

WORSHIP FOLDER *with children and adult activities,*
MESSAGE *“Where We Find Our Identity”*
& ANNOUNCEMENTS *for May 10, 2020*

From the Pastor:

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

Here is an exercise for children beginning to read. Pick a word or name, for example: “People,” since the theme today is “We are God’s people.” If you save a copy for them and they know how to underline using the underlining command, they can do it on the computer. Otherwise let them use a printed version of the worship folder. Let them draw and color buildings and people in the margins of the service folder.

5th & 6th graders can mark the service with directional arrows which indicate the direction of the activity during the worship service. This was discussed in class. They can label the different parts of the service. They also are familiar with the questions throughout the service folder.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther’s Small Catechism

Here is an exercise that will strengthen their understandings of the teachings of the Bible. Have them mark, underline and/or identify where in the Catechism these teachings are found. For example: Where the resurrection of Jesus Christ is mentioned, one would mark it with the “2nd Article.” Or where the forgiveness of sin is mentioned, one would mark it with “3rd Article.” They can call me anytime if they have questions.

If any of this can be done from a copy on a computer, they can send it to me attached to an Email.

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a lamb, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

WORSHIP FOLDER
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scenes of God at Work

May 9 & 10, 2020

As We Gather

Our fifty-day celebration of Easter continues as we solemnly gather in the presence of our crucified and risen Savior Jesus Christ. Present He is for we see and hear Him touching and speaking to us through His Spirit, in the water of Holy Baptism, in His very body and blood in Holy Communion, in His words of Holy Absolution, and in the preaching of His Word. We gather not as much to give anything to Him but to receive from Him His gifts of deliverance, salvation, and righteousness. Today, once again He bestows on you His own righteousness, making of us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession. Our sin has been taken away, and we are renewed with eternal life by the faith created in us by His Spirit. In this faith our doubts and fears are taken away as we look forward to our heavenly home, the many rooms and mansions, the place prepared for us, as we await His final return.

Order of Divine Service I LSB 151

Hymn “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” **LSB 584**

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.

- 2 May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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

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

C **Amen.**

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.**

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

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.**

Declaration of Grace

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit *Ps. 30:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 149:1 (“Singing the Psalms” LSB xxvi Tone E)*



Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

Who is included in this assembly of the godly? Write your answer beside the phrase, "the assembly of the godly."

Kyrie *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A 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.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

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.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

What changes are happening in the world?

What joys are found in Jesus Christ?

First Reading Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60(Stephen, the first martyr for the faith)

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

²And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.
⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

*What was Stephen ready to do rather than reject Jesus Christ?
 Also, where did Stephen’s spirit go?*

Psalm *Psalm 146 (antiphon: v. 2)(Tone E)*



¹Praise | the LORD!*

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

³Put not your trust in | princes, *

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;*

on that very day his plans | perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob, *

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is | in them, *

who keeps faith for- | ever;

⁷who executes justice for | the oppressed, *

who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind. *

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the | righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the | fatherless, *

but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign for- | ever, *

your God, O Zion, to all generations. |

Praise the LORD!

Underline the phrases which instruct us in how we are to respond to God’s goodness.

Double underline what God has done for us?

Epistle *1 Peter 2:2–10*

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—
³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

List all the names, nouns, God the Holy Spirit uses in describing who we are in Christ Jesus. (Or you may underline them)

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 14:1–14*

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

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

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.”
⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”
⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works

than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

List or underline two things God has promised to do for us through Jesus Christ.

Throughout the rest of this service put a cross T by all the phrases that describe what Jesus Christ has done for us.

Hymn of the Day “At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing” *LSB 633*

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce powers beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;

You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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Sermon *Based on 1 Peter 2:2–10*

Title:
“Where We Find Our Identity”

Introduction:

People describe having an identity crisis. What many are experiencing is a change in their role. Take for instances, mothers. Once a woman has a child in womb she becomes a mother. That identity doesn't change. Once a mother, always a mother. But the role she plays in the life of a mother changes. It goes from providing a place for a child to develop, to nursing a little human being, to nurturing, teaching, feeding, clothing and battling with a child to become an independent young adult. Then to guiding, sharing wisdom, advising and encouraging a young adult as they go off into the world. When the time comes, there is supporting a young adult as they become parents. And the role continues to change when a mother must let their children and others care for them while still being mom.

