

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LSB 902 Δ

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INTROIT

Ps. 98:2–6; antiphon: Ps. 98:1

P: 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.

C: The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P: 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.

C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P: 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!

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.

P: 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.

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FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ But 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. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice

saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And 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; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If 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?" ¹⁸ When 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Then 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. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And 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. ⁴ He 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." ⁵ And 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." ⁶ And 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. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:12-22

¹² Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When 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. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All 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." ¹⁷ So 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'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus 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'?" ²⁰ Truly, 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. ²¹ When 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. ²² So 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" *LSB 496*

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” LSB 620

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HYMN “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” LSB 650

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9–15

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

John 16:23–33 or John 5:1–9

THIS WEEK— (April 24th – May 1st)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

Monday: Bible Study, 1:00pm

Tuesday: Bible Study, 10:00am

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation (1st year) 5:00pm;
Confirmation (2nd year), 6:00pm

Thursday: Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm;
Bible Class, 7:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Ladies Guild Spring Bake &
Craft Sale, 10:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 04/17/16)

General Fund: \$4010.00; Building Fund: \$85.00; Blessings: \$15.60;
Genesis Fund: \$100.00; Memorial: \$85.00; Miscellaneous: \$2.00
Total Attendance: 162 (Midweek: 21; Sunday: 141)

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible study following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

...FACES OF HOPE...

2016 Banquet for HOPE LIFE CENTER

You are invited to attend the annual banquet on Tuesday, April 26th at the Central WI Convention & Expo Center, 5:15pm Doors Open, 6:00pm Dinner. **For additional information and to reserve seat(s) please contact Sandi Michaelis at 715-571-2520.**

COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday, May 2nd.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING will be Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm.

MAY LADIES GUILD MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd with fellowship at 5:30pm followed by our salad supper at 6:00pm in the upper fellowship room. We will be entertained by the Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School Choir. The sign-up sheet is located on the Ladies Guild bulletin board.

IF YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL

ADDRESS please get in touch with the church office so we can update our database. Thank you!

COMING UP ----- Ladies' Guild Spring Bake & Craft Sale, Sunday, May 1st. Enjoy some goodies and help support Missions. We invite others from the congregation to contribute also. **So, everyone, Make, Bake, and Buy-----and help share the Gospel!**

MAY HUMAN CARE DONATIONS will go for World Relief Health Kits.
Items needed: 20” x 40” inch towels (darker colors). Thank you.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS may be found on the bulletin boards.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“Instead of helping people to kill themselves, we should offer them appropriate medical care and human presence. We should respond to suffering with true compassion and solidarity. Doctors should help their patients to die a dignified death of natural causes, not assist in killing. Physicians are always to care, never to kill.” — *Ryan T. Anderson, William E. Simon, Senior Research Fellow in American Principles and Public Policy – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*
(www.lutheransforlife.org)