#### *Communion Statement* <u>We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service</u>

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term "Communion" describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion; sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not "in communion" with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

\*\* Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water) There is gluten free wafers.

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Divine Service IV

6th Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

Pre-Service Music

## Special Video Presentation

## Welcome and Announcements

#### Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Salutation

 $\mathbf{P}$  The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**C** And also with you.

Please share the Peace of Christ with a wave of your hand from where you sit. 3

## **556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice** [sts. 1-3] A Lamb of God Favorite



Please stand as you are able

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

#### Invocation

- **G** Amen.

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#### Exhortation LSB 203

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- 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.

#### Confession of Sins LSB 203

## Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

#### Absolution LSB 203

- 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

#### Psalm 98

P <sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

#### His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

# G<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

- All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- P<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
- <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
- <sup>9</sup> before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
- He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Please be seated

#### First Reading: Acts 10:24-48

<sup>24</sup>And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup>When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. <sup>26</sup>But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." <sup>27</sup>And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. <sup>28</sup>And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to

visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. <sup>29</sup>So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."

<sup>30</sup>And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing <sup>31</sup>and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. <sup>32</sup>Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' <sup>33</sup>So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

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

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

#### Epistle Reading: 1 John 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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

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

Please stand as you are able

#### **Easter Acclamation**

- **P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Alleluia and Verse



Verse LSB 205







#### Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will

abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

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

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.
- **Apostles' Creed** 
  - I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
    - And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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 ${\sf T}$ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

#### Children's Message 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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#### **Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sermon: 1 John 5:1-5

## **Offering and Prayers**

#### Offering:

Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that is still on-going despite the Pandemic restrictions. Please mail in your offering, give on-line at our website, or drop your offering envelope off in the lobby in the offering box across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 am-1 PM

#### Offering Verse: John 15:16a

<sup>16</sup>You did chose you and apshould go and bear fruit should abide

Please stand as



not choose me, but I pointed you that you fruit and that your

you are able





#### Prayer of the Church

- Blessed God, You do not reject our prayers or remove Your steadfast love from us. Hear us now and answer us in Your love for Your whole Church and for all people according to their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### G Amen. Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able

#### **Easter Acclamation**

- **P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** 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.
- 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 17

the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

 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

Dur 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

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

C Amen.



Please be seated

#### Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

#### **Right Column**

The true body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** 

The true blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.** 

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

#### **Table Dismissal**

Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.

#### 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with			
trem - bling stand; earth He stood, on the way sleep - less eye, Pon - der noth-ing earth - ly - mind - ed, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence			
For with bless-ing in His hand In the bod - y and the blood, From the realms of end - less day, As with cease-less voice they cry: Christ our God to earth de- He will give to all the Comes the pow'rs of hell to "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-			
scend - ing faith - ful van - quish lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!" Text and tune: Public domain			

#### 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence A Lamb of God Favorite

1 Be - fore throne the of God a - bove I have а 2 My His hands, name is My name is grav en on 3 When Sa tan tempts And tells me me to de - spair, Sav - ior died, 4 Be - cause the sin less My sin - ful strong, great High Priest, whose name is per - fect plea: A а writ -His heart; Ι know that while in heav'n He ten on guilt with - in, of the Ι see Him Up - ward look, and soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is ev - er Love, Who lives and pleads for me. stands No tongue can bid me thence de part. there Who made an end of all my sin. fied То look Him and on par don me.

5 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!

574 Before the Throne of God Above

6 At one with Him, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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#### The Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Please stand as you are able



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**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 LSB 212

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

#### Benediction

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.

### **556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice** [sts. 7-10] A Lamb of God Favorite

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
8 "Though he will shed My pre-cious blood, Me of My life be -
9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast
cend - ing, And, heav'n-ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
teach - ing; So shall the king-dom's work be wrought And hon - ored
striveand wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach-ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The
where I am you may re-main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav'n-ly trea - sure should de-stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."
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#### Easter Acclamation

- **P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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#### Sharing of the Peace

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- **C** And also with you
- **P** The love and the Peace of Christ Jesus, Your Savior, has been poured out upon you richly and abundantly this day. In the same manner as He has shared with you, pour out these gifts upon those around you who need to hear the Gospel from your lips and by the work of your hands. In doing so we serve in the world as His Church.

#### **Closing Peace**

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord C Thanks be to God



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