



Christ Lutheran Church

Disciples of Christ sent to love and serve the Lord

**Order of Worship**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**May 2, 2021**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**Gathering**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: We begin with confession and forgiveness.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, now and forever, Amen.

**P: Most Merciful God, with you we can be real about *who* we are.**

**We make mistakes.**

**We hurt other people.**

**We love stuff and power more than we love you and what you have created.**

**Our systems harm your people and your creation.**

**We rush to forgiveness when we need to meditate on repentance.**

**We numb ourselves when we need to sit with our feelings.**

**In the spirit of Jesus, remember us.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us.**

**Help us do better.**

**Help us be better.**

**Amen**

L: With God, in God, we remember *whose* we are.

In the midst of hopelessness, in the midst of our unworthiness, God has mercy on us.

God forgives our sins.

With God, in God, by the grace of God through the power of Jesus Christ +, you are forgiven.

In Christ's death, you have new life.

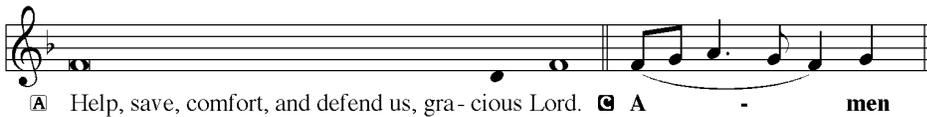
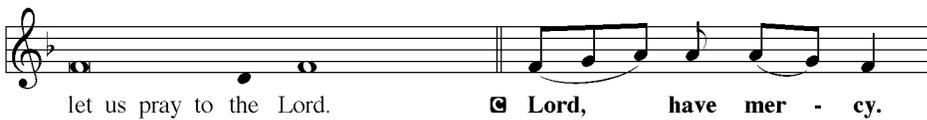
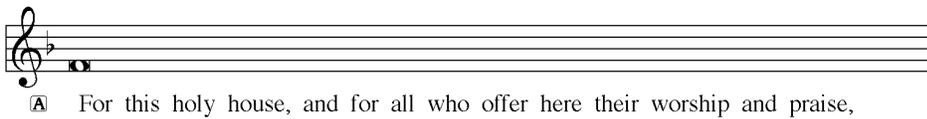
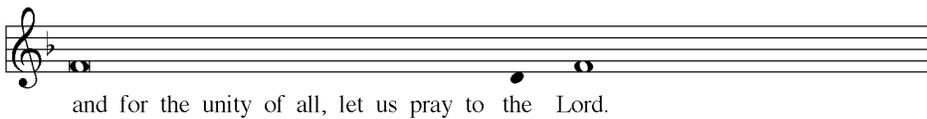
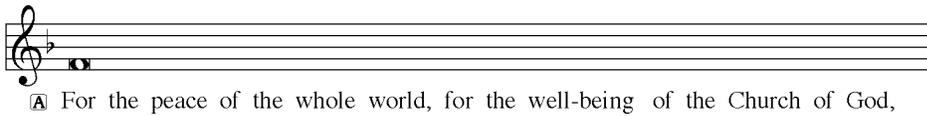
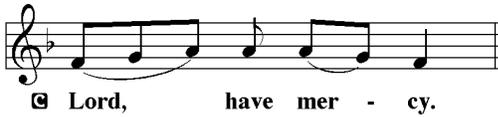
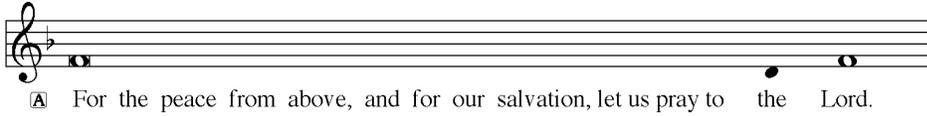
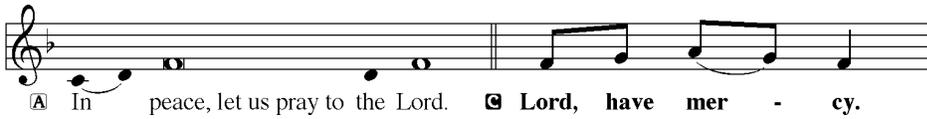
You are restored. You are reconciled.

The Holy Spirit lives in you, igniting and inviting you

Into a new life of healing and hope.

**All: Amen**

## Kyrie



## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC - *God Is Here!* (ELW 526)**

1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

# Word

## PSALM 22:25-31

(READ RESPONSIVELY BETWEEN LECTOR AND A PARTNER REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE)

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**

**who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

**whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Lector: Word of God Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 15th chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God.

*Response:* **Your mercy is great.**

We now receive the prayers of our fellowship, in silence, through chat and in word.

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Our service continues with the offering and preparation for the Great Thanksgiving.

## Meal

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with the sheep of the pastures and the birds of the air, the orcas  
Of the sea and the tulips of the fields  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

*(Communion Instructions Slide) accompanied by choir music*

All baptized Christians are invited to join this meal where we believe the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in with and under the bread and wine/juice.

As you receive communion, please share these words: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

If you are not receiving communion today, know that the full blessing of Christ has come to you in the Word you have heard.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send love to conquer violence and hate, you send water to give new life, and you send bread to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your peace to all the world.

**Amen.**

## Sending

The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### SENDING HYMN - *O Living Bread from Heaven* (ELW 542)

1 O living Bread from heaven,  
how well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
have filled my heart with rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing!  
O cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
in thankful song o'er flows.

2 My Savior, you have led me  
within your holiest place,  
and here yourself have fed me  
with treasures of your grace;  
for you have freely given  
what earth could never buy,  
the bread of life from heaven,  
that now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;  
this food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted  
the cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
the favor you have shown;  
and all my soul and spirit  
bow down before your throne.

4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened  
with heav'nly food, while here  
my course on earth is lengthened,  
to serve you, free from fear;  
and bring me home to praise you  
where none can peace destroy,  
where I will ever raise you  
glad songs in endless joy.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Remember, we are disciples of Christ sent to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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