

Immanuel Lutheran Church * St. Charles, MO

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 2, 2021 @ 8:00 am &

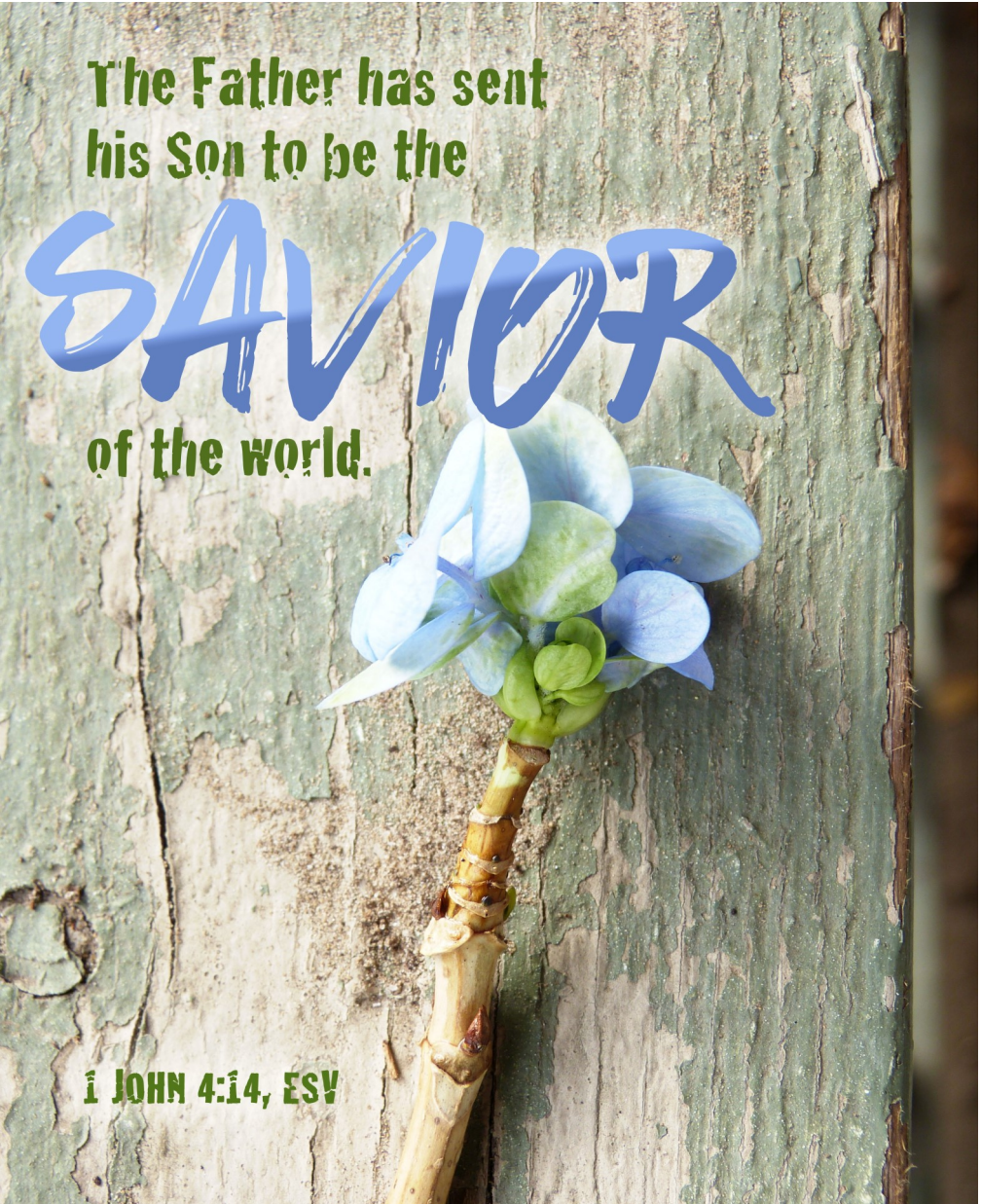
Monday, May 3, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

**The Father has sent
his Son to be the**

SAVIOR

of the world.

1 JOHN 4:14, ESV



Opening Hymn

"Lift High the Cross" - #837 v. 1-2, 5-6

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain**
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

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*Order of Worship "Divine Service Setting Three"

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

***Gloria Patri** (*sung*)

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C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Kyrie** (*sung*)

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Gloria in Excelsis** (*sung*)

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***Salutation and Collect of the Day** (*sung*)

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P 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 8:26-40

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and

asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:1-21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he

first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem (8:00)

1 *Though mountains slide into the sea,
And waters rush where fields should be,
Though monuments and nations fall,
Your holy city stands through all.
When nothing seems to stay the same,
You teach us your eternal name.*

*Refrain: I AM forever WHO I AM.
Above you, beneath you,
Around you and within you.
Be still and know that I am God.*

