

*They knew it was the Lord*



**Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
Plano, Texas**

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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

*We are weak and sick, O Father, and the temptations of the flesh and the world are great and many. O Father, keep us, and let us not fall again into temptation and sin. Give us grace that we may remain steadfast and fight bravely to the end. Without your grace and help we can do nothing, Amen.*

*(M. Luther, 1483-1546)*

### 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 until further notice. 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.

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# Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service IV – *LSB 203*

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## Prelude

*Stand*



## Entrance Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”  
*LSB 525*



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

## Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 203

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

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Psalm 124:8*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 130:3-4*

- 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.

*[Luke 18:13]*

- 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.

- 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

*Psalm 145:4-7, 9; antiphon: v. 10*



All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

**One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,\*  
and shall declare your | mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*  
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\*  
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

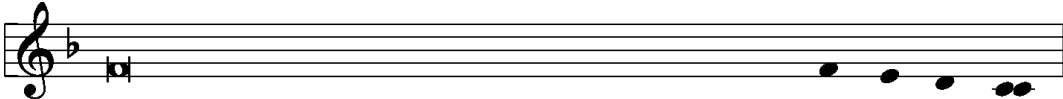
**The LORD is | good to all,\*  
and his mercy is over all that | he has made.**

**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.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,\*  
and all your saints shall | bless you!

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47; LSB 204*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 204*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 205*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.  
Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death,  
perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## First Reading

*Acts 9:1–22*

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” <sup>5</sup>And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.





**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 21:1-14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Nicene Creed

LSB 206

**☐ 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.**

## Hymn of the Day

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

LSB 483



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great  
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,  
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;  
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us  
His death has been death's un - do - ing. “And yours shall  
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's  
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave,” Saith He, who  
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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## Sermon

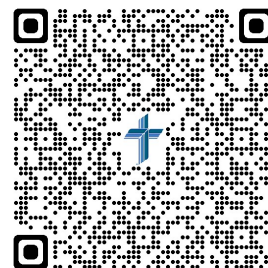
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## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

*(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, an offering plate has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's “Giving” link or with this QR code.)*

*Stand*



## +++Service of the Sacrament+++

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]; LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and 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 saying:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 209*

**P** 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 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:

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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

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

- 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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

*John 20:19*

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

*Sit*

# Agnus Dei

John 1:29; LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution

*Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand 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.*

