

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023 A.D.
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

(LSB 912)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

EXHORTATION

- 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 gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, 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.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" (LSB 946)



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps. 30:1-5 (antiphon: Ps. 149:1)

- P** Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- C** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

- P** O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
- C** **O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**
- P** Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
- C** **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.**
- 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.**
- P** Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

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 the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60* (Stephen remains faithful in the midst of death.)

After the reading:

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Holy Manna" (Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings) *arr. S.K. Tucker*
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE *1 Peter 2:2–10* (Built on Jesus, we are a chosen people.)

After the reading:

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1-14* (Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

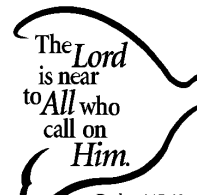
SERMON HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (LSB 909)

SERMON "A Living Cornerstone" (1 Peter 2:4-10)
Pastor Brad Urbach

THE CREED 8:30 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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



P Heavenly Father, through the power of Christ's resurrection You adopt all who believe in Him. Receive us as Your newborn children and nourish our faith through the pure spiritual milk of Your Word, that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You have promised to build up Your Church to be a holy priesthood, that Your people might offer spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to You. Bless Your Church, and bring all congregations together. Bless all pastors who proclaim Christ to us. Bless church workers and those preparing for full-time church vocations, that we may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, build up the households of Your people, that Your holy children, begotten in Baptism, may grow in Your grace and share together in Your forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, Your power brought all things into being and still preserves what You have made. Bless Joseph, our president; the Congress of these United States; _____, our governor; and all elected and appointed civil servants. Lead them to honor You and Your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue, and protecting all life. Give them wisdom and moderation to lead for the well-being of the nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful heavenly Father, for the sake of Your dear Son, who has restored all things by His cross, grant healing, comfort, deliverance and peace to those in need. Bless the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, the fearful, the homebound, the homeless, the dying and all who have requested our prayers [*including* _____]. At the last, give them entrance into Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of the risen Christ, You give us the crucified and risen body and blood of our Lord in this Holy Supper. Let us taste that the Lord is good and continually grow up unto salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your servant St. Stephen, whom Your Son has received into His glory. May we imitate him in faith and love to speak Your truth with boldness, forgiving those who sin against us as Christ forgave His persecutors from the cross. When our last hour comes, let us fall asleep in Him and be born into eternal life; for the sake of Him who was born into our flesh to redeem it, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ **8:30 am Service**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

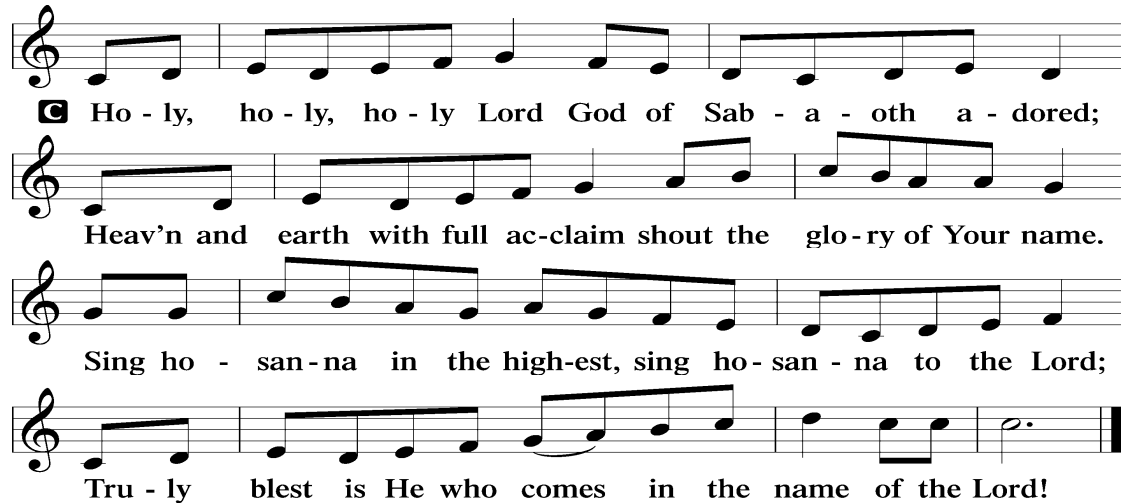
C We lift them to the Lord.

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



C 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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

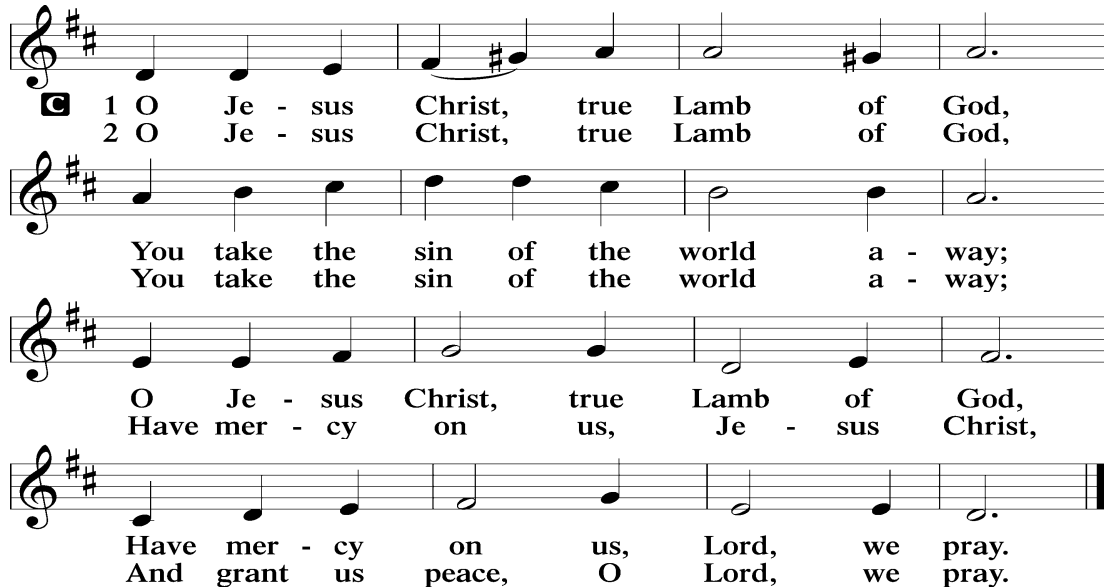
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

