

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Service

May 2, 2021

### GATHERING

*Prelude*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Ringling of the Bell*

*(Please Stand)*

*Confession and Forgiveness*

In the name of the Father, and of 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 reflection.)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray:

**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

First Reading: Acts 8: 26--40 Pg. 1705

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 22: 25--31 Pg. 862

PS 22:25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows.

PS 22:26 **The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever!**

PS 22:27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

PS 22:28 **for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.**

PS 22:29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him--those who cannot keep themselves alive.

PS 22:30 **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.**

PS 22:31 They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn--for he has done it.

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7--21 Pg. 1902

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Instrumental Offering*

*(Please rise for the Gospel.)*



After the Gospel is announced:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 15: 1--8

Pg. 1676

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

*(Please Stand)*

Hymn # 377

*"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"* st. 1--3

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
**Refrain:** *Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!*
2. Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant  
surprise. **(Refrain)**
3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.  
**(Refrain)**

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;***

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen**

*The Prayers*

L: . . .Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Offering*

L: Let us pray---

**C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we have first received from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

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.**

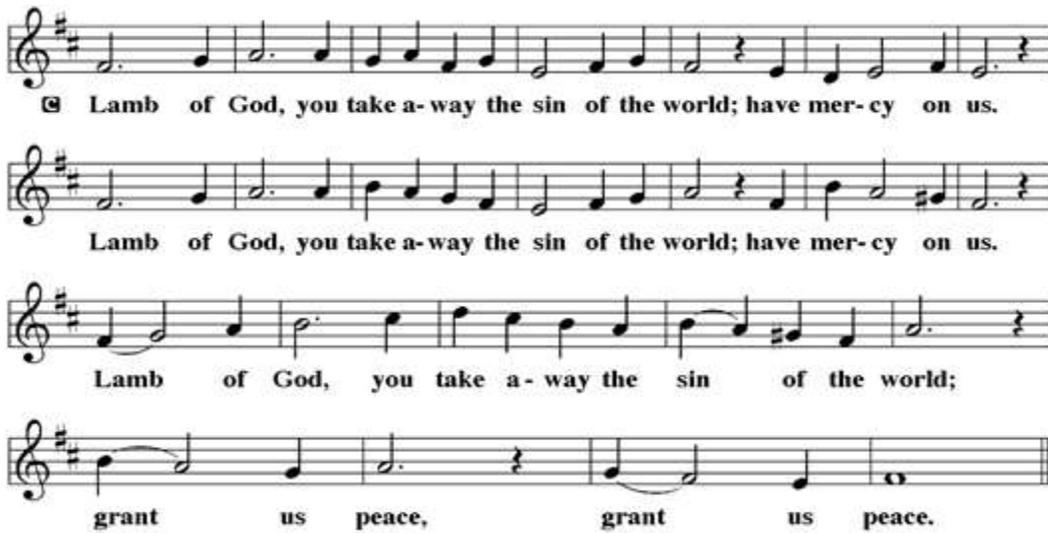
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we look with hope for his coming again.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

*Words of Institution*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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**



☞ 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.

Invitation to Communion

## SENDING

*Blessing*



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

Hymn # 449

*"We Know That Christ is Raised"* sts. 1,2

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy, Hal---le—lu—jah!
2. We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ. Hal---le—lu—jah!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*