The change in roles can be hard and disturbing. It can also be an exciting time. Yet, one thing remains the same. Once a mother, good or bad, always a mother. This is true with most relationships. One's identity does not change.

There are identities that do change. This often happens in the work force, organizations and in holding a public office. This can be a difficult time. We are tempted to center our identity on what we do so that when the time comes to cease, we feel as if we have lost our identity. We may have lost our identity in only one area of our lives, not our whole identity.

But there is one identity that we have that if we should ever lose it, it will be deadly for us. And that is our identity in the sight of God. It is an identity that God works to keep in place

though, our sinful nature wants to reject it, the world wants to disprove it and Satan delights when we question it. God wants us to know and find strength and comfort in the identity He has given and secured within our hearts.

I. His Temple

It is important thing to remember. God has given us the identity of being His children. It is not an identity that we have earned or merit.

It is an identity much like being a son or daughter. We did nothing to win that identity. It was ours at our conception in the womb of our mother. And so the identity that we have with God is ours when He brought us to faith in Christ Jesus. This faith was conceived within us by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Word and also through the Word and water, Baptism. Thus we are called Children of God.

God expands this identity to let us know that we are more than just children. In His sight, we are His temple. We are considered living stones that make up the temple in which God is served and worshipped.

We need to understand how precious this temple was in the eyes of the Israelites. It was at the temple they met God. It was there that they came into the presences of God. It was there where the sacrifices for sin were made. It was in the temple that the Israelites' sins were atoned. It was a beautiful building, designed by God and filled by God.

Now to hear that God considered each believer a part of this building, to hear that they personally made up the place where God would meet them, forgive them, sprinkle them with His blood washing them clean of sin and fill them with His presence was an honor indescribable. It was also to prepare them when the actual temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. Their eyes were set on being the temple of God rather than on a building made of stone.

We are now separated by quarantine in this battle against COVID-19. We are not able to join together in a building built nearly 60 years ago. We can't join our voices together with the sound of the organ leading us in worship. We can't symbolically come together in the presence of God.

Yet, we remain the Church. Each being a brick that makes up the walls of the church where Christ dwells. He dwells in our hearts and sees us a beautiful building where He washes away the sins of His children, His people. He sees us as a magnificent building that world should look to for their salvation.

We are the Church, the Temple of God with Christ being the chief cornerstone. All that we are and who we are is based on this Cornerstone. It is He who gives us an identity.

II. His People

And if that was not enough, God has given us the identity of working in the temple. We are His people, a royal priesthood, and a chosen nation. God has set us aside for important roles. We are the people who come into His temple to worship Him. We are the royal priesthood who enter into the holy of holies to offer sacrifices of praise and glory. We are His possession and His people that carry His name, the name given to us at our baptism, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are His people who will bring salvation to the world. We are the proclaimers of the wonders Christ has done. We are His people who were united with Him in His death and therefore united in His resurrection. We will be His people who will fill the everlasting Temple in heaven with the sounds of praise and glory.

This is the identity God has given to us. It is the identity that He maintains within us through His Word and Sacraments. It is an identity that we have not earned but carry with us day and night.

We are tempted to push away this identity. We are tempted to find no peace and comfort in how God identifies us. We are tempted to seek comfort in our identity as the world sees us and even as we see ourselves.

But there is no hope in these identities. For when we examine ourselves according to our earthly identities we see these identities cannot comfort us when we sin. We can only come to the conclusion that we haven't been good parents, children, spouses, friend, family member or neighbor. We can only hope that we have done enough good to over shadow the bad.

