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Divine Service 1



PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS SERVANT PROCESSIONAL

As We Gather

Proof is surely what we want, but instead of the kind of proof that would remove the need for faith, God gives us His own marks of suffering to satisfy our fears. We find our refuge in the wounds of Christ. Thomas found them and the doubter became a believer. All of us find answers to the troubles and trials of this mortal life in the wounds of Christ, and from these wounds we confess to the world, "My Lord and my God!" Don't let your doubts and fears drive you away from Jesus. Go to Him with them all, and He has promised to build us up in faith.

✠Confession and Absolution✠

Hymn of Invocation: 474 Alleluia!

Jesus Is Risen

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Refrain

ref 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

4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is
bright.
Cherubim sing:
“O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in
light. Refrain

5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Refrain

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Stand

*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.

Exhortation

LSB 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

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.

Stand

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C **Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

C **Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

C **Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

P He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for
a thousand generations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the
Son
an to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Like newborn infants, long for the
pure spiritual milk, that by it you
may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the
Lord is good.

Kyrie

LSB 152

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above and for
our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for
the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to
the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this holy house and for all who
offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us,
gracious Lord.

C Amen.

C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are
His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and
join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be
to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has
begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who
have celebrated the Lord's
resurrection may by Your grace
confess in our life and conversation
that Jesus is Lord and God; through

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

☩ Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 5:12–32

Many Signs and Wonders Done

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

The Apostles Arrested and Freed

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have

them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13*

Praise the Name of the LORD

L ¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

C ²**Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

L ³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

C ⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

L ⁵Let them praise the name of the
LORD!

For he commanded and they were
created.

C ⁶**And he established them forever
and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass
away.**

L ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C ⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

L ⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

C ¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**

L ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

C ¹²**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

L ¹³Let them praise the name of the
LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

C ¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his**

**people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to
him. Praise the LORD!**

Epistle

Revelation 1:4–18

Greeting to the Seven Churches

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Vision of the Son of Man

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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

C Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the

Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are

written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

Kid's Sermon: Go and Tell it on the Mountain

John 1:8-10

Hymn of the Day: 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON: Mission: Confession

1 John 1:8-10

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

**The third day He rose again from
the dead.**

He ascended into heaven

**and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Offering

Stand

C Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy
salvation, and uphold me with Thy
free spirit. 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.

Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

Hymn to Depart: 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

△3 Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

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WELCOME, PASTOR WOLFRAM! We are blessed to have Rev. Dr. Richard (Rick) Wolfram leading the Sunday Worship Service. Pastor Rick in retirement, serves as Director of Stewardship Ministries for the Michigan District - LCMS. He has served as a US Navy Reserve Chaplain and attained the rank of Captain. Pastor Rick has served LCMS congregations in Minnesota, Washington, Florida and Michigan.

WORSHIP SERVANTS April 27, 2025

Acolyte: Aili Swanson

Elders: Bill Hertel

Pastor: Pastor Rick Wolfram

Organist: Linda Freeman

Special Music:

Altar: Barb Yek & Friends

Counting: Bryan Bickel and Dan Krueger

Ushers: Quinn and Tina Erisman

Greeters: Amy Bickel and Janice Lasko

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun, April 27

9 am – Adult Bible Study

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Divine Worship

Mon April 28

Tues April 29

10 am – Bible Study

11 am - Prayer Warriors

Wed April 30

Thur May 1

10:30 am – Christian Art class with Pam

6 pm – Godly Men

7 pm – Ladies' Posse

Fri May 2

6:30 pm – Good Friday Worship

Sun May 3

9 am – Adult Bible Study

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Divine Worship w/ Communion

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Attendance week of April 20, 2025

10:00 am Worship in Person: 127/Online

plays: 148 Communion: 95

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person:

N/A

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person: N/A /

Online plays: N/A