## Distribution Hymn

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

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

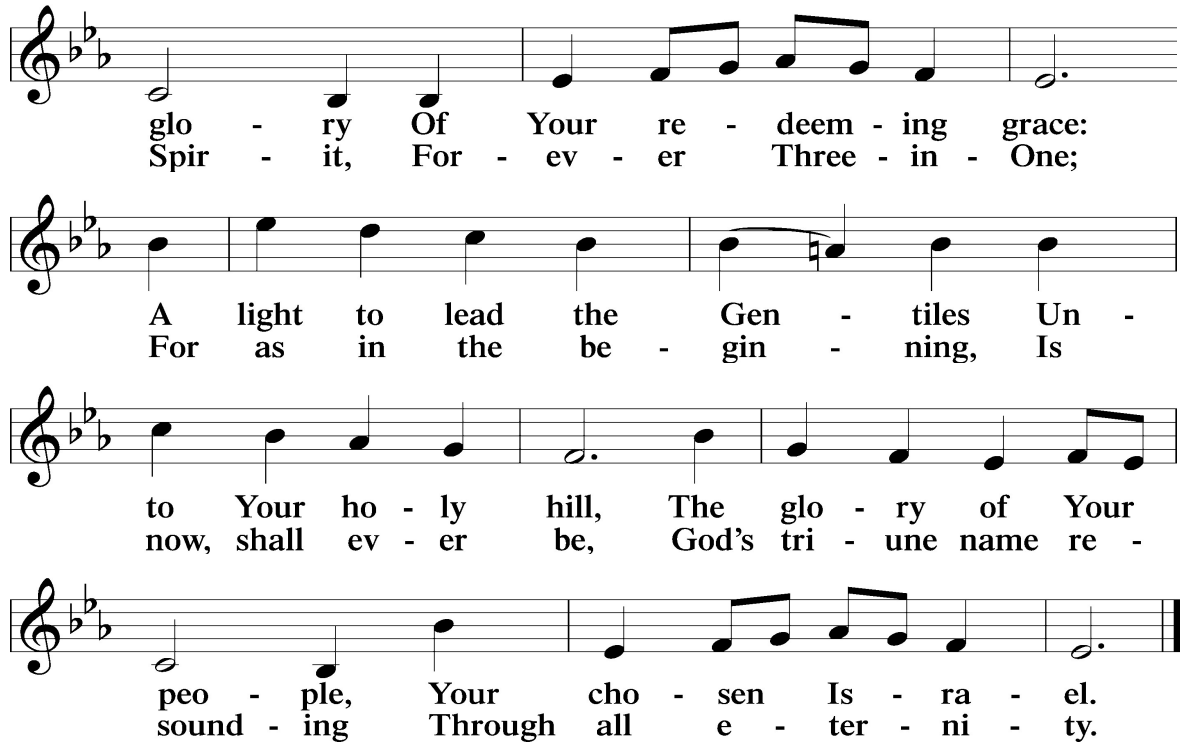
LSB 411

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32; LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

*LSB 212*

- 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.

## Benedicamus

*[Psalm 103:1]*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

“Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

LSB 688 sts. 1–2, 5



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My  
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
In suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e’er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
bat - tle’s strain The crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96 Tune: Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

*Sit*

## Announcements

### Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

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

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## 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.

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## Sunday School - Children K - 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 for a Bible study.



## **Adult Bible Class**

Pastor Shaltanis will continue a discussion of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LCMS in the fellowship hall at 9:30ish. In two weeks, the study over the Gospel of Mark continues.

## **Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative**

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Ecclesiastes. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend this class at 9:30 am in Room 114, just let Mike know.

## **Voters' Assembly after late service**

Today after the late service, we will hold our biannual voters' assembly. The focus for the May meeting is the election of officers.

## **Congregation Work Day - May 14, 9AM - 2PM**

All hands on deck. Time for some outdoor projects: hedge trimming, tree pruning, irrigation repair, laying sod, and general clean-up. Lunch will be provided.

## **Property Tax 101**

How Property Taxes Work & How to Protest Your Appraisal. Come hear Shelby Williams, Plano City Council – Place 5 and Scott Grigg, Candidate for Collin County Tax Assessor Collector, speak on this important topic on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM here at Lord of Life.

## **THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM!**

After a couple of starts and stops in attempting to lead the Estate Planning & Wills presentation, Susan Periquet will finally lead us in a discussion of this important topic on Saturday, May 21 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. (Previously she had to cancel due to two family illnesses.) Susan has been a great asset to many families at Lord of Life and she looks forward to meeting each of you interested in drafting a will, creating a trust or guardianship and assuring you that the loose ends of your personal business are tidy. Come meet Susan and enjoy some refreshments with friends.

## **IMPACT Youth Ministry Dinner Parties**

There are 2 remaining small dinners planned in May and June. A reservation table has been placed in the narthex with the dates and potential dinner menus. Each four course dinner will be a party of 10 on a Friday or Saturday night and take place at the home of Scott and Jonelle Peters.

## **Life Thought in the Church Year**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ reverses expectations. The Lamb once slain now reigns (Revelation 5). The persecutor gets converted (Acts 9). Empty nets bring abundance in (John 21). Dancing emerges from mourning (Psalm 30). Applied to life issues, this reveals what we call control – “my body, my choice” – as actually captivity, and God holds precious what we regard as paltry. Where we see only darkness and death, He has sown life and light!

## **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org**

Begin studying 1-3 John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Acts 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Augsburg Confession Article XVII on Christ's Return for Judgment on Concord Matters (5/7 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and on the KFUE Radio app!

