



Who is it that
overcomes the world
except the one who
believes that Jesus
is the Son of God?

1 John 5:5, ESV



✝ Sunday, May 5, 2024 ✝
✝ Sixth Sunday of Easter ✝
10:30 am Traditional Service

Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service.

We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Michael and Roberta Murphy in memory of their grandmothers.

Prelude by Mark and Phil

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Opening Song

Our God Saves

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit, Lord, we come
We're gathered together to lift up Your Name
To call on our Savior to fall on Your grace

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down, as Your people sing
We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

Our God saves, our God saves
There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise
Our God saves, our God saves

(repeat all)

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

C Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 98

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!

C With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

C Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

P He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Prayer

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.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 145:1-10

P I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

P Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

C One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

P On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

P They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

C The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

- P** The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- C** **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!**
- P** They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
- C** **to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- P** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

Prayer

- P** 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 patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 10:34-48

- A** Do you believe that the Spirit works when and where the Spirit chooses? This happens not because you belong to a certain group or stature. The Spirit simply works. Here the people realize that God did not just come for the Jews but also the Gentiles as the Spirit provides even the Gentiles the ability to speak in tongues. God's Spirit works as God commands, and it doesn't stop working. As you hear the word this morning, may the Spirit work in your hearts to strengthen your faith. The first reading is from Acts chapter 10:

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy

Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And 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. ⁴⁶For 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?” ⁴⁸And 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.

Epistle

1 John 5:1-8

A Are God's commandments burdensome? Do we as humans actually understand this terminology? Honestly, it is hard to say. Depending on the day or the situation we may think that His commands are burdensome. Yet, that was never God's intent. Out of love He provided His laws to guide our lives and prevent us from additional turmoil. Yet, far too often we view them as burdensome and not as they were intended. Let us listen to these words from John and remember God's love and intent for our lives. The second reading is from first John chapter 5:

¹Everyone 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. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Song of Praise

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

(repeat)

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

P Greater love. There are no other words to describe Jesus' love for us. Through His greater love, not only did He die for us, but He gave us commands to guide our lives in all truth. Let us listen to Jesus' encouragement for us as we hear these wonderful words from John chapter 15:

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These 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. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷These 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.

Prayer

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

Hymn

I will Follow

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my side
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

(Chorus)

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
I will follow You

Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for You alone
You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone, in You alone

(Chorus)

Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Spirit is truth, will you follow?

Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Offering

Please stand

Offertory

Be Glorified

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!

In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church and School, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the educational institutions of our synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, and lead them to abide in His commands, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the governments and all who have been set into positions of leadership here and throughout the world, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who are sick, suffering, or in any type of need, that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who mourn, that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

Psalm 150

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P Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

C **Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

P Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

C **Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

P Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

C **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

Prayer

P Let us pray.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

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.**

Closing Song

10,000 Reasons

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Chorus)

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The Dismissal

- P** Christ is Risen!
- C** **He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**
- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude by Mark and Phil

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✠10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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