

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**
MAY 18, 2025



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Winning Souls for Heaven.
Keeping each other Faithful and True.*

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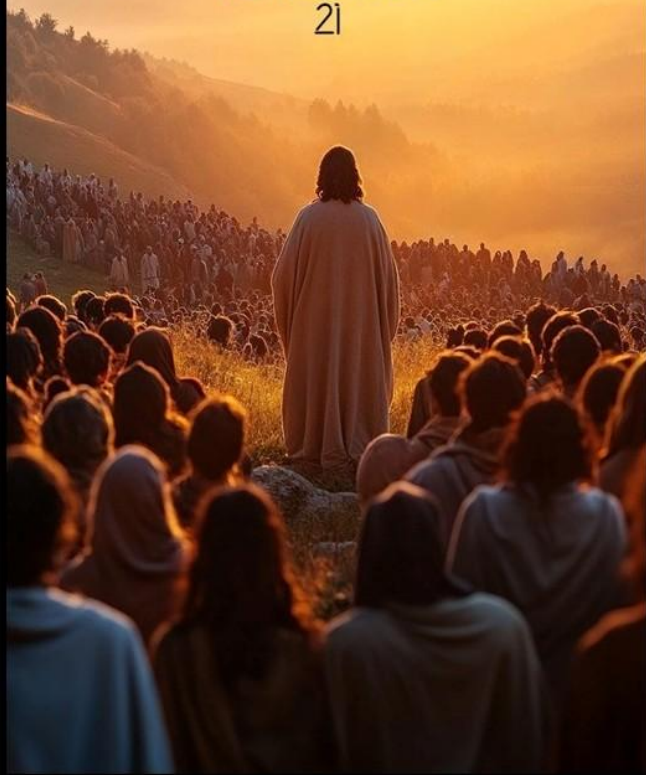
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REVELATION
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Prelude

Opening Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Reception of New Members (11:00am)

-Kneel/Sit for a Time of Private Confession-

Confession and Absolution

- P** Then I turned my face to the Lord God,
C **seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.**
- P** I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying,
C **"O Lord, the great and awesome God, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.**
- P** To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness,
C **but to us open shame because we have sinned against you.**
- P** O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from us;
C **Listen to the prayer of your servants; make your face to shine upon your sanctuary. Incline your ear and hear. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.**
- P** At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider this word: as a called and ordained servant and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I 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 ✠

Gloria Patri (8:15am)

LSB 186

C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie (8:15am)

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Praise (8:15am)**"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"***LSB 821*

5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Collect

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.



First Reading

Acts 11:1–18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Jr. Chancel Choir (11:00am)

Epistle

Revelation 21:1–7

Then 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. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And 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 from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

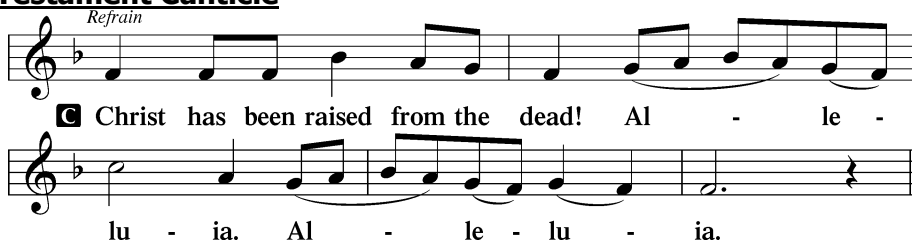
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

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



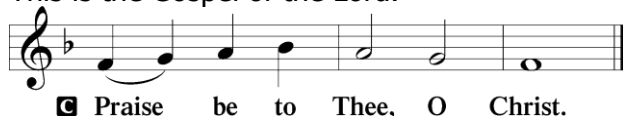
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the

world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

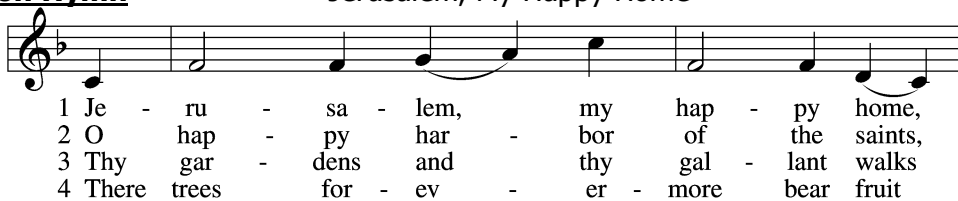
Children's Message

Children are invited to join our Sunday School in the school gym every Sunday from 9:45am-10:45am!

Sermon Hymn

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

LSB 673





When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and
And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the
have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

Sermon

"Happily Never After"
Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor

John 16:22

Offertory

LSB 192



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give
at www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving*



Farewell and Godspeed (11:00am)

*~We give thanks to God for the teaching ministry of Mrs. Dawn Heins and wish her
peace and blessings in her retirement~*

Prayer of the Church

-11:00am continues with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction-

† THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...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

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Mt. 6:9-11

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

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 631 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

Distribution Hymn

LSB 634 *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

Post-Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have again strengthened our faith through this sacrament. Abide with us now so that we may boldly proclaim the full message of life, found only in Your Son's sacrificial death for us and His victorious resurrection, leading us to heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

Closing Hymn

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

LSB 822



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -
ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
ly Ghost we sing, For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!
To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -
or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
the Bride - groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

Serving us in Worship

Preacher	Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski
Music	Gregory Paul, Jr. Chancel Choir
Altar Guild	Amanda Brandt
Readers	8:15 John Aufdemberge 11:00 ??
Elders	8:15 Kevin Calhoun, Chuck Brewer 11:00 Jim Schultz

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