

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

Please stand.

♪ **THE HYMN** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

#700

THE CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

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(Confessing our sins and hearing the assurance of Christ’s forgiveness)

THE INTROIT *(Opening Sentences)*

Psalm 98:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

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

Pastor: The LORD has made known his salvation;

People: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

People: with the lyre and the sound of melody!

Pastor: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

People: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

**All: 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.**

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

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

♫ THE KYRIE

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♫ THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them

just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand.

♫ **THE VERSE** (*We stand out of reverence for Christ*)

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:12-22

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH – Apostle’s Creed (*inside back cover*)
(*A statement of faith Christians have used for centuries*)

Please be seated.

THE REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHOIR “Canon of Praise” from Psalm 103
by Johann Pachelbel and Hal H. Hobson

**All within me bless the Lord; all within me bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, all within me bless God’s holy name.**

O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good.

**God the Lord is gracious, God’s mercy is the same forever.
As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves His own.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
remember God’s mercy, remember God’s love.
O bless the Lord, O my soul; O bless God’s holy name.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

♫ **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling" **#827**

THE SERMON *"The Mission Field Includes Everyone Everywhere"*
Acts 11:1-18

THE OFFERING *(In response to the Gospel we offer our service and gifts to help proclaim it to the community and world around us)*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition of the prayer concludes:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that Christ is really present in this sacrament and that His body and blood are truly received in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. If you are not a communicant member of Redeemer Lutheran, please speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders before communing. De-alcoholized wine is available in the trays of individual glasses for those who should avoid alcohol. This alternative can be spotted by its white color.

Please stand.

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♫ **THE SANCTUS** *(Holy, Holy, Holy)* **p. 208**

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD **p. 209**

THE PAX DOMINI *(The Peace of the LORD)*

♫ **THE AGNUS DEI** *(Praising the Lamb of God)* **p. 210**

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THE DISTRIBUTION

♪THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

The Church's One Foundation

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Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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The Body Given for Me, O Savior

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♪THE NUNC DIMITTIS *(The Song of Simeon)*

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THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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THE BENEDICTION *(from Numbers 6:24-25)*

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♪THE CLOSING SONG "Lift High the Cross"

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THE SILENT PRAYER

* Students receiving their first communion.

Caleb Honeycutt

Daniel Bauer

Karlie Smith