

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*June 15, 2025*

### HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34)

### THE ORDER OF THE HOLY COMMUNION CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Bells of St. John's**

**Hymn of Invocation #246**

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

*Stand*

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.

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.**

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit** *Psalm 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*  
*Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.*

*Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.*

**I have set the LORD always before me;**

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.*

**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.**

*You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures  
for-evermore.*

**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.**

*Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.*

*Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.*

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a-lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31*

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

<sup>4</sup>“To you, O men, I call,  
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

<sup>22</sup>“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of old.

<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,

<sup>26</sup>before he had made the earth with its fields,  
or the first of the dust of the world.

<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master workman,  
and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the children of man.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir** “Holy Is the Lord” – for the Sanctus of Schubert’s German Mass  
(10:30)

**Gradual** Rom. 10:8b, 10

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,  
the word of faith that we proclaim.

For with the heart one believes and is justified,  
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

**Second Reading**     *Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .  
<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

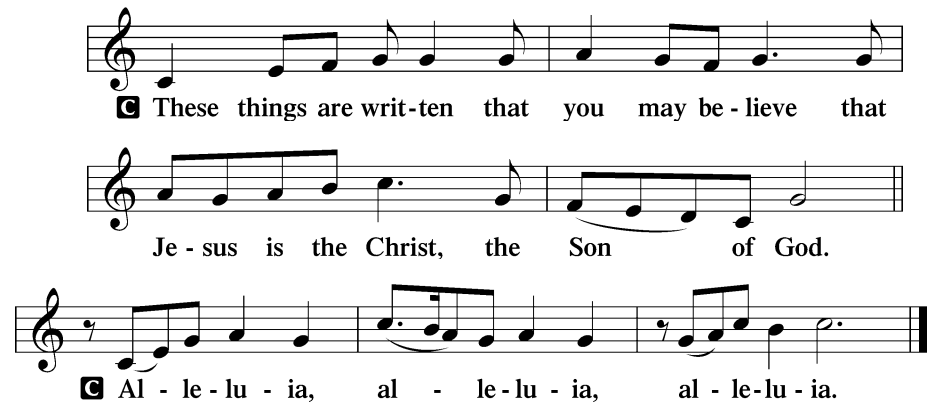
<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**



**Holy Gospel**     *John 8:48–59*

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

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

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Athanasian Creed**

L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

L And the catholic faith is this,

C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**  
 L For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.  
 C **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**  
 L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:  
 C **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**  
 L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;  
 C **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**  
 L And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,  
 C **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**  
 L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;  
 C **and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**  
 L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
 C **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**  
 L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
 C **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**  
 L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.  
 C **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**  
 L The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.  
 C **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**  
 L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.  
 C **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**  
 L but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.  
 C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**  
 L But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 C **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**  
 L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:  
 C **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

L equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.  
 C **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**  
 L one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;  
 C **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**  
 L For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,  
 C **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**  
 L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 C **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**  
 L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.  
 C **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

*Sit*

#### **Hymn of the Day #238**

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

#### **Sermon “Rejoicing to See Jesus’ Day”**

**John 8:56-59**

- I. Jesus is I AM.
- II. Abraham saw Jesus’ day, and was glad.
- III. We rejoice to see Jesus’ day.

*Stand*

#### **Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

#### **Offering**

**Choir** “Holy Is the Lord” – for the Sanctus of Schubert’s German Mass  
 (8:00)

### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Stand*

#### **Preface**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Lord's Prayer

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.**

### 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."

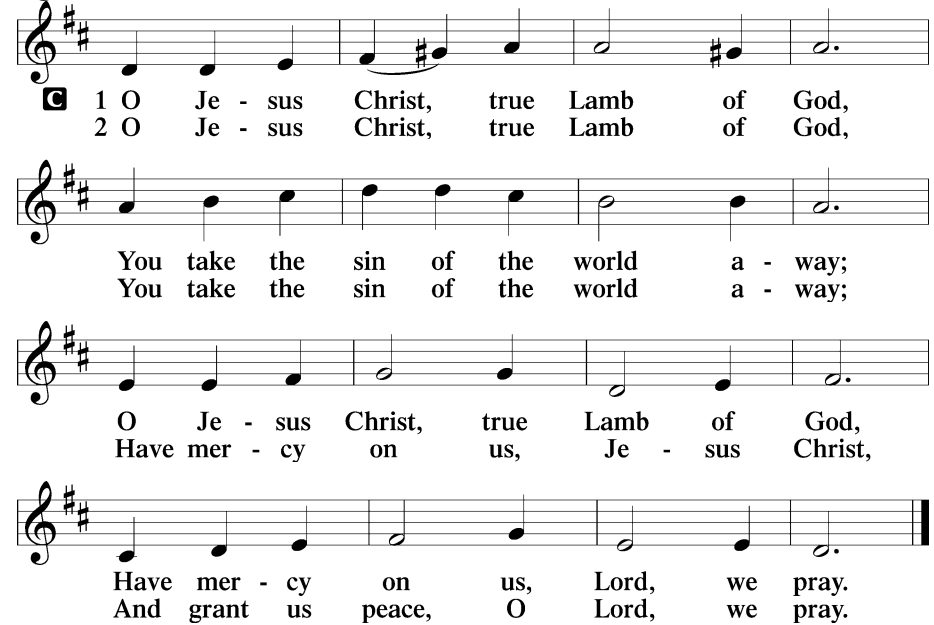
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

### Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### Sit

### Distribution Hymns

Hymn #40 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Hymn #23 "Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring"

Hymn #38 "The Lord, My God, be Praised"

Stand

### Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### Benedicamus

- A Let us bless the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

- 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 + give you peace.  
C Amen.

### Hymn to Depart #23 (7:00 p.m.) “Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring”

**Daily Readings** June 15: Num. 35:9–30; Luke 24:28–53; 16: Prov. 16:1–24; John 16:1–16; 17: Prov. 17:1–28; John 16:17–33; 18: Prov. 20:5–25; John 17:1–26; 19: Prov. 22:1–21; John 18:1–14; 20: Prov. 22:22–23:12; John 18:15–40; 21: Prov. 24:1–22; John 19:1–22.

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