This is why we must cling to the identity God has declared and given to us. He declares us His people, His family, holy and pure. He has made our service to Him and to others worthy of acceptance because in our place, Christ lived and served Him with holy works. He will remember all that we have done in His name thus we never lose our identity as a good and faithful servant.

Conclusion:

This is but one more reason to pray that God keep us in the one true faith till life everlasting. God has given us an identity that remains forever. It is an identity that comforts and strengthens us we need it the most. It is an identity that we ask God the Holy Spirit to preserve. We continue to ask for help to never reject Christ and loose this identity in the sight of God.

It is more than being recognized. It is who we are. We are God's people. We have received His mercy. This is His life-giving gift to us. And we truly desire to keep it.

T AMEN T

Apostles' Creed

**C 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

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, with the whole creation, we praise You for Your gift of life and the world that sustains us and all the living. Grant that seeing Your even greater gift of deliverance from the disfigurement of sin and the promise of the renewal of Your original design all people may come to repentance and faith in Your gracious invitation through Jesus Christ, risen and victorious over death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give power to Your Word as it is proclaimed boldly by Your Church filled with the Holy Spirit in the faithful witness of all—as it is preached and taught by all who are ordained and commissioned by You as well as those to whom You have given the gifts to be faithful witnesses of Your salvation and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Turn the hearts of all who bear the authority of government in our land and around the world that they serve and lead all people in the ways of justice, peace, and freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P To all who suffer sickness or injury, give the comfort of Your healing. And to all

who suffer any persecution for standing for the truth of the Christian faith, give strength to endure. To all increase faith and faithfulness, believing that the risen Christ leads us to the glory of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added here.

P For all the faithful who have gone before us, for the prophets and apostles, for saints and martyrs, especially for Your servant Stephen, we give You thanks and ask that You strengthen us to walk according to their example throughout all our days to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Offering [*Your offering may be mail to or drop off at the church.*]

Offering Hymn “For the Fruits of His Creation” *LSB 894*

- 1 For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev’ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God’s will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God’s will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God’s will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,

Thanks be to God.

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Offertory LSB 159

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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.**

Hymns

“You Are the Way; through You Alone” *LSB 526*

- 1 You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.
- 2 You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;

Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.

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“Thine Forever, God of Love “ **LSB 687**

- 1 Thine forever, God of love!
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity!
- 2 Thine forever! Oh, how blest
They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend,
O defend us to the end!
- 3 Thine forever, Lord of Life!
Shield us through our earthly strife.
Thou, the life, the truth, the way,
Guide us to the realms of day.
- 4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.
- 5 Thine forever! Thou our guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n;
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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“The Church's One Foundation” **LSB 644**

- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,

Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
 May see You face to face.

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 165*

**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of
ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Closing Hymns “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB 465*

- 1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

“SHARING WITH OUR FAMILY IN CHRIST”

May 9& 10, 2020



A BLESSED MOTHERS DAY TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS.

+WORSHIP+

► **DEBBIE PREHN** is still recovering following surgery at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur, Illinois.

[If your cards or letters to Debbi have been returned to you, or if you wish to help Debbi out financially, you may mail them to Debbi Prehn % Prudence Ishmael, 703 McAdam Drive, Taylorville, Illinois, 62569.]

THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Mike Seeley; Bonnie Hornbeck; Bill & Sharon Matthews; Lyle Reller, Paul Hartig, Teresa Burdick and Debbi Prehn.

NON-MEMBER CONCERNS: Prayers for Rocky Moore, by his friends that work at the city departments; Prayers for Julie Eson, has issues with chronic vertigo by April; A friend of Debbie Prehn – Chuck Hendricks; Darla Gatton (stroke) prayers have been asked for her; Denis Corso's sister, Brenda, Barb Beck's brother-in-law's sister; Patti Esswein's daughter; Norvella Arkebauer's mother; Those suffering from natural and manmade disasters, especially friends and family members of our congregation; Regina Wilderman; Chris Owens, a stroke; Lillian Reller's nephew, Lonnie, with health concerns; Barb Beck's brother, Gary; Bill Schroyer; Lyle & Lillian's grandson,. Londyn Kleimola- daughter of Leroy & Christy Kleimola and Donna Lucas –friend of the Matthews.