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# GEORG ERNST FERDINAND SIEVERS

## *Pioneer Pastor with a Heart for Missions*

BORN: **MAY 18, 1816** *Lüneberg, Kingdom of Hanover*

DIED: **SEPTEMBER 9, 1893** *Frankenlust, Mich.*

**A**LTHOUGH FERDINAND SIEVERS LOST BOTH PARENTS by the age of 7, he still obtained a university education that prepared him for ministry in the Lutheran Church. Moved by reports from the mission field written by E.C.D. Wyneken, Sievers decided to carry out his ministry in America instead of Germany. By this time, J. Wilhelm Löhe was implementing a plan to establish Lutheranism on the frontier by sending a pastor along with immigrants to settle together as a congregation on land purchased for that purpose. Löhe chose Sievers to be one of those pastors. The result was Frankenlust (founded 1848), the third congregation/settlement in Michigan that Löhe began. In 1849, both the pastor and congregation joined The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Life and ministry were difficult at first. Besides his pastoral work, Sievers acted as business manager for the settlement, since he was the only one who knew enough English to deal with merchants. When sickness struck, he was in effect also the doctor since none was available locally. More than once, Sievers himself almost died due to illness, but God restored him to health and he continued to serve his people until shortly before his death in 1893.

The Saginaw River valley continued to attract German immigrants, and Sievers's congregation grew accordingly. Other congregations began in places like Saginaw and Amelith, and Sievers was active in helping them to get started, although this meant difficult travel by way of Lake Huron or barely existent roads.

It was not only Germans to whom Sievers wanted to bring the Gospel. In 1850, the Synod chose him to be chairman of its Board for Missions — a position he held for the next 43 years! Sievers supervised the Synod's efforts

to reach the lost with the Gospel. For many years, this meant evangelizing to American Indians. In Michigan, Sievers worked hard to maintain the Synod's Indian mission, Bethany, until the 1860s when the Indians moved away. He also traveled to Minnesota to begin mission work there and to gather German Lutherans into congregations.

Sievers also made it his responsibility in conventions, conferences and periodicals to remind the Synod of its responsibility to reach out to others besides the German Lutherans. If we pray, "Thy kingdom come," he argued, then we should also do something to help it come. In America and around the globe, God was opening doors to spread the Gospel. The Missouri Synod needed to respond by putting men and money into mission work. In 1894, the year after Sievers's death, the LCMS sent two missionaries to India.

**For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit [lcms.org/175](https://lcms.org/175).**

### DISCOVER MORE

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## Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:	Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist:	Laura Swor
Altar Guild:	Nancy Cawood, Kathy Hite
Acolyte:	Robert Duff
Elder:	Mike Kunschke, Doug Hite
Greeters:	Scarth Family, Duff Family
Ushers:	Ben Scarth, Jeff Loewecke
Sound:	Garrett Hacker, Nick Moudy

## This Week at Lord of Life-Today, May 1, 2022

8:00 am	Early Worship Service
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School (K-5 <sup>th</sup> Gr, Room 113)
	IMPACT Class (Room 122)
	Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)
	Adult Bible Small Class (Room 114)
10:45 am	Late Worship Service
12:00 pm	College Bible Study

Tuesday, May 3

12:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm	Elders

Wednesday, May 4

10:00 am	Midweek Bible Study
7:00 pm	Adult Choir

Thursday, May 5

6:30 pm	Property Tax Seminar
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Friday, May 6

9:00 am	Comfort Makers
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Saturday, May 7

7:30 am	Men's Bible Breakfast
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## Next Sunday's Readings May 8, 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 20:17-35

Epistle: Rev. 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Evelyn Buckmeier in praise to God for family and memories; and on behalf of the Parrent family in memory of Leo Parrent.



Easter

**About the Cover:** The disciples knew it was the risen Lord upon arriving onshore. The same Lord who fed five thousand now feeds His disciples this breakfast meal of bread and fish. The Lord was unmistakable by His Word and what He did. So also, the same risen Lord continues to speak to us and feed us this day. In the Lord's Supper, He feeds us with His very body and blood given and shed for us. The risen Lord is unmistakable in His forgiveness won on the cross and offered freely to us!