

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

**The Season** After forty days of repentance, the Church bursts forth in praise during Easter. Easter is the oldest festival and season celebrated by the worshipping Church. For a full week-of-weeks (49 days) the Church celebrates the resurrection of Christ on the Sundays of Easter which culminate on the 50th day, Pentecost. *The Redeemer Lives!*

**The Sunday** I am the way, the truth, and the life. Christ's message is so exclusive that it rejects all others. There is only one way to the Father, and that way is a person. The exclusivity of salvation resting in the person of Jesus Christ is a rock against which the unbelieving world crushes itself, but upon which God builds his Church. *The Redeemer Lives to be the only Way to heaven.*

Thursday and Sunday 8:00 begins on p. 4, Sunday 10:30 begins below

### Hymn:

Hymn 297 (10:30)



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,  
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,  
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,  
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,  
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Tune: BUNESSAN (55 8 D) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

### Remain Seated

M: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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Our mission is to

**Glorify God**

as we

**Gather**

around the Gospel  
to help people

**Grow**

in the Gospel  
and

**Go**

with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We  
thank God that you  
have joined us at  
worship today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children  
need to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the  
service in the  
basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He  
is present among us  
in a special way  
through his Word and  
Sacrament. We  
acknowledge our sin  
and rejoice in the  
good news of  
forgiveness through  
the life and death of  
Christ. This is the  
focus of our worship.

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## CONFESSION OF SINS

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M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.*

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought these children to be baptized. Jesus told us, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Receive the sign of the cross from the head to the heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Audrey Rose Alberts, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cannon Russel Anhalt, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made dear children of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your lives. Peace be with you.

*Stand*

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## EXHORTATION

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M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Audrey and Cannon may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C: Yes, as God gives me strength.**

M: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Audrey and Cannon and grant them a rich measure of your Spirit that they may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*10:30 Worship continues page 4*

# Hymn

# Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won CW 145



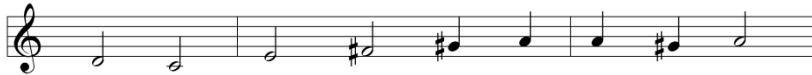
1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no  
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er  
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the



long - er can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's  
heav'n and earth is giv - en. I shall go where  
I, to Je - sus liv - ing, Pure in heart and  
me from him shall sev - er, Life nor death nor  
gate to life im - mor - tal; This shall calm my



reign is done! From the grave Christ will re -  
he is gone, Live and reign with him in  
act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry  
pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for -  
trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y



call me. Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;  
heav - en. God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence!  
giv - ing. All I need God will dis - pense;  
ev - er. God will be a sure de - fense;  
por - tal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:



This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
"Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!"

Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715-69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815-97, alt.  
Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

## Stand

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

10:30 Worship continues here

M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: **Come, oh, come, let us worship.**

**Come, Oh, Come Let Us Sing To The Lord** The congregation will sing the refrain and verses

*Refrain*

①

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

*Repeat for use with canon*

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

*Verses*

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,

you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

*to Refrain*

Psalm of the Day

*Refrain*

The earth is full of the good-ness of  
 God, the good-ness of our God.

*Psalm tone*

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;<sup>\*</sup>  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is right and true;<sup>\*</sup>  
he is faithful in all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,<sup>\*</sup>  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it came to be;<sup>\*</sup>  
he commanded, and it stood firm.

***Refrain***

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;<sup>\*</sup>  
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,<sup>\*</sup>  
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;<sup>\*</sup>  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son<sup>\*</sup>  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,<sup>\*</sup>  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

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**First Lesson**

**1 Kings 18:16-45**

God sent Elijah to a showdown with Ahab and his false prophets to show the emptiness and impotence of all other ways besides the one way that is the LORD

<sup>16</sup> So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. <sup>17</sup> When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?”

<sup>18</sup> “I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the LORD’s commands and have followed the Baals. <sup>19</sup> Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”

But the people said nothing.

<sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the LORD’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. <sup>23</sup> Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. <sup>24</sup> Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God.”

Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”

<sup>25</sup> Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” <sup>26</sup> So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

<sup>27</sup> At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” <sup>28</sup> So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. <sup>29</sup> Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

<sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. <sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” <sup>32</sup> With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup> He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.”

<sup>34</sup> “Do it again,” he said, and they did it again.

“Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. <sup>35</sup> The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

<sup>36</sup> At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”

<sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

<sup>39</sup> When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!”

<sup>40</sup> Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there.

<sup>41</sup> And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.” <sup>42</sup> So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees.

<sup>43</sup>“Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked.

“There is nothing there,” he said.

Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.”

<sup>44</sup>The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.”

So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’”

<sup>45</sup>Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. (NIV)

## Grades 1-2:

*You Are The Way; Through You Alone*(10:30)

## Second Lesson

**1 Peter 2:4-10**

Jesus, the Living Stone, is Life, gives life, and makes living stones out of people who were scattered in darkness.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”<sup>[Isaiah 28:16]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”<sup>[Psalm 118:22]</sup>

<sup>8</sup> and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”<sup>[Isaiah 8:14]</sup>

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (NIV)

**M:** Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

## Hymn of the Day

*At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing* CW 141



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,  
3 Now no more can death ap - pall,  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!  
5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
Hell’s fierce pow’rs be - neath you lie.  
Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
This a - lone can sin de - stroy;





Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.  
 Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 This a - lone can sin de - stroy;  
 Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing  
 You have con - quered in the fight; You have  
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born  
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68, alt.  
 Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivanceice, 1566.

## Sermon      **The Redeemer Lives To Be The Only Way To Heaven**      **John 14:1-12**

There is only one way, and that way is a person. Jesus points Thomas and Philip to the one person who reveals the hidden God to us.

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God<sup>[a]</sup>; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know<sup>[b]</sup> my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you,

whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (NIV)

Stand

## You Are God; We Praise You *Te Deum*

The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses

### *Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

### *Verses*



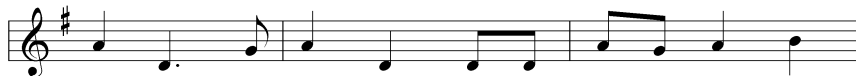
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



**praise you!** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**  
You be - came a man to set us free;



**praise you, we praise you!** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**  
You have ris - en to free us;



**praise you, we praise you!** With the mar - tyrs and your  
To the Trin - i - ty most  
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,  
bless - ed,  
glo - ry,

**We sing in end - less**

*to Refrain*  
**praise!** *to Refrain*  
*to Final Refrain*

### *Final Refrain*

1 2

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,

all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

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*Be Seated*

### **Offering**

*Stand*

### **Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie***

M: In the morning, O Lord, I cry to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Prayer for Grace**

M: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Blessing

M: The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord's face ever shine upon you. The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: **Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### Closing Hymn *Christ is the World's Light* CW 343



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;  
2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;  
3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;  
4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.  
No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.  
Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.  
Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the  
Who else u - nites us, one with God the  
He who re - deemed us reigns with God the  
Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

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