Sunday Worship Bulletin FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

10:00 AM



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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

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.

The Order of Holy Communion-Setting Three

OPENING HYMN NO. 726: "Evening and Morning" ዮ 1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and 2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me: Calm all mv 3 Ills that still grieve me me; Though Soon are to leave bil - lows 4 То God in heav - en All praise be giv en! Come, let us glad-ness, Com-fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the ter - rors, Blot out by Thine eyes my er - rors That they may tow - er. And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer То the Cre - a tor the glo - ry be Thine! Times with-out num - ber, A - wake or in more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect no all my sun shows its face. Joys e'er in-creas - ing And peace nev - er He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth gifts А heart that be -Thine eye ob-serves us, From dan - ger pre-serves us, slum - ber. it may please Thee, Re - tain do - ings; As or re-lease me; These shall I trea - sure And share ceas - ing: in full mea-sure liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him Caus - ing Thy shine. mer cy up on us to All com - mit Thy fa ther - ly Ι to hand. When in His man sions God place. grants me а And to His throne like sweet in cense a - rise.

- CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION
- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: who made heaven and earth.

- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord 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.





- ✤ SALUTATION and COLLECT
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And with thy spirit.

- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

✤ OLD TESTAMENT: Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✤ EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

- R: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

- ✤ HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41
- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.



On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"

And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



✤ STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

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.

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. SERMON HYMN NO. **719**: "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"



(Be Seated)

✤ SERMON: "God Has the Final Word"

Job 38:1-11

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- DEDICATION of OFFERINGS
- PRAYER of the CHURCH
- P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank You, Lord, for Your steadfast love and Your wondrous works to the children of men. You hold power over wind and wave, sin and death. Deliver us from every trouble and distress, and bring us at last to our eternal haven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of our salvation, You have ushered in the favorable time and day of salvation through the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Support all Your ministers, and remove all obstacles from hearing and believing the Word they preach. Let Your grace be proclaimed through every hardship, struggle and suffering, and encourage us by the example of many saints to consider ourselves rich and alive despite every opposition, for since we have Christ, we possess everything. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, You rule this world by Your power. Give to our civil servants respect and recognition of Your creation and its nature. When they use the authority given them from above, let it be in accord with Your good design for our world and not the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty Lord, You command wind and wave. Out of Your mercy, spare us from disaster. Give success to crops; send suitable rain for the earth; give protection to those endangered by storms on land, sea or air; and give us faith both to call to You in trouble and to trust that You will work everything for our good for the sake of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Father, You see that we are perishing, yet You bid us to set our fears aside and trust in You for the sake of Christ, by whose blood we have received peace for our troubled consciences. Do not reject our prayers for their faithlessness, but teach us to trust in You fully. Give Your protection and peace to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Lord, we join with the sons of God and shout for joy as Christ Jesus gives to us His true body and blood in the Lord's Supper. Let us not doubt but firmly believe Your Word, that You who formed our world and its matter know well how to be present for us and our forgiveness in this Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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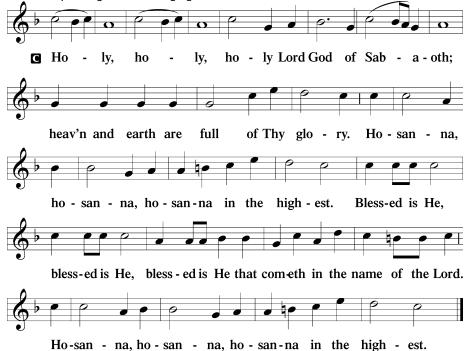
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P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

✤ 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."

- PAX DOMINI
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



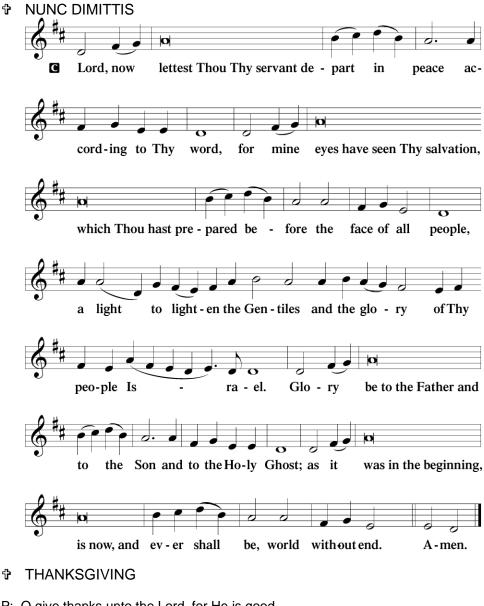
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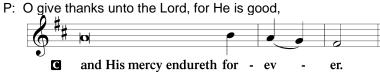


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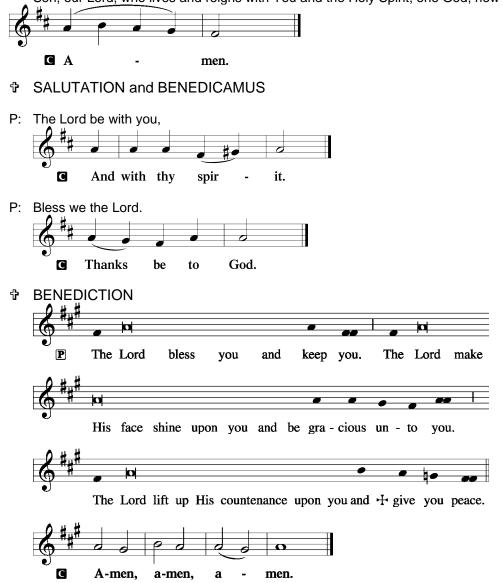
✤ THE BLESSING

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
- C: Amen.





P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



CLOSING HYMN NO. 819: "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" ዮ 1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au-thor of cre -2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; God. in mer - cy 0 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho-sen gen er -5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and The God love who der - stood tion. of un а keep By morn - ing glow eve - ning shade ing. or Our Sav - ior help - less - ness hear us. saw our and tion; He is their ref uge their rock, а glo ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim Our need for His sal - va tion. With heal-ing balm our -His sleep ing. With - in the king - dom eye is nev er And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and Their peace and their sal - va tion. As with a moth - er's A - loud the won - drous sto ry. Cast ev - 'rv i - dol 0 0 stills: souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur mur His might of All things are just and good and right: Lord, praise the Who is by one and all a - dored: hand, His His cho sen band: ten der He leads own, throne, For He from its God is God, and a - lone: То praise God all and glo ry! То God all praise and glo ry! То God all praise and glo ry! To God all praise and glo ry!

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