

✠ POSTLUDE

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

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**REFLECTIONS for the WEEK:**

Acts 11:1–18, Revelation 21:1–7, John 13:31–35

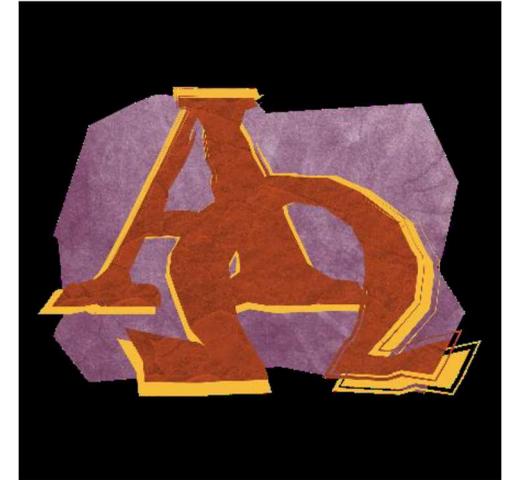
***Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy***

On earth *“you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy”* (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, *“God has granted repentance that leads to life”* (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is *“a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household”* (Acts 11:14). He gives freely *“from the spring of the water of life”* (Rev. 21:6), *“and death shall be no more”* (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, *“making all things new”* (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, *“and God is glorified in him”* (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our *“love for one another”* (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

Sunday Worship  
Bulletin  
**FIFTH SUNDAY  
Of  
EASTER**

10:00 a.m.

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**WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD!**

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

***Jesus said: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”***

*John 13:34-35*



## The Order of MORNING WORSHIP

**TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

**AS WE GATHER:** "A little while" says Jesus, and He will not be seen and then seen again—because He is going to the Father. Jesus is nothing but blunt with His disciples, telling them what will happen. But they do not want to hear it. They did not want to hear His words of suffering and death to come on the cross, and they missed His promise to rise again. Jesus knew their aching hearts were full and promised the Spirit to lead them into all truth. A little while and death will give way to life—for Jesus and also for His disciples. Because He goes to the Father, preparing the way, we also look forward to going to the Father. This hope sustains the weary through their trials in this mortal life. We belong forever to the Lord.

### ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✠ INVOCATION, CONFESSION, and ABSOLUTION

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

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord has made known His salvation;

**C: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P: Come, let us kneel before the Lord and make confession of our sin,

**C: and call upon His mercy that we may be forgiven.**

Silence for reflection and examination

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

**C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### ✠ WORDS of INSTITUTION

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 + 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### ✠ 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.**

*(Be Seated)*

*At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Assistant comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte.*

*(Please Stand)*

### ✠ POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your own dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. He has accomplished salvation for us and brought us from being no people to being Your people. Bring to completion all that He began, that our sorrows be turned to joy and we be strengthened in faith and live in confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 NO. **837**: "Lift High the Cross"

✠ HYMN of the DAY NO. **706**: *“Love in Christ is Strong and Living”*

✠ SERMON: *“Love One Another”* John 13:31-35

**(Please Stand)**

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: God has made His dwelling place with man; He will dwell with us, and we will be His people; and God will be our God. In confidence of this, let us raise to Him our prayers on behalf of those in need and all people.

Almighty Father, You met a divided world with one saving love and will, manifested in the incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us one people in Him, and bless all efforts to come to the true unity of Your Word by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Give Your rich and abundant blessing to Your Church, O Lord, that she faithfully hold to Your Word even amid trial and persecution, and give Your blessing to all pastors and servants of the Church in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Govern the nations, O Lord, and bless our leaders, that they be people of good moral conscience and integrity, for the sake of the poor and the oppressed, and for the encouragement of virtue and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Accept, O Lord, our song of praise and the worship of our hearts, and with them the tithes and offerings of a grateful people, who rejoice in Your mercies and in the daily provision of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Guard those in need, O Lord, from the pain of body or mind, from the suffering of illness, and from the fear of death. Bring them the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, patience in the day of trial, and deliverance at the last. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

### ***Service of the Sacrament***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:31–35

*(A new commandment do I give to you that you love one another as I have loved you.)*

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

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ STATEMENT of FAITH: 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.**

***(Be Seated)***

