

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024 11:00 a.m. Service



Jesus said, “My sheep know my voice...and they follow Me.”

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
‘HEARING, SHARING, AND LIVING THE GOSPEL’

IN SHARED MINISTRY WITH
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You are invited to use the prayer cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the basket on the piano.

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Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a "sacrament" that is a means of grace by which God gives to us His mercy, grace, and new life. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives to us His body and blood in the vessels of bread and wine. Jesus says "This is my body... This is my blood." When we receive the Sacrament in faith, we receive forgiveness, stronger faith, and strength to live a new and holy life. God's Word teaches us to examine ourselves (*1 Corinthians 11:17-32*). The Scriptures also teach us to trust Jesus' Word that He is **really present** in the vessels of bread and wine. If you have any questions or doubts about the Sacrament, or other matters of life and faith, you can speak with Pastor Sippy before you commune. We ask children who have not communed with us before to meet with Pastor Sippy so that he can open the Scriptures with them and instruct them for a faithful receiving of Jesus' gifts.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Service – Setting One *LSB 151*
May 5, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LSB 411 sts. 1-3



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



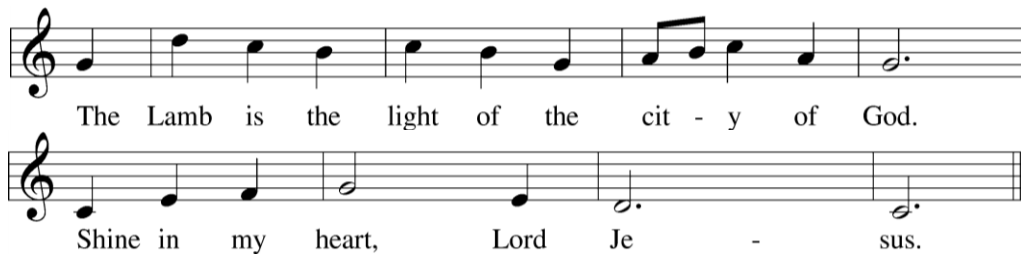
The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



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Stand

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 151

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

LSB 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Lay your hurts and burdens, worries and doubts before the Lord and receive again the love and grace of Jesus.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P 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 +

LSB 152

Introit

Ps. 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:16

P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

C Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

P Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

C who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

P Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

P 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 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

“This is the Feast”

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

34 Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that ***God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.*** 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. ***Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,*** for God was with him. 39 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, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 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. 42 And Jesus commanded us to ***share the good news with the people and to testify*** that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” 44 While Peter was still saying these things, ***the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.*** 45 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. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

A Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,

A He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1–8

1 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. **2** *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 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. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68, LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

9 [Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. **10** *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.* **11** *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.* **12** *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.* **13** *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.* **14** *You are my friends if you do what I command you.* **15** *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.* **16** 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. **17** These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



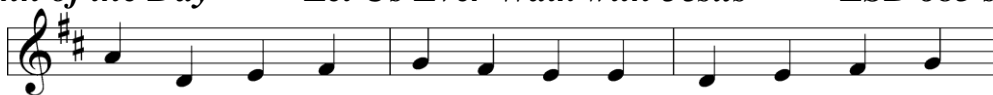
C Praise to You, O Christ.

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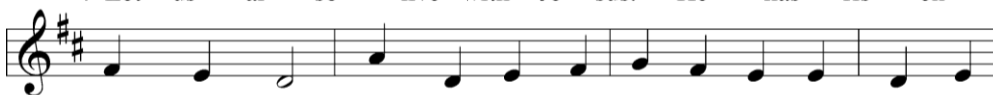
Hymn of the Day

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685 sts. 1-4



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Sermon

Pastor Jeffrey Sippy

**“Jesus CHOOSES YOU – to Be His Friends; to Love All People;
and to Keep His Commandments”**

Sermon Text

John 15:10-15

Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 158

☐ ☑ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

Installation of Dennis Smith as elder

Prayer of the Church

LSB 159

P Let us pray for Zion Lutheran Church in Bolivar and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Buffalo and for all people everywhere!