MILITARY MEMBERS: Marjorie Evans; Justin & Jared Misiorek; Andy Noblet; Richie Holmes, Brandon Mills; Peter Knope II, Shawn Durbin; Clayton Hays; and Andrew Soulsby

MILITARY PERSONNEL CONNECTED TO OUR WORSHIPING FAMILY: Nephews of Pastor & Tammy Blomquist; Lyle & Lillian Reller's 3 grandsons (Kyle, Josh, and Jake; Patti Esswein's sons, Gene & Billy Esswein: Ken Gatton's grandson, Josh; Barb McMahon's son, Peter Koepp; Joshua, the husband of Annie Plant; Lyle & Lillian Reller's grandsons (Drake and Blake; Cory Bonacorsi – grandsons of Ella & Julius; and Natalie Durbin, wife of Shawn Durbin;

CARDS AND NOTES FROM HOME NEEDED FOR New Address–Peter Knope, 1376 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601-4541; Brandon Mills, PSC 94 Box 2416, APO AE 09824 and J.T & Marjorie Evans, 24847 Sanford Corners Road, Calcium, NY 13616-2258; Josh & Annie Plant, 13180 East Mesquite Flat Spring Drive, Vail, AZ 85641-2503; If your son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter is in the service and would like to hear from us, submit their addresses to the Church.

THOSE LIVING OR CONVALESCING IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES OR AT HOME: Taylorville Care: Bonnie Hornbeck, & Carrie Rhodes; Nokomis Rehabilitation & Health Care: Roberta Trelz; Springfield Mill Creek Alzheimer's Special Care Center: Lou Silotto; Eastview Terrace, Sullivan: Rose Marie Smith; at their homes: Marie Fouts, Eilene Everlen, Jim & Margaret Muir

LEARN/REVIEW the teachings of the Bible by attending the Adult Confirmation Class. Just let Pastor know if you wish to attend.

► **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE Radio, KFUE Radio** KFUE Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUE.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

This week on KFUE.org, study the well-loved Romans 8 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), worship with us in Daily Chapel services (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT), and dig into our Lutheran Confession of faith on Concord Matters (5/12 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org.

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WTIM 96.1 FM or 870 am Sunday mornings @ 7:30 a.m.

(If you wish to support the broadcast of the Lutheran Hour on our local radio station, you can write out a check to Trinity Lutheran Church and on the memo line write: "Lutheran Hour on WTIM." It costs \$30.00 a week. You can place the check in the offering plate or drop it off at the office during the week.)

WLUI 89.7 or 100.1 FM Sunday afternoons @ 1 p.m.

(Funds are needed to continue the support of this broadcast on WLUI. If you can contribute to this ministry, send your donations to Rev. Rich Harre, 5258 Golf Club Drive, Auburn, Illinois 62615)

WATCH LUTHERAN MINISTRIES – “Worship Anew” on Television channel 49, Sunday Mornings @ 7:30 a.m. Also on Direct TV Channel 377 TCT @ 10:30 a.m.

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO at <http://lutheranpublicradio.org/iphone/>

GO TO cidlcms.org and check out *The GatePost*. There is a special addition for Holy Week including something for the children

► **WITNESS AND OUTREACH** *Easter 5*

John 14:1-14: When Jesus proclaimed Himself as “the Way, the Truth and the Life,” He was telling His disciples and each of us that He came to “orient” us in this upside-down, mixed-up world of ours. The question of Thomas in our Gospel is a commonly asked question, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going; we don’t know where we should go or what we should be doing, so how can we possibly know the way? And it was then that Jesus gave us a reference point to orient us, to give us direction and to be our constant magnetic north, no matter where we are in life. The word “orient” literally means, “to position oneself with respect to one specific reference point.” The specific reference point that our God gave to us was His Son, the Living Word. The reason we need Jesus to orient us in this world is that sin, the world and our flesh, and the working of the devil are seeking with all their might to disorient us. God needs us to be able to share His orienting, Living Word in this disorienting world so that people will know the Way and so they will find their way home to Him. By this Word, you have been made a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. By this Word, the stormy sea is calmed, the sick healed, the dead are raised, the hungry fed, the leprous made clean, the sinful forgiven. How can we not share this Word, Jesus, who is our HOME, our WAY - and do it today with

someone who has just lost their way? There's NO WAY but YAHWEH!

