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5th Sunday of Easter



He will
guide
you into all
TRUTH



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #5

“Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”

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

C Amen.

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response: TLH #237:1

“All Glory Be to God on High”

C **♫ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on
earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**

✠ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✠

Sermon Hymn: TLH #394

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

✠ **The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen.

Hymn: TLH #402:1-2, 5

“O God, Forsake Me Not”

Convention Delegates – If you are a voter at Faith and would like to be or are considering serving as a delegate to this summer's convention, please speak with Pastor!

Voter's Meeting – A quarterly voters meeting will be held today shortly after the conclusion of the service.

CLC Call News: Mrs. Laura Wales **received the call** to be Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, her current congregation. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, **is still considering the call** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Mathew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, **is still considering the call** to Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights. MN. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven FL, **is still considering the call** to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, **is still considering the call** to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Blair Sydow **is still considering the one-year call** to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC. Blair is a member of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran.

The Introit

Ps. Ps. 98:1-4

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Sing to the Lord a new song, Alleluia, for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.

G His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

G Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

G as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Collect Prayer of the Day

P 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.

G Amen.

John 16:5-15

But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶

But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² "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.

James 1:16-21

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Confession of Faith

The 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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #231

"We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost"

Isaiah 38:9-20

A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness: ¹⁰ I said, In the middle of my days I must depart; I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years. ¹¹ I said, I shall not see the LORD, the LORD in the land of the living; I shall look on man no more among the inhabitants of the world. ¹² My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent; like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night you bring me to an end; ¹³ I calmed myself until morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end. ¹⁴ Like a swallow or a crane I chirp; I moan like a dove. My eyes are weary with looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; be my pledge of safety! ¹⁵ What shall I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it. I walk slowly all my years because of the bitterness of my soul. ¹⁶ O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. Oh restore me to health and make me live! ¹⁷ Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back. ¹⁸ For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down to the pit do not hope for your faithfulness. ¹⁹ The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children your faithfulness. ²⁰ The LORD will save me, and we will play my music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the LORD.

It's About Time

- I. That is—that we wake up and realize our own frailty
- II. That is—the time we have been given to live

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

☞ ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.