

# *Fifth Sunday of Easter*



**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

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## TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

### *Some helpful things to know*

- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.
- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"
- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 8:30 A.M.

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

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## WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

*Music and Quiet*

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," Jim Lucas

*Asking God's Forgiveness*

*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for self-examination.*

Most merciful God

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” #373

### Greeting

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

### Singing God's praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




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



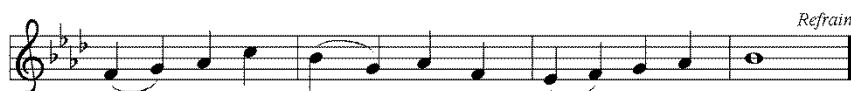
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

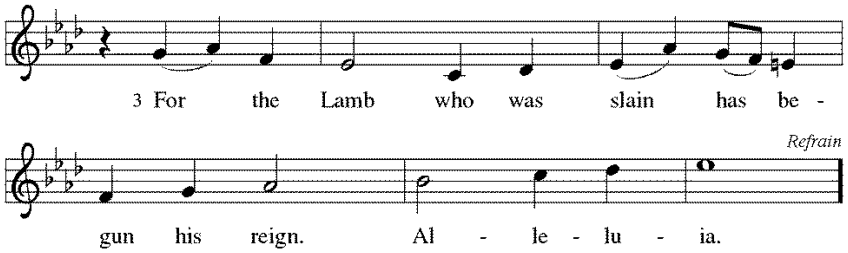


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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## GOD'S WORD

### Today's Prayer

Let us pray: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

### From the Book of Acts

Acts 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me,

and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

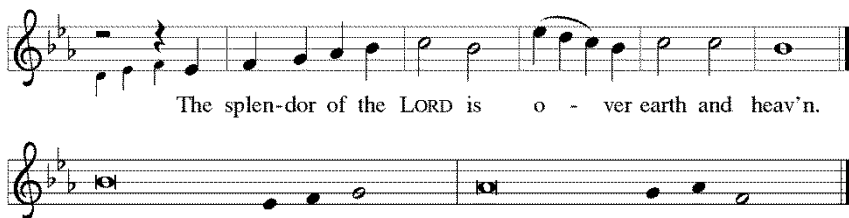
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*From the Book of Psalms*

148:1-7, 13-14

*Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain*



*Cantor sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print*

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.
- <sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;**  
**sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- <sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,**  
**and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,
- <sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**  
**giving them a law that shall not | pass away. Refrain**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**  
*Refrain*

*From a New Testament letter*

Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*From one of the four Gospels*

John 13:31-35

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel is recorded in the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am

with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

*God's Word for Today*

Pr. Bridger

*Stand*

*Hymn for Today*

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds," #367

*Confessing 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**



## *Offering our Prayers*

*After each portion of the prayers*

God our Savior. . .  
... **have mercy and hear us.**

## *Sharing Christ's peace*

The peace of the Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with these or similar words*

*Sit*  
**Gathering Gifts**                      “Glory and Praise to Our God,” Jeffery Honoré

*Stand*

**The Gifts are Presented**                      “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful  
Songs,” #847 stanzas 3& 4

Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honor and pow’r divine;  
And blessings, more than we can give,  
Be, Lord, forever thine.

Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of God who sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb.

Let us pray. Merciful Father

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our  
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive  
them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

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## CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

### Preparing our hearts

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

This musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

This musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous section, featuring dotted rhythms and longer note values. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

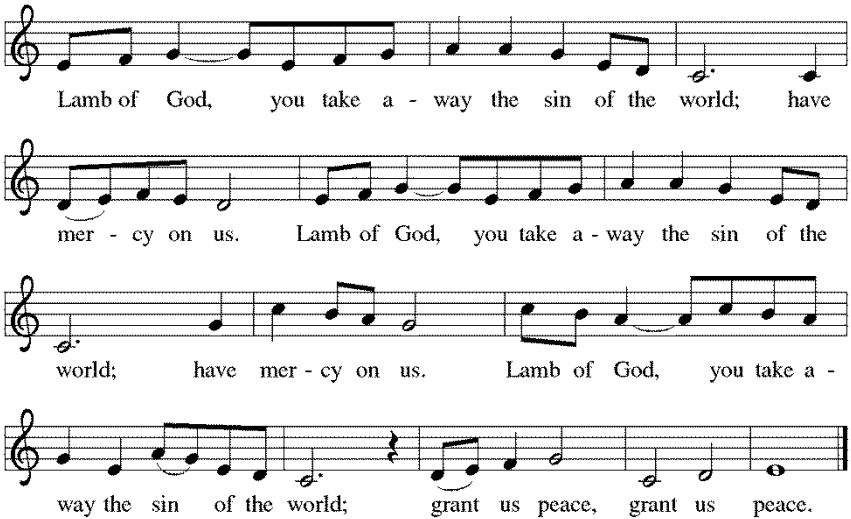
## Prayer of Consecration

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. . . . now and forever. **Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

*Sit; To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside cover.*

## Communion Songs



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Praise to the Lord,” Dan R. Edwards  
“One Bread, One Body”

*Joy Ringers*  
**#496**

*Stand*

## Post Communion Prayer

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## ON OUR WAY

### *A Final Word and Promise*

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### *A Song*

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing

**#543**

### *A Mission*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### *Music as we leave*

“The Solid Rock,” Anna Page

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## *SERVING TODAY*

*Preaching Minister* – Pastor Bridger

*Presiding Minister* – Pastor Burce

*Assisting Minister* – Nancy Richter

*Lector* – Don Braun

*Communion Assistants* – Ron Coulter, Kathy Neumann, Lee Vysoky

*Acolytes* – De'Ante Furry, Gavin Waugaman

*Organist* – Connie Triplett

*Cantor* – Dale Mortensen

*Joy Ringers* – Directed by Ruth King

*Deacons* – Raffee Johns, Steve Turnbull

*Ushers* – Joe Frantz, Joe King

*Altar Guild* – Debbie Luekens, Maria Geier

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ For our Confirmation Class: Ella, Gus and Tyler. As they begin to serve and grow as confirmed members of the Body of Christ
- ✦ In celebration of new life through birth: with the Polenz Family on the birth of Emerson Louise and the Benson Family on the birth of William Theodore
- ✦ In need of healing: Don Braun, Israel Caminero, Dorothy Lewis, Doug Mickan, Sue Nerlinger, Wil Schuett
- ✦ In thanksgiving for our Messiah School teachers and staff
- ✦ For those living in countries of persecution and chaos: Syria, Venezuela, regions on the African continent, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras

## THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

*May 18*—Erik, d. 1160, the king who established Christianity in Sweden.

*May 19*—Dunstan, d. 988, Archbishop of Canterbury and renewer of the English church.

*May 21*—John Eliot, d. 1690, one of the first missionaries to the American Indians.

*May 23*—LUDWIG NOMMENSEN, d. 1918, a German Lutheran and pioneer missionary to the Batak people of Sumatra.

*May 24*—the scientists NIKOLAUS COPERNICUS, d. 1543, and LEONHARD EULER, d. 1783, who advanced human understanding of God's creation.

## GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

### *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29

*We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.*



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*Youth Director* – Peggy Schauer

*Pastoral Assistant* – Ruth Mortensen

*Music Director* – Connie Triplett

*Messiah School Principal* – Helen Casselberry

*Administrator* – Darlene Waugh

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*Drawing in to Christ. Building up in Christ. Sending out for Christ.*

*To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.*