

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2107 Three Oaks Rd, Cary, IL  
May 15 & 16, 2021  
**Observing the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

---

Inspired by Christ • Serving under Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ

---

Order of Service from Setting IV, page 203 in the Lutheran Service Book

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

LSB 490

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died. Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever,  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense; Jesus is my confidence!**  
*Romans 8:11; Romans 8:35-39; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Philippians 1:20-21*

*Please stand*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C: Amen.** *[Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.** *[Psalm 124:8]*

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *[Psalm 130:3-4]*

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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. *[Luke 18:13]*

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.** *[John 20:19-23]*

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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for 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. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!  
*Psalm 27:1a, 4-5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7*

### KYRIE [*Mark 10:47*]

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS [*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*]

**To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high.**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with You.**

P: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become

desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "Let another take his office.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 5:9–15

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

THE ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. [John 20:31]**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 17:11b–19

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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. And 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!

*Please be seated*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord”

LSB 771

**Be Still, my soul, before the Lord, For God is always near.  
Before your mind is moved to pray, God listens and will hear.**

**You need not multiply your words Nor pray with practiced art.  
Beyond all speech, God understands The hunger of your heart.**

**Wait, then, in quiet confidence, Your anxious thought at rest.  
God knows our needs before you ask And works for what is best**

**Be still, my soul, before the Lord; On God in patience wait.  
God's love, unseen, surrounds your life; God's help will not be late.**  
*Matthew 7:7-8; Isaiah 65:24; 1 John 5:14; Psalm 27:13-14*

SERMON

*Your offering may be placed in the collection plate in the Narthex as you depart the church.*

*Please stand*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.** *[Colossians 3:1]*

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

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *[Psalm 136]*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored,  
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating and drinking His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

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

**C: Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

*Distribution today is by station communion. Ushers will invite people to the front by family or individual. Pastor will drop the wafer into your cupped hands and you may take the individual cup yourself and dispose of it into the basket provided.*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

LSB 780

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,  
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer, Come and listen to me. Repeat**  
*Psalm 31:12; Psalm 102:1-2*

"Jesus, Remember Me"

LSB 767

**Jesus, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom;  
Jesus, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom Repeat**  
*Luke 23:42*

*Please stand*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29–32*

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace, for I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill, the glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding, Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LSB 770

**What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear–  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged– Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness– Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge– Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**