in you I take refuge.**
P ²I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
C **I have no good apart from you.”**
P ³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
C **in whom is all my delight.**
P ⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
C **or take their names on my lips.**
P ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
C **you hold my lot.**
P ⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
C **indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**
P ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
C **in the night also my heart instructs me.**
P ⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
C **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
P ⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
C **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
P ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
C **my flesh also dwells secure.**
P ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
C **or let your holy one see corruption.**
P ¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
C **at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

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.**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord have mercy.**

P For all in authority in our lives, especially our President, Vice-President,
Congress, Judiciary, Governors and all public servants, that they may serve God,
bringing His appointed blessings to meet our earthly needs, and that they may be
guided by heavenly wisdom let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord have mercy.**

P For new mothers, expectant mothers, and all our faithful mothers throughout
Church and society that they may have joy in their blessings, strength in their
calling, and courage to train their children in all that is right and good let us
pray to the Lord.
C **Lord have mercy.**

P For all who are dealing with sorrows and struggles both in life and in the soul,
that they may be strengthened by the presence of God and emboldened to live the
life of faith let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord have mercy.**

P For the ill, for those in distress and fear; and for the many workers in our hospitals and care centers who care for those in need that, as they share in the work of the Lord, they may be blessed, strengthened in body and soul, and kept safe let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

P For our farmers, our ranchers, and for all involved in the food industry, that we may receive the blessings of God's good earth; and that those who supply our needs may be blessed and protected by God's almighty hand let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

P For our deliverance from affliction, healing from pestilence, and salvation from wrath and judgment let us pray to the Lord.

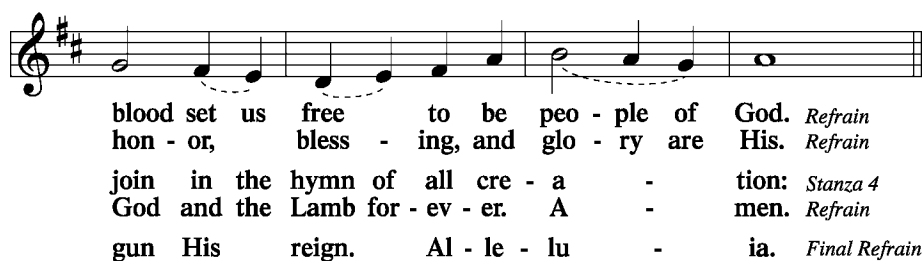
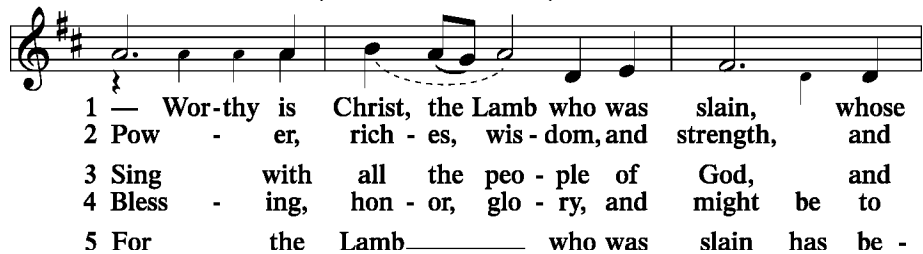
C **Lord have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9 LSB 155



Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.**

First Reading: Acts 6:1-9; 12-13; 7:1-4, 37-40, 51-60

P The First Reading is from Acts, the sixth and seventh chapters.

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."*

³*Therefore, 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.* ⁴*But 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.

¹²And they ... seized him and brought him before the council, ¹³and they set up false witnesses ...

¹And the high priest said, *"Are these things so?"*

²And Stephen said: *"Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, ³and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.' ⁴Then he went out ...*

³⁷ *"... Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.' ³⁸This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us. ³⁹Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, ⁴⁰saying to Aaron, 'Make for us gods who will go before us. ...'*

⁵¹*"You 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.

P 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.

Common Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



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.

Hymn # 861 “Christ Be My Leader”



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Sermon “Connected” John 14:1-6

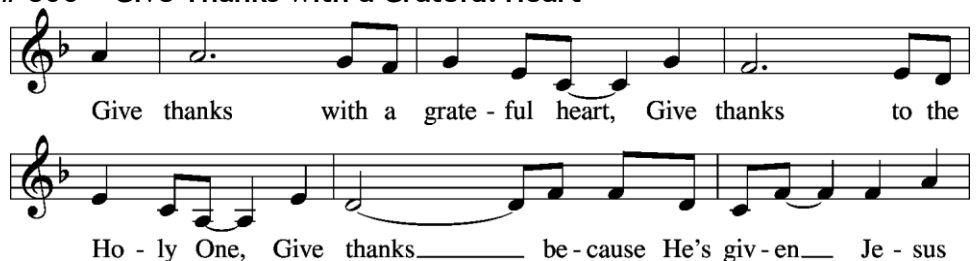
Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Hymn # 806 “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en—
 Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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Prayer of the Church

Responses:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
 C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, who has taught us to pray,

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

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

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

Hymn # 739 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
When my life is al - most gone,
And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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