

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

"Bringing Jesus to Jackson"
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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Confession and Absolution

- **L** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- L Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **L** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- L Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- L Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Introit

Ps. 98:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 98:1

- L Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- **C** His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

- **I** The Lord has made known his salvation;
- **C** he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- L 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.
- L Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
- **©** break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- L Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
- with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- L With trumpets and the sound of the horn
- make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD! 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.
- L Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- **C** His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L O Lord, hear my prayer.
- **C** And let my cry come to You.
- 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.

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18 ESV

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But the

voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. 11 And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. 12 And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' 15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

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

Gradual adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

- **L** Christ has risen from the dead.
- **©** God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,
- L He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- **C** he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

Revelation 21:1-7 ESV

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from

the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

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

Alleluia and Verse

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- **L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹² [Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" 18 So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

Hymn

"In Thee Is Gladness"

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Letter from Pastor

St. John 16:12-22

"Our Sorrow Will Turn to Joy"

Prayer of the Church

Gracie Stoltenburg, Richard Polz, Mike Youngblood (Paula Hakes's brotherin-law), Theo Pietrowski, Marge Russenberger, Karen Temple, Helen Mekosch, Sharon Henning, Jane Henning, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch

Prayer concludes:

L . . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Hymn "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

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The Lord's Prayer

Collect and Benediction

- Let us pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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Thank you to our Lay Ministers Mark Mohr and Mark Oeltjenbruns for leading worship this morning!

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