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**+ CANTATE (5th Sunday of Easter) +**  
**Service of Prayer and Preaching**  
**May 15, 2022**

***As We Gather: Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper***


Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid” (Is. 12:2).

**Opening Hymn “O Word of God Incarnate”**


LSB 523




1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;  
 3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,  
 O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
 Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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## Opening Versicles: Common

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;  
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

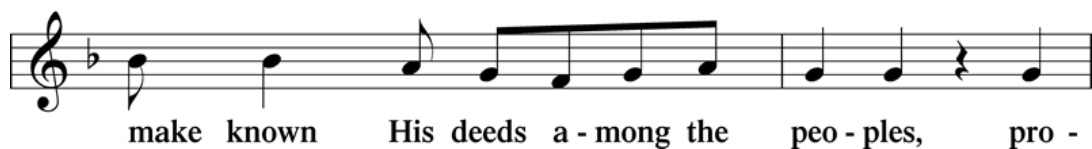
## Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

*Refrain*



■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,





## **Reading**

*Isaiah 12:1–6*

1 You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

2 “Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

5 “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

6 Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Introit

*Psalm 98:1b, 3–4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b*



Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,\*

for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Alle- | luia.

His right hand and his | holy arm\*

have worked salva- | tion for him.

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!

**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.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,\*

for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Alle- | luia.

### Reading

*James 1:16–21*

16Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17Every good gift  
and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of  
lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18Of  
his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be  
a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

19Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to  
hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20for the anger of man does not  
produce the righteousness that God requires. 21Therefore put away  
all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the  
implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*John 16:5–15*

5[Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12“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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Responsory: Common

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where our glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**



## Ten Commandments

**C** You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant  
or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs  
to your neighbor.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.

## 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.

## Sermon

“Songs for the Saints”

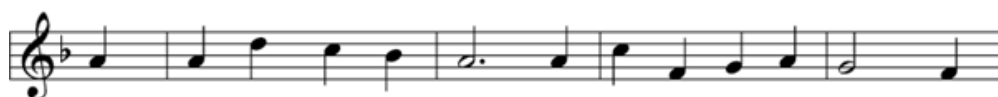
James 1:16-21

## Hymn “O God, My Faithful God”

LSB 696



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life  
 Confiding in my Savior;  
 By grace receive my soul  
 That it may live forever;  
 And let my body have  
 A quiet resting place  
 Within a Christian grave;  
 And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day  
When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
With those who love Your name.

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## **Prayer**

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]...let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Collect of the Day**

**L** 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.**

### **Collect for the Word**

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Morning Prayer**

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### **New Testament Canticle**

LSB 266

*Refrain*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Blessing**

### **Benedicamus**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

LSB 267

## **Benediction**

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

## **Closing Hymn “From All That Dwell Below The Skies”** LSB 816

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -  
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal

praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and  
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -

ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**Welcome!** *We are so glad to have you with us today!*

**Scripture Lessons for next Sunday:** Numbers 21:4–9, James 1:22–27 and John 16:23–33.

**Stewardship:** James 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” The thought James captures here is repeated over and over again in the Bible. Everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again. And He desires that we grow into His image and reflect His love. That is why God wants us to give to the ministry of His Church. God can do anything He wants to without our help. But He commands us to give so that we will grow in our imitation of His own generosity.

**Sunday School:** “The Fish-and-Bread Sign” is the topic for the lesson this week. A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, gather to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. Using just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers. Discuss, “How does God provide food for His people today?”

**Building Healthy Families for May 15th:** Pssttt...have you ever noticed that it is hard to ignore the whispered conversations of others nearby? Parents, take advantage of this reality by talking about the important things you want your kids to know...and do it just barely within their hearing distance. When they overhear you sharing words of love for your spouse, the more secure they will feel in your family. The more positive comments they overhear you making about their teacher, the more cooperative they will be with her at school. The more they hear you talking about how much you appreciate your pastor, the more they will respect him. ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)**



**Life Quote for May 15th:** “Christians are called to proclaim the truth, and that truth is clear: All life is valuable. Each member of the human race is vital. All lives are indispensable because of Christ.” Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for May 22nd:** Hear “What the Bible Is For” based on 1 Timothy 4:13 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler outlines five principles to help us better hear what Scripture is saying. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

**General Fund & Mission Giving:** When making gifts for both the general fund and missions, please provide the offerings in two separate checks as the church has separate bank accounts for these funds. Thank you.

**ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s topics include: Why the Public Square Needs Christianity, The Natural Family, The Ascension of Christ, The Hippocratic Oath, The Lord’s Supper, Planned Parenthood and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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### **Celebrating Birthdays**

*Monday...Isaac Mahaffey & Major Wyatt*

*Tuesday...Denise Cadwell*

*Friday...Helen Thorpe & Lily Madren*

*Saturday...Dale Gilman*

### **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays**

*Today...Evonne Kadera*

*Wednesday...Richard Ford & Susan Ford*

*We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.*

### **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

***May 8, 2022***

Attendance	50
General Fund	\$4108.66
Missions	N/A

### **WEEK AHEAD**

Today	9:00am 10:30am	Cantate (5th Sunday of Easter) Sunday School/Bible Study Elder: Darlo Kelting
Monday	6-8pm	Pastor in class
Tuesday	10:00am	Greek Study, Pastor in Newton
Thursday/Friday		IDE Theological Symposium; Pastor at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Next Sun.	9:00am 10:30am	Rogate (6th Sunday of Easter) Sunday School/Popcorn Sunday Bible Study Elder: Joel McDonough



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## *Workers Join Lutheran Family Service Team to Serve You!*



**Jamie McWade, LMHC**

*"I believe God created each of us to function a certain way. Our brains are complex and wonderful organs that have significant changes based on how we think, feel, and act. My therapeutic approach confirms creation and the things we learn from research that point to the amazing handiwork of God. I have been comforted by God's grace and patience with me for many years and am so excited to share that comfort, patience, and grace with those who I have the privilege to serve."*



**Amber Dopler, LISW**

*"As a young clinician, I learned quickly that I did not have the ability to heal people. It was quite humbling! The Lord used the space between my inadequacy and my desire to serve Him (given to me by Him) to draw me nearer and nearer to Him, the true Comforter. My own faith has been strengthened by witnessing His work in the lives of others, and I often find my own insufficiency and need mirrored in my clients, something I often find beneficial to use in the therapeutic relationship."*

These statements made by Jamie and Amber—therapists who serve in person through the Bettendorf office of Lutheran Family Service and to all in Iowa via telehealth—reflect who they are, and why they joined this team. Both have experience working in secular settings where counselors are required not to speak of Jesus or bring principles of the Christian faith into conversations with their clients. As a ministry extension of our LCMS churches, Lutheran Family Service therapists are not only allowed but encouraged to help people who are struggling by using faith as a resource in their healing.

The world is stressful in so many ways today, impacting all of us in some manner. Individual wellness is challenged and family relationships strained. Some to the point of breaking. Lutheran Family Service provides our church, its workers, and those they serve with professionally trained and licensed therapists who are mature Christians, equipped and called by God to serve in times like these.

When you or someone you know needs a supporting resource to walk with them through a difficult season in life, call Lutheran Family Service. We can help. It's why we're here!

*To arrange a time to meet with Jamie, Angela or another LFS therapist  
in our office or from your home via secure Telehealth link, call*

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

In an effort to help us stay on track financially and raise the necessary capital to begin a punctual construction, one of our faithful supporters has generously offered to match up to **\$25,000 raised for this mission**. We thank God for this opportunity to raise this combined amount of **\$50,000** for Luther Classical College, and we need your help to do it! Please consider using this opportunity to make a one-time gift to help us reach this matching goal **by May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

The raised funds will help us to complete the official mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and civil engineering approvals for our drawings once they are finalized. This will put us into a position to begin the bidding process for construction very soon. It will also help us to solidify the actual appearance of our Old Main building, which we are eager to share with you once complete.

Please make your donation out to Luther Classical College and send to:

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Yours in Christ,

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