Second Sunday of Easter April 26-27, 2025

# As We Gather

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS** is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

•Those receiving communion have the choice of the common cup or the individual cup.

•For those whose health or circumstance may require it, Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.

•Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.

•If you want communion in the pew, please let an usher or Elder know before service.

•Place individual communion cups in the baskets without stacking them.

**ATTENDANCE PADS:** We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

**LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY:** Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website (<u>hcross.com</u>). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.

# Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Service, Setting Four: April 26-27, 2025 Prelude: Variations on "O Filii et Filliae" Jeanne Demessieux Opening Hymn: "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure" LSB 533 PLEASE STAND 1 Je - sus has and brings plea - sure come e ter - nal, 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent а \_ sun - der! 3 Je - sus might - y has come the Re deem - er. as 4 Je - sus has the King of all glo - ry! come as O -Be - gin - ning Al - pha, and End: me - ga, Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis ap - pear. the threat - en - ing strong dis - armed! See now one Heav-en and earth, 0 de - clare His great pow'r. God - head. hu u - nion i - ty, man su per - nal, See Him burst through voice as thun - der! with a of breaks down walls of death's for - tress, Je - sus all the Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en ly sto - ry; 0 Re - deem - er, friend! great You come as our He sets us free from our guilt and our fear, Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed. Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour! Heav-en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der: Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or. wick ed one, own mas - ter! Sa - tan, you your now Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you! come and brings plea - sure Je - sus has e ter - nal! come! Hear God's Je - sus has the roll of thun - der! Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re deem - er! Je - sus has come! He. the King of all glo - ry!

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# Confession and Absolution

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

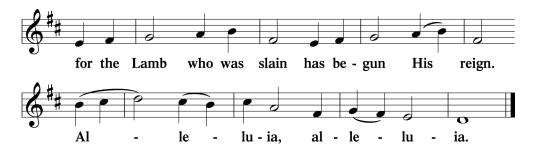
- ${f P}$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

### P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### First Reading: Acts 5:12-32

Please Sit

A The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 5.

N ow many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup>And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to

have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup>Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup>And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup>Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup>And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 148

The psalm will be chanted responsively by whole verse.



<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the | heavens;\* praise Him | in the heights!

#### <sup>2</sup>Praise Him, all His | angels;\* praise Him, | all His hosts!

<sup>3</sup>Praise Him, | sun and moon,\* praise Him, all you | shining stars!

#### <sup>4</sup>Praise Him, you highest | heavens,\* and you waters above the | heavens!

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the LORD!\* For He commanded and they were cre- | ated. Sunday

#### <sup>6</sup>And He established them forever and | ever;\* He gave a decree, and it shall not | pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD | from the earth,\* you great sea creatures and | all deeps,

#### 8 fire and hail, | snow and mist,\* stormy wind fulfill- | ing His word!

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and | all hills,\* fruit trees and all | cedars!

#### <sup>10</sup>Beasts and all | livestock,\* creeping things and | flying birds!

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all | peoples,\* princes and all rulers | of the earth!

#### <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens to- | gether,\* old men and | children!

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,for His name alone is ex- | alted;\*His majesty is above earth and | heaven.

# <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for | all His saints,\* for the people of Israel who are near to Him. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

### Epistle: Revelation 1:4-18

A The Epistle is from Revelation, chapter 1.

ohn to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every

eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.

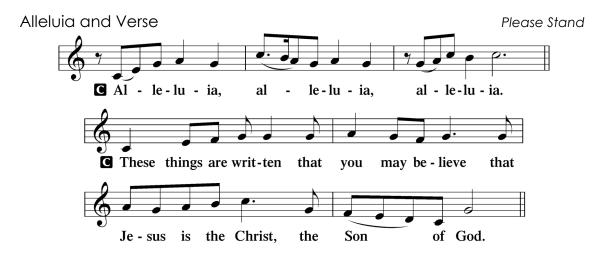
<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of His head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In His right hand He held seven stars, from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.





Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, beaotten 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.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Sunday

Hymn of the Day: "I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives"



Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Additional petitions conclude:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

### G Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

### Offering

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Voluntary: Jesus, Meine Zuversicht BWV 728

Johann Sebastian Bach

# + Service of the Sacrament +

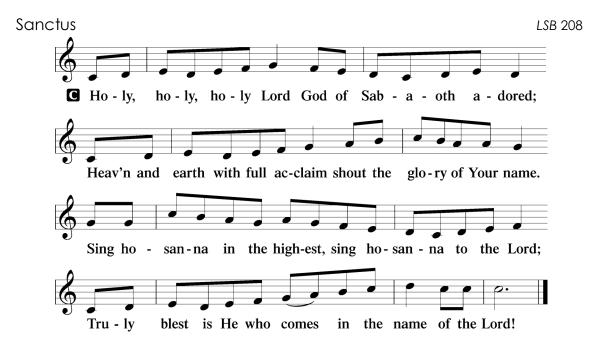
### Preface

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

### It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

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

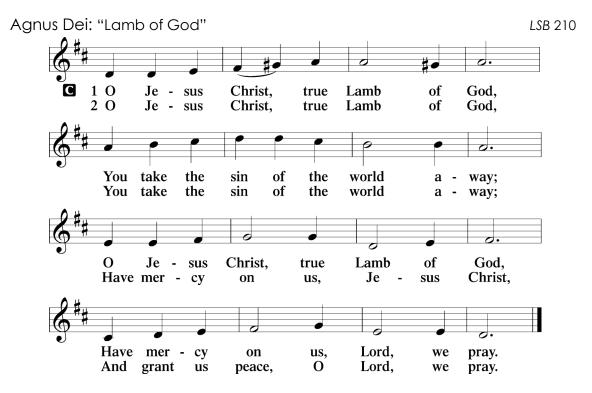
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 — The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G Amen.



### Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

LSB 470 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

LSB 480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

LSB 472 "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis



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PLEASE STAND

LSB 211

### Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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 Hymn: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Postlude: Gelobt Sei Gott

Silent Prayer & Chimes

LSB 212

Paul Manz

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Closing Hymn: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

lives! The vic - t'ry's won! 1 Je - sus Death no long - er can ap -2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a bove all things is 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died. Hence will I, Je - sus to me from Him shall lives! I know 4 Je - sus full well Noth - ing lives! And now 5 Je - sus is death But the gate of life im -4 Death's done! pall lives! me; Je sus reign is giv Ι shall where He en. go is gone, Īiv ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide, Nei ther death pow'rs of hell sev er. nor This mor tal; shall calm my trem bling breath 9 From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er Live and reign with Him in Gođ is heav en. Praise All to Him and glo - ry ing. Ι giv from Christ for Part me now - ev er. God will When Ι pass its gloom - y tal. Faith shall por scenes will then com-mence; This shall fi - dence. be my con -

faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con fi - dence. dis - pense; God will This shall be need my con fi - dence. my sure de - fense; This shall be be my con fi - dence. cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

Together We Serve April 26-27, 2025		
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Liturgist		Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel
Director of Christian Education		Charity Smith
Director of Music		David Gilson
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Elder	Saturday, 5PM	Rob Paoletti, Ralph Erickson
	Sunday, 8AM	Mike Claxton
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Ken Haffer, Brian Storm
Hospitality Team	Saturday, 5PM	Linda Kettler
	Sunday, 8AM	Chris & Jayme Price
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Neal & Cynthia Menscher,
Ushers	Saturday, 5PM	Refer to Elder
	Sunday, 8AM	Refer to Elder
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Refer to Elder

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