P Heavenly Father, we praise and adore You for Your wonderful Word! Grant us Your Holy Spirit and a passion and hunger for Your Word in worship, in Bible study, and in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all, You call each of us to be Your witnesses and ambassadors. Grant to us JOY, courage, boldness, and confidence in sharing our faith and the good news of Jesus, His love and forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of love, Your Son, Jesus, calls us His friends, and calls us to love, and calls us to obey Your commandments. Sanctify us by Your Word and Sacraments to be good friends, to love, and to obey. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, hear our prayers for earthly government and elected officials, for employers, for teachers and coaches, for parents, and others. Grant to all earthen leaders Your wisdom, grace, and compassion to lead in Christ-like ways, and grant that we, as citizens, would live quiet and humble lives with peace and respect for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician, hear our prayers for those for whom our prayers are requested. Grant healing when it is Your will and strength of faith to endure the trials of life. We pray especially for _____ and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Jesus, You give to us Your true body and blood to eat and drink as a testament of Your real presence, Your forgiveness, and Your empowerment to follow you. Consecrate the bread and wine with Your real presence. Consecrate us with Your real presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

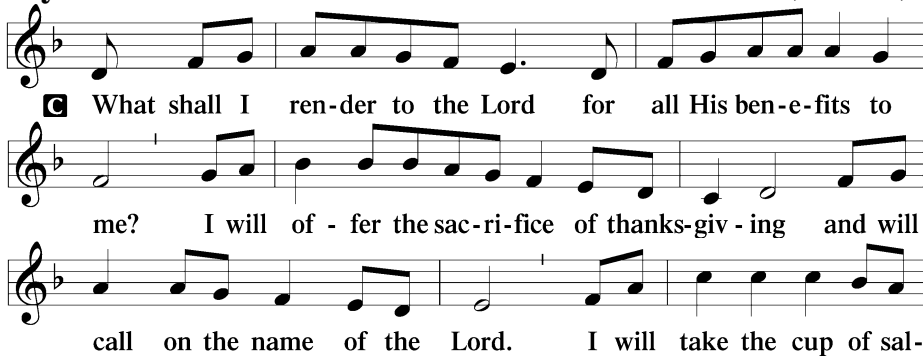
C Amen.

Offering

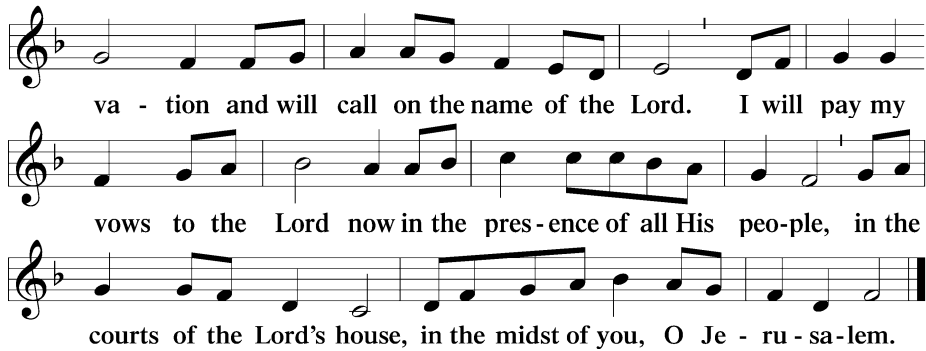
Your gift is a gift! This is not a duty or obligation. Give as you are able and as the Holy Spirit guides you. Also, please complete the red attendance book in the pew, and share your contact information. Pastor Sippy would love to reach out to you, or if you would like, you can call or text him at 417-343-8997.

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

LSB 160

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying, He has destroyed death, and by His rising again, He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9, LSB 161

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our 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.”

P 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

John 20:19, LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

We share the peace of the Lord with each other.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29, LSB 163

☐ 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 peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymn

LSB 637 sts. 1-3

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



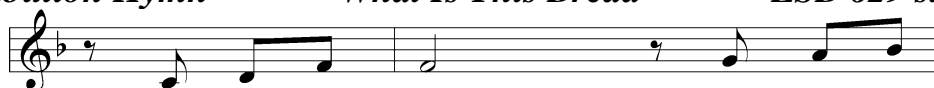
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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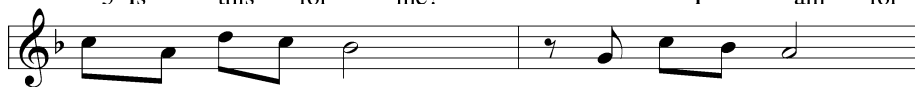
Distribution Hymn

“What Is This Bread”

LSB 629 sts. 1-5



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh, yes!	By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en from the dead:	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve



This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 164

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

P Let us pray.

P Jesus, you have given to us Your true body and true blood to eat and drink. You are really present in the bread and wine. You are truly present in us. We ask that each, the bread and wine, and us, would be made holy for Your purpose by Your Word, and by Your touch. Grant that by this eating and drinking we would be made holy unto You, forgiven and delivered from all sin, and fully equipped to obey Your commandments and to be Your witnesses; for You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 166

P 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.

Sit

Closing Hymn

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

LSB 651 sts. 1-5



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.
Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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Announcements

The week of May 12 we have a number of gathering places to pray for Zion and Our Savior, and to dialogue your vision and dreams for the future. Please join us for one, or all, of these sessions:

- Sunday, May 5, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.;
- Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 17, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Postlude