

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 19 & 20, 2019

**Welcome to Worship!** The reading from Revelation today helps us understand what will happen at the end of the world. Two things are to be remembered. One, God is in charge of what will happen and when it will happen. And two, Jesus will make all things new! What words of comfort in a crazy world!

**First time guests:** Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

**A Staffed Nursery** is available at **9:00 A.M.** below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

**Sunday School** begins in the Social Room at 10:15 A.M. **Adult Bible Classes** meet in the Fellowship Hall and Adult Instruction in 202.

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion** will be offered at **11:15 A.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. The Common Cup will be served to those who have not taken an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray. Gluten free wafers are available.

**Large Print bulletins** and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

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**THE PRELUDE:** "Lift High the Cross" -Carl Schalk

**THE OPENING HYMN:** "In Thee is Gladness"

Hymn 818

**THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:** Page 184

**THE GLORIA PATRI, KYRIE, & GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** Page 186-189

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** (We pray together)

**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. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF THE MONTH:** (We speak together) "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

**THE FIRST READING:** Acts 11:1-18 (page 919)

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." But Peter began and explained it to them in order: "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. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. 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. 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; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 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?" 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE EPISTLE READING:** Revelation 21:1-7 (page 1041)

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. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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. 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." 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." 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. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE:** Page 190

**THE GOSPEL:** John 16:12-22 (page 902) C: **(Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord**  
"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." 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'?" So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." 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'? 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. 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. 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

+++ 11:15 THE NICENE CREED (page 191) 9:00/7:00 APOSTLES' CREED (p. 192)

THE HYMN: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Hymn 633

THE SERMON: "A Whole New World"

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Lord, Take Thy Hand and Lead Me"

THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION: Pages 194-202; Hymns: 631, 722, 555

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Jerusalem the Golden" Hymn 672

*Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.*

THE POSTLUDE: (9:00) "The Heavens are Telling";

(11:15&7:00) "Rigaudon" -Andre Campra

*A pastor will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.*

**Preacher:** Pastor Rodriguez **Liturgists:** Pastor Blomenberg and Vicar Werner **Lector:**

Pastor Bloch **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Special Music:** (9:00) Brass Ensemble

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