

Sunday, May 6, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Easter

Service Theme

HE LIVES TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

The gospel is the most inclusive message in the world in that the benefits of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are meant for every man, woman, and child who ever lived. The gospel is also the most exclusive message in the world, for it maintains that salvation can only be found in one place: the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus says: "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). Note that he does not say, "I am a way," but, "I am the way" – as in, he is the only way to God. Truth and life are only found in him. The unbelieving world considers that claim to be the most offensive teaching in all of Scripture. Yet it is the very truth upon which Christ builds his Church and through which we are saved.



1 "Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, Life and Health of all,
 3 He, of life the au - thor, Death did un - der - go,
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, Bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"
 God from heav'n be - hold - ing Hu - man na - ture's fall,
 Trod the path of dark - ness, Sav - ing strength to show.
 All that now is fall - en Raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the Dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
 Of the Fa - ther's God - head You, the on - ly Son,
 Come, then, True and Faith - ful, Now ful - fill your word;
 Show your face in bright - ness; Shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, All his works a - dore.
 Man-kind to de - liv - er Man-hood did put on.
 This is your third morn - ing— Rise, O bur - ied Lord!
 As in E - den's gar - den When the world be - gan.

Refrain



"Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"

DIVINE SERVICE II - Adapted

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: DUKE STREET



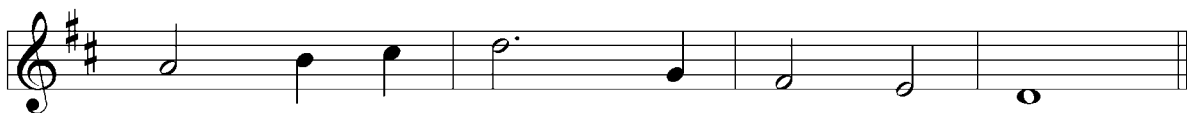
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON – Acts 4:8-12 (EHV)

St. Peter told the Jewish leaders that the man they had crucified was raised to life and therefore is the only man in whom salvation is found.

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, ⁹if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom

you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

PSALM – 118 (p. 108)

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
joice and be glad! This is the day the
Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Psalm tone

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

The LORD is my strength and my song;*
he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done
mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
and will proclaim what the LORD has
done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered
me;*
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has
become the capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is
marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

Refrain

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 2:4–10 (EHV)

*The claim that Jesus is the only way to heaven is like a stone over which unbelievers stumble.
But that truth is the cornerstone on which Christ builds his Church.*

⁴As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.

⁷Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,

⁸and, a stone over which they stumble and a rock over which they fall.

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia. (John 14:6)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL – John 14:1–11 (EHV)

M: The Gospel according to John 14:1–11

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Jesus teaches that the only way to draw near to God the Father is through God the Son.

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. ⁴You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

⁵“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. ⁷If you know me, you would also know my Father.

From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸“Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that is enough for us.”

⁹“Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works.

¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

356 You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can
2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In you, O Christ, has
wis - dom can im - part, You on - ly can in -
claims your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

SERMON TEXT – Acts 4:8-12

SERMON THEME - **God raised Jesus to be our only Saviour.**

- 1) Don't reject him because he doesn't fit your life.
- 2) Let the Holy Spirit build your life on him instead.

APOSTLES' CREED –

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of all grace, we thank you for the gift of eternal life in your Son. By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles, you have assured us that our faith stands on a sure and solid foundation.

Though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us see him with the eyes of faith. Through your Holy Spirit, breathe on your Church that it may faithfully proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people. Grant that we also may be illumined by the heavenly light of your Word, and so keep us in the one and only true faith.

Preserve us from all assaults on our souls, deliver us from doubt and despair, and preserve us from worldly wisdom and false teaching.

Forgive the sins of your people. Strengthen the doubting and faithless. Bring back the forgetful and wayward, and comfort the anxious and the distressed.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

As we go from this holy place today, grant peace and rest to us all. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

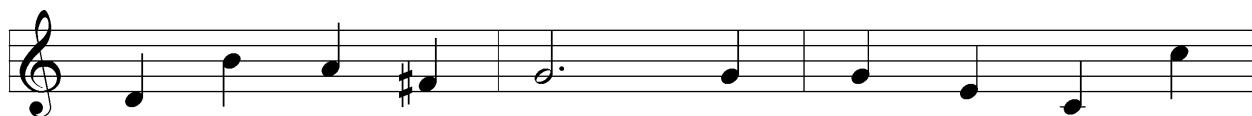
Tune: LANCASHIRE



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er



grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

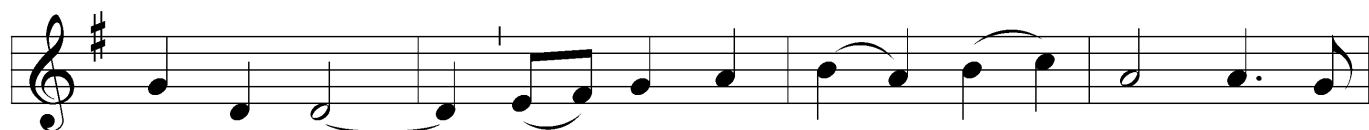
C: Amen.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



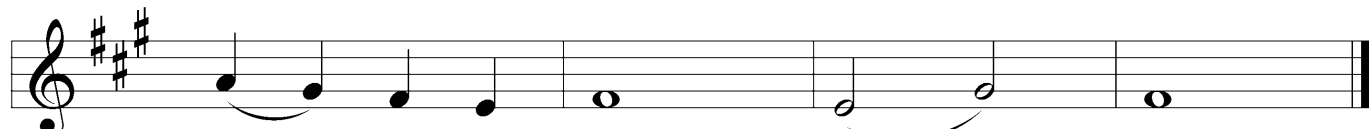
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -



light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THANKSGIVING

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us
 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,
 5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not
 with your Word And thus now and here -
 pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and
 boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and
 Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.
 af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
 keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
 wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.
 fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
 Among us with your love;
 Grant steadfastness and help us
 To reach our home above.

Announcements

Church Cleaners:

May 14 – Philip // May 21 – John

Divine Sisters Meeting

The Divine Sisters Meeting has been postponed until June 11.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (7)	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion First Fellowship Potluck
Th (9)	6:30 pm	Confirmation (W)
Fr (12)	3:00 pm	Online Women's Bible Study
Su (14)	9:00 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 3:00 pm	Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion Coffee Hour Worship & Communion in Poltimore
Tu (16)	4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation (D) Elders Meeting
<i>Pastor will be out of town from May 18-23</i>		
Su (21)	10:30 am 11:45 am	Worship Coffee Hour



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