► **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR –Easter V & Mother's Day** – “Like newborn infants,”—gestating embryos, even—says 1 Peter 2:2. Aren't we all? Helpless, dependent, rendered powerless by sin, but for the Savior's grace. Yet protected, provided for, and precious (1 Peter 2:4)! Every member of our race embraced and cradled by a Heavenly Father Who loves even more than Mama. If motherhood manifests His compassion, how much more the babies dwelling in their bellies!

► **LOVING ARMS, INC.** traditionally has their “Bottle Boomerang” campaign at this time. I suggest that you continue to set aside coins and donations for Loving Arms. Inc. either by having a jar or a little box next your last year “Bay Bottle Boomerang.” We will let you know when and how you may drop them off either here at the church or at the center.

TORNADO RECOVERY CONTINUES - Volunteers are still needed especially semi & skilled laborers for roofing, plumbing and other types of repairs. Contact Lloyd Hoover 825-7159

Donations can be made payable to: “Missions for Taylorville” and mailed or delivered to: Taylorville City Clerk, 115 North Main, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.

HOW TO HELP THROUGH LCMS WORLD RELIEF AND HUMAN CARE

Give to Disaster Relief: Text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 , [Give to hurricane relief](#), [Give to flood relief](#)

[Give to tornado relief](#), [Give to wildfire relief](#), [Thrivent matching gift opportunity](#)

Call 888-930-4438 To make a credit card gift by phone, call the LCMS toll-free donor care line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time.

Mail On the memo line or enclosed note, please indicate how you would like your gift to be used. (Disaster Response – where needed most, wildfire relief, hurricane relief, etc.)

Make check payable and mail to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

► **CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY:** *Taylorville Ministerial Association Food Pantry located at 1429 E. Main Cross, Taylorville. Hours are Tuesday morning 8:30 - 10:00, Thursday nights 5:30-700 and Saturday mornings 8:30- 9:30.)*

Since November 13, 1984, the TMA Food Pantry has been “Feeding Hunger with Heart.” With an annual operating budget that nears \$40,000, hundreds of people in Taylorville receive nutritional food assistance. Corporate donors arranged through Feeding America, like Kroger, Aldi and Walmart, and local retailer CVS and wholesaler Ron's Produce routinely donate food product to our pantry.

Donations of volunteer time and money are always welcomed! In addition, the following items are routinely given out and could be used as a shopping list or guide for a non-perishable food drive:

- Boxed dinners like Hamburger Helper
- Canned dinner like Spaghetti O's
- Canned fruit

- Canned soup (Tomato and chicken noodle)
- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, other)
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Jelly
- Jiffy corn mix
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Noodles
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut butter
- Pork & Beans
- Pudding
- Ramen Noodles
- Rice
- Snack items
- Tuna
- Garden vegetables and fruit

Through a partnership with the Senior Citizens of Christian County, round-trip transportation to the Food Pantry is available on the second and fourth Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. from Hershey Tower and Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. from Park Glen and Senior Village Apartments at 8:45 a.m. You do not need to be a resident to use this service. Those 60 years of age and above ride free, those under 60 are requested to make a donation of \$2 per round trip. Riders are asked to call ahead to the Senior Center at 217-824-4263 by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday (for Thursday's shuttle) and by 4:00 p.m. Friday (for Saturday's shuttle).

For more information about the TMA Food Pantry, please contact Amy at 217-820-5174.

