



Welcome  
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## Order of Worship

*Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024*

### Welcome

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

- P** Christ has risen! Hallelujah!  
**C** **He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!**  
**P** Our Lord Lives! Hallelujah!  
**C** **Oh, come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah!**  
**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C** **And to the Holy Spirit;**  
**P** as it was in the beginning,  
**C** **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Opening Song: LSB 905 Come, Thou Almighty King

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| 1 Come, Thou almighty King,<br>Help us Thy name to sing;<br>Help us to praise;<br>Father all-glorious,<br>O'er all victorious,<br>Come and reign over us,<br>Ancient of Days.    | 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,<br>Gird on Thy mighty sword;<br>Our prayer attend.<br>Come and Thy people bless,<br>And give Thy Word success,<br>And let Thy righteousness<br>On us descend. |
| 3 Come, holy Comforter,<br>Thy sacred witness bear<br>In this glad hour!<br>Thou, who almighty art,<br>Now rule in ev'ry heart,<br>And ne'er from us depart,<br>Spirit of pow'r. | △ 4 To Thee, great One in Three,<br>Eternal praises be<br>Hence evermore!<br>Thy sov'reign majesty<br>May we in glory see,<br>And to eternity<br>Love and adore.                           |

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### Confession and Absolution

- 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:

**C God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

**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.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**Salutation and Collect**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*(Please be seated)*

**First Reading, Acts 10:34–48**

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> As for the word that

he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days. **L** This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**

### **Epistle Reading, 1 John 5:1–8**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

### **Alleluia and Verse**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **The Holy Gospel, John 15:9–17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John

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

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord      **C**    **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

### Sermon Hymn: LSB 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

**ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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## New Member Welcome, Baptism, and Confirmation

**Peace of the Lord** (Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

### Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy      **C** **Hear our prayer**

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.

## **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.

## **The Word 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Agnus Dei**

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## **Communion Distribution** *(Please be seated)*

### **Shalom**

Shalom, good friends, Shalom, good friends,  
Shalom shalom! 'Til we meet again,  
'Til we meet again, Shalom, shalom!

## **761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

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**"We Are" (1 Peter 2:9) Lemond/Evett**

We are a chosen people.  
We are a royal priesthood.  
We are a holy nation.  
We're a people belonging to God.  
We are a chosen people.  
We are a royal priesthood.  
We are a holy nation.  
We're a people belonging to God.

1. Now we sing out our joyful praise to Him  
Who saved us by His might,  
Called us out of our sinful darkness,  
Brought us into His marvelous light.  
We are a chosen people.  
We are a royal priesthood.  
We are a holy nation.  
We're a people belonging to God.
2. By His mercy our Savior has called us  
To live as His people each day.  
Though we're strangers and foreigners in this world  
God's compassion allows us to say:  
We are a chosen people.  
We are a royal priesthood.  
We are a holy nation.  
We're a people belonging to God.

**Tag:** We are people belonging to God.  
We are people belonging to God!

## 898 The Ancient Law Departs

1 The ancient Law departs,  
And all its fears remove,  
For Jesus makes with faithful hearts  
A covenant of love.

3 His infant body now  
Begins the cross to feel;  
Those precious drops of blood that flow  
For death the victim seal.

2 The Light of Light divine,  
True brightness undefiled,  
He bears for us the pain of sin,  
A holy, spotless child.

4 Today the name is Thine  
At which we bend the knee.  
They call Thee Jesus, child divine;  
Our Jesus deign to be.

△5 All praise, eternal Son, For Thy redeeming love,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one In glorious might above.

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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 and Benediction

**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.**

**P** Go in peace!

**C Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

### Closing Song "In His Temple"

The voice of the Lord will thunder

The voice of the Lord is majestic.

The voice of the Lord is power.

O worship the Lord.

The voice of the Lord shakes the earth.

The voice of the Lord strikes with lightning

The voice of the Lord breaks the forests

O worship the Lord.

**Chorus:    And in His temple all cry "Glory, glory to His Name,"  
          And in His temple all cry, "Glory, glory to His Name!"  
And in Your temple we cry "Glory, glory to Your Name,"  
          And in Your temple we cry, "Glory, glory to Your Name!"**

The Lord sits enthroned forever.  
The Lord is the King forever.  
Ascribe to the Lord forever  
The glory due His Name.

The Lord gives strength to His people  
The Lord gives peace to His people.  
The Lord will bless all his people  
Give glory to His Name.

**Chorus**

*Instrumental Interlude*

### **Final Chorus**

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## **Announcements**

**Please join us at 3pm to celebrate the Installation of Pastor Brian Doel!**