(LSB 637)

"The Church's One Foundation"

(LSB 644)

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

(LSB 651)



(Please 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 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 THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

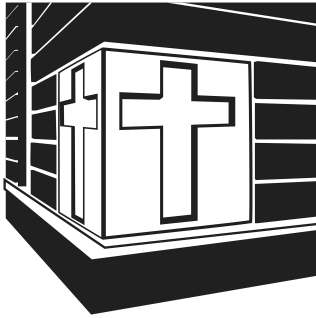
CLOSING HYMN

“My Soul Rejoices”

(LSB 933)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER We continue to focus our attention on Jesus’ resurrection. We see that Jesus is the stone that was rejected by the religious leaders. He was crucified and killed by them. Yet God raised Jesus from the dead, making Him the cornerstone, the foundational stone upon which all the other stones in the building are aligned and built. As we build upon the foundation and cornerstone of Jesus, we are conformed and aligned to Him.

Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav’n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above. *LSB 912:1*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fifth Sunday of Easter! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Reverend Samuel Handschke is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Apr. 26, Att. ??, Offering \$580.00; **Sun., Apr. 30, Att. 359;** General Fund \$6,769.27; Sunday School \$6.00; Building Fund \$145.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$3,630.00; HVAC \$25.00; Facility Use Donation \$100.00; Memorial in memory of Harlan Fransen \$20.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the form of a **check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Blue Cards The Blue cards in the pew racks are for attendance records, communion records and prayer requests. They are NOT for children to scribble on. There are activity bags at the back, on either side of the sanctuary, for the children to pick up on their way in that have books to look at and color, and scribble sheets for them to write on. PLEASE do not let them scribble on the blue cards. The blue cards are also NOT for folding into paper airplanes. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Voter's Assembly Our Voter's Assembly is **TODAY** between services. New Board members will be voted in for the next two year terms available.

Teacher's Meeting The Board of Education will hold a teacher's meeting tomorrow, May 8 at 7:00 pm. All teachers please make an effort to attend.



Coffee Bar There will be a coffee bar in between services every Sunday to raise money for campers going to Minneboji. The coffee bar will have a free-will offering.

Compassion Sunday Faith Lutheran will be hosting a Compassion Sunday **TODAY**, May 7, 2023. This is a great opportunity to live out God's call to care for the poor. As a sponsor, not only will you help support a child's growth and development, but you also will build a relationship with him or her. Through letters, you can remind a child that you love them, that God loves them and that there is hope. There will be many packets on the table in the Living Room with descriptions of a child in need of support. Check them out before, after, or between services. Below are some poverty facts:

- *Worldwide, **385 million** children live in extreme poverty.
- *Every **2 minutes**, a child dies of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease.
- *An estimated **61 million** primary school age children worldwide don't attend school.
- *Around **45%** of deaths of children under 5 are linked to undernutrition.
- *Globally, **2.1 billion** people don't have safe water at home.

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

There are 2 station changes for KDLT viewers. **May 7 and May 28th** will air on FOX due to broadcast pre-emptions.

May 7, 2023 Station change: Will air 10:00 AM on FOX due to the Indy 500.

10:00 AM - "Break up" - A divorced couple struggles with direction in their lives after meeting again.

10:30 AM - Reverend Jason Rensner, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, presents a message titled "What Reading The Bible Can Do For You!" This sermon is based on 1 Peter 2:2-3. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “We were created by a loving God, redeemed by His self-sacrificial act of love, and called to love one another. God loves us; therefore, our life has value. God calls us to love; therefore, our life has purpose. And this, dear friend, is the greatest purpose.” *Hannah Nissing, Bulldogs4Life, the Y4Life team at Concordia, Nebraska – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Faith Lutheran Youth

Our JYM and Adventure Club groups will not meet again until October. Have a great summer vacation!

Last day of Midweek/Catechism is May 17.

Last day of Sunday school is May 21.



Camp Minneboji Camp Minneboji is a Christian Summer Camp for 4th-8th graders. It will be held June 18th-24th at Camp Okoboji in Milford, IA. Registration closes May 1st or when camp is full. You can register and find more information at

<https://www.minneboji.com>. Faith will give \$100.00 scholarships to any student member who wishes to attend Camp Minneboji.

Circuit Bible Camp When information is available we will share the details on when, where, cost, what to bring or not bring, etc.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 7 COMPASSION SUNDAY

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Voter's Assembly
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
7:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: May 8

7:00 pm LWML

Tues: May 9

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:15 pm Board of Property Management
7:00 pm Berea Circle

Wed: May 10

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm Hebrews Bible Study
6:00 pm Ecclesiastes Bible Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: May 11

8:00 am Staff Devotions
11:30 am Ministerium
1:30-3:00 pm Little Dresses
5-8 pm MOPS in gym
7:00 pm Faith Circle

Fri: May 12

Master Gardeners Set-up in gym

Sat: May 13

8-10 am Master Gardeners Plant Sale

Sun: May 14 MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Confirmation/Communion
1:00 pm Boards of Stewardship/Endow
2:00 pm Board of Education