► **OFFERINGS: May 2& 3, 2020: \$** (*No Money Counters this past week*) (*Mail to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 N. Webster St., Taylorville, IL 62568 or drop off your offering at the church office.*)

Weekly Budget Needs: \$3,605.80

► April Income: \$12,865.07

► April Expense: \$13,781.21

► Year to date receipts thru April: \$58,448.49

► Year to date expense thru April: \$65,369.20

► Difference between Yearly Income and Yearly Expense: \$6,920.71

If you do not have a box of envelopes and wish to use envelopes this year, contact pastor or write, "Envelopes Please," by your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" register located at the end of the pews.

You may mail your offering too, drop off at or bring it when we gather again at the church.)

PRESCHOOL NEWS – We have openings in the 3 yr. old & 4 yr. old class for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online @trinitylutherantaylorville.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 217-824-8148. TIMES March 2020 Newsletter is posted on the bulletin board.

► **Mid-Week Stewardship Thought**

We Can't Serve both God and Money

By nature, we are selfish and greedy people. Our society encourages that sinful mindset by telling us that more and newer is better. Although Scripture nowhere teaches us that being rich is sinful, it does warn us that wealth may be a trap and temptation *“that plunges men into ruin and destruction”* (1 Timothy 6:9). Jesus said, *“You cannot serve both God and Money”* (Matthew 6:24). An indication that our money has become overly important to us is when we ignore the needs of others and the needs of our church. With God's strength, we can place God first and overcome the temptation to love our money.

1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The Apostle says that God has done this that we may share in His glory and joy, that we may “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy in our hearts as well.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I pray You will enable me to be faithful with all my blessings, especially in the attitude toward and in the management of my money. Help me always to be thankful for what I have. I thank You for Your constant love and presence in my life. Through Christ I ask these things. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

+LIFE TOGETHER+

► **May 10, 2020 –May 17, 2020**

(All Divine services, Bible Studies, after school catechizing classes are cancelled. Meetings will be called as needed. Preschool and ChildCarePLUS will remain close until further notice.)

PRODUCTS OF THE WEEK

Concordia Publishing House
cph.org 1-800-325-3040

► **God's Word Changes the World—and you.**

Welcome to a reading adventure that's all about Jesus.

It is always a good time to relax and explore God's creation. But don't forget to spend some time discovering new things about Him too!

We're all looking for a ways to keep children entertained and learning. We know many children tend to experience learning loss, losing gains they may have made in reading, math, and other subjects during time away from their traditional classroom.

With CPH Reads, you don't have to worry about missing out on fun or losing achievement gains! With easy to access lists of Christ-centered books, children can self-select the titles they'll enjoy most while keeping up with their reading skills! But it's not just for kids: adults can read and earn points, too.

Register today and start reading!

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE

► **The Camp CILCA Lowdown**

May, 2020

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org / 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625

Hog Roast, May 24th: The Hog Roast will go forward on May 24th as planned! If government restrictions allow, you are invited dine at CILCA on delicious smoked pork sandwiches and all the trimmings. If not, carry-outs will be available for individuals or families. Either way, show your support for Outdoor Ministry at this annual event!

SUMMER 2020: The summer program is moving forward and still accepting registrations! Of course, much depends upon the possible extension of government restrictions. CILCA will take every possible precaution to keep campers safe. Sign up today to spend some quality time in God's creation!

Another Generations Camp will be held June 19-20.

Find out more on-line at www.cilca.org
Email camp@cilca.org / Call 217-487-7497

Part-Time Cook/Kitchen Assistant: CILCA is still in need of a part-time cook to help with Outdoor Education and the Summer Camp program. 10-30 hours per week. \$12-\$14 per hour. Contact the camp office to apply.

Summer Camp Registrations are available on the table in the narthex and online

(► Indicates new announcements.) [You may also read our announcements online at www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org You may also receive them by E-mail by writing your E-mail address beside your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" located at the end of the pew.]

Color each room a different color. Use your favorite color to show which room you picked for yourself.

