# I Have called You Friends



J9Hh 15:15

#### Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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#### **Our Mission Statement**

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

## A Prayer before Worship

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast taught us to know and confess in true faith that, in three persons of equal power and majesty, Thou art one everlasting God, desiring to be worshiped as such, we pray Thee, sustain us steadfast in that faith against everything that may threaten the same: Who livest and reignest from everlasting to everlasting, Amen. (J. K. Willhelm Loehe, 1808-1872)

## Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

## **Nursery/Cry Room**

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed at the 8:00AM service, but will be during Bible classes and 10:45AM service. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

## For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Service I – *LSB 151* 

#### Prelude

Stand

## **Entrance Hymn**

"Christ the Eternal Lord"

LSB 829



## Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 151

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

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*Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]* 

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

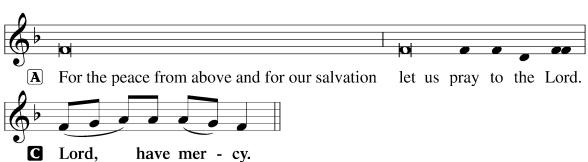
[John 20:19-23]

- 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+++

**Kyrie** *Mark* 10:47; *LSB* 152







A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



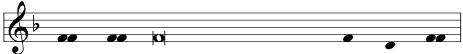




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



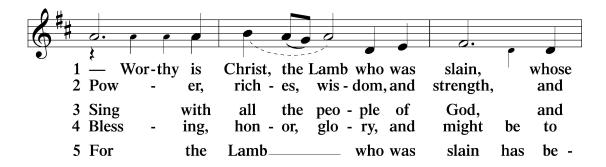
## Hymn of Praise

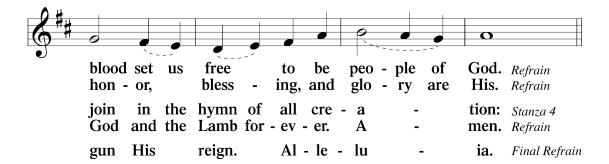
"This Is the Feast,"

Revelation 5:12–13, 19:5–9; LSB 155













- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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First Reading Acts 10:34–48

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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



The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\* he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

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

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\* he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

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.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\* break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

Sing praises to the LORD | with the lyre,\* with the lyre and the sound of | melody!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\* make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

Let the sea roar, and all that | fills it;\* the world and those who | dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

be- | fore the LORD,\* for he comes to | judge the earth.

He will judge the world with | righteousness,\* and the peoples with | equity.

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.

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Epistle 1 John 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

<sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

Stand

#### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



Holy Gospel John 15:9–17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

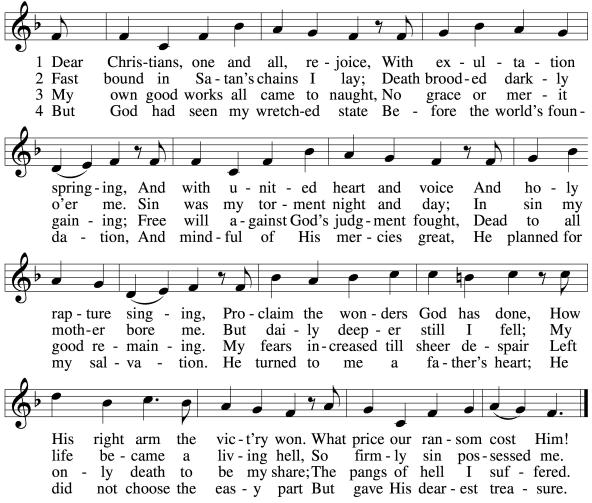
<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another."



### Hymn of the Day

"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

LSB 556 sts. 1–4



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, Wittenberg

#### Sermon

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Nicene Creed LSB 158

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.

## Prayer of the Church

Sit

(Traditionally, we collect our offerings at this point in the service. Instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options: through the mail or online at our website's "Giving" link. This QR code points there.)



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# +++Service of the Sacrament+++



# **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9, LSB 161



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-25: LSB 162

- 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."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

1 Corinthians 11:26

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Revelation 22:20

- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- 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:

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13* 

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.

Pax Domini John 20:19; LSB 163

- $\mathbf{P}$ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

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#### **Distribution**

Communicants are asked to hold their hand open to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it. If you take an individual cup, please keep it visible; otherwise the Pastor will offer you the common cup.

## **Distribution Hymns**

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 770

LSB 556 sts. 5–10

Stand

#### **Post-Communion Canticle**

"Thank the Lord,"

LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

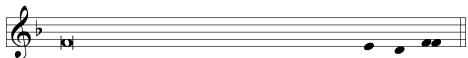
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**P** Let us pray.

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 in 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.

C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



# Recessional Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87

Sit

#### **Announcements**

#### **Dismissal**

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

# A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K-5th graders from Room 113.

#### Jr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 in Room 119 with Scott Peters.

#### Sr IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 with Pastor's adult Bible study.

# **Special Needs Bible Class**

Students meet at 9:30 with Sandy Ehrett in the Library.

#### Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study, *Objections Overruled: Answering Arguments against Christianity*, in the fellowship hall at 9:30ish.

## Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Isaiah in Room 115.

## **Voters' Assembly Today**

May 5, 2024, after the late service, we will hold our biannual voters' assembly. The focus for the May meeting is the election of officers. The agenda and the slate of candidates are available in the narthex and on our website: planolutheran.com/voters-meeting/.

## Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday Bible study starts a new study on May 14th, 2024, at noon: <u>Unshakable, Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard</u>, by Donna Snow. Workbooks are less than \$20, available from Charis or order your own. Bring your lunch and study God's word with friends. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or let Charis Bennett know if you plan to attend and if you need a workbook.

#### Come One! Come All!

The annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, May 26. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex where you may indicate your family's attendance, sign up to bring food, and volunteer to help with the preparations. There will be one service that day at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic will follow. The church is providing hamburgers and hot dogs and all of the condiments to go with those, as well as chips, iced tea, and lemonade. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Senter at 972-672-5769 or gail.senter@yahoo.com.

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# Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one's own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).

## This week on KFUO.org

Study Daniel 4-8 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and continue studying the book of Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at <a href="kfuo.org">kfuo.org</a> or wherever you get your podcasts!

# Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Daniel Kim

Acolytes: Ana Scarth, Robert Duff

Altar Guild: Susan Knowles, Beverly Moudy, Laurie George

Elders: Greg Moudy, Mike Kunschke
Greeters: Scarth Family, Duff Family
Ushers: John Frinsko, Alex Duff
Sound: Brian Wolf, Ben Slater

## This Week at Lord of Life-Today, May 5, 2024

8:00 am Early Worship Service 9:30 am Children's Sunday School

(K-5th Gr, Room 113)

Jr IMPACT Class (Room 119)

Sr IMPACT w/adults (Fellowship Hall)

Special Needs Class (Library)

Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)

10:45 am Late Worship Service

Tuesday, May 7

12:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, May 8

10:00 am Midweek Bible Study 6:30 pm Property Tax Seminar

# Next Sunday's Readings May 12, 2024

Old Testament: Acts 1:12–26

Epistle: 1 John 5:9–15

Gospel: John 17:11b–19



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Alyson Wood in celebration of Katelyn's graduation from Texas Tech; and by Scott & Jonelle Peters in celebration of Sam's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.



About the Cover: Jesus does not treat us as servants but as friends. He does not withhold from us what the Father is doing but openly shares His loving intention. The Father's love is this: "That He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). That love spills over into doing what Jesus has commanded and loving one another, especially all fellow friends of Jesus.