2 *We buy and sell, we lose or gain;
Our fortunes shift like sun and rain.
Sustain our lives, reward our toil
With bread and honey, wine and oil.
Save us and others from our greed;
You always give us what we need. Refrain*

3 *Our lust for power, wealth, and land
Diminishes the earth you planned.
Prevent our crimes and futile wars;
Convince us that all things are yours.
We rage and burn and kill and steal,
But you redeem, restore, and heal. Refrain*

"I Am Forever Who I Am" - arr. Von Kampen

4 *Like shepherds watching for the light,
Aware of dangers in the night,
We hear the angel: "Do not fear,
The Savior of the world is near."
We run, we see, we touch, we laugh.
You came to earth on our behalf. Refrain*

5 *Each generation looks for truth,
And doubt can trouble age or youth.
If other gods would take your place,
Remember us with love and grace.
Reclaim us if we go astray;
You are the Truth, the Life, the Way. Refrain*

6 *Some days seem long, though life is brief,
And death is waiting like a thief.
When vision fades and dreams go dry,
We will on unseen things rely.
Our stories take up but a page,
But yours goes on from age to age. Refrain*

***Alleluia and Verse (sung)**

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Holy Gospel**

John 15:1-8

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

C (Sung) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Hymn

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” - #633 v. 1, 2, 7, 8

**1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!**

**7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!**

**2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!**

**Δ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

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Sermon

“Loving Imperfect People” - 1 John 4:7-21

*Nicene Creed

**C 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.**

Offering

***Offertory** *(sung)*

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**☐ 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.**

***Offering Prayer**

***Prayer of the Church & Special Intercessions**

- † Aaron & Marie L on the birth of a daughter, Rose Bernice, on April 27th.
- † Willow Mabel G who is being welcomed into God's family through Holy Baptism on Sunday at the 10:45 service.
- † Debbie & Steve H who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 1st.
- † The family of Jolene S at the death of her uncle;
The family of Phyllis M at the death of her aunt, Gerry K.
- † Thanksgiving that Bob & Sheri D have accepted their Calls to Immanuel Lutheran School (for Athletic Director and Grade 1 teacher, respectively);
Amelia T (Call for Kindergarten teacher) and Maggie W (Call for DCE) who have received Calls from Immanuel and are patiently waiting for the Call process to get to the point that they can deliberate and make their decision.
- † For Christ's help and hope for those fighting cancer: *(please notify the Church Office of updates for long-term cancer patients and we will gladly include them in our prayers)* Jim A, Tim A, Nadine B, Jodi B, Dr. Jim B, Pat C, Lonna C, Diane D, Joni D, Dean E, Donna F, Marla F, Anita G, Christopher G, Doris G, Dorothy H, Bill H, Terri J, James K, Mitch K, Brenda L, Diane M, Susan M, Gary R, Marilyn S, Carol S, Julie S, Nicki S, Nicole T, Frank T, Tate V, Ulla W; *removing: Rachel M who is now cancer free!*

† Irma S who is seriously ill.
† Carol H who is recovering from knee surgery.
† Hospitalized this past week: Brian B

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*Sanctus (*sung*)

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

*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.

***The Words of Our Lord**

- 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."

***Pax Domini**

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

***Agnus Dei**

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Please be seated

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" - #680

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| <p>1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is
lifted up lifted up.</p> <p>2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.</p> | <p>3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving
evermore evermore.</p> <p>4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing
at Thy feast at Thy feast.</p> |
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5 Thine the glory in the night
 No more dying only light
 Thine the river Thine the tree
 Then the Lamb eternally
 Then the holy holy holy
 Celebration jubilee
 Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” - #474

1 Alleluia!
 Jesus is risen!
 Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb,
 Heaven forever!
 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
 Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,
 Christ in the center
 Telling the story to open our eyes;
 Breaking our bread,
 Giving us glory:
 Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
 Refrain

3 Jesus the vine,
 We are the branches;
 Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
 Heaven to earth,
 Christ to the people,
 Gift of the future now flowing to me.
 Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone;
 Sorrow, be silent:
 Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
 Cherubim sing:
 “O grave, be open!”
 Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
 Refrain

5 City of God,
 Easter forever,
 Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
 River of life,
 Saints and archangels,
 Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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***Nunc Dimittis** (*sung*)

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
 a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Thanksgiving

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

*Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

LSB 202

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 peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” - #465

1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed!
Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Δ 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Postlude**

PARTICIPANTS

Preacher Rev. Ryan Taylor
Liturgist Rev. Scott Schmieding (Sunday)
Organist Mr. Allen Loesel (Sunday); Mr. Josh Fruend (Monday)
Choir Adult Choir (8:00)
Acolyte Lea Wenger (8:00)
Sound Technician Mark Krueger (8:00)

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Please Note:

Special Voter’s Meeting—Sunday, May 16th, 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary

This meeting is being held for voters to approve a recommendation from the Call committee to make a Call for Assistant Principal and for a Call to be made for Dr. Rachel Hahn (she has now completed her colloquy and is eligible for a Call).