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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 2018

HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

The Order of the Holy Communion

+ Prelude

+ Hymn of Invocation - #342

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

+ The Invocation – pg. 15 (*stand*)

+ The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution pg. 15-16

+ INTROIT

Ps. 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

A little while, and you will see me no longer;

and again a little while, and you will see me.

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

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

**The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!*

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

*A little while, and you will see me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see me.*

+ The Gloria Patri – pg. 16ff

+ The Kyrie – pg. 17

+ The Gloria in Excelsis – pg. 17

+ The Salutation – pg. 19

+ The Collect for the Day

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.**

+ First Reading – Acts 8:26-40

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

+ Sanctuary Choir (10:30 a.m.)

“Fruitful Trees, The Spirit’s Sowing”

+ Epistle – 1 John 4:1-11

+ Triple Hallelujah, pg. 20

+ The Holy Gospel – John 15:1-8 (stand)

+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22

+ Sermon Hymn - #411, v. 1, 5-7 “From Eternity, O God”

+ Sermon – “Jesus’ Word Makes Us Clean and Fruitful Branches”

John 15:1-3

- I. Jesus is the Source of our life and fruitfulness; we must abide in Him.
- II. As we abide in Jesus through His word, the Father continues to cleanse us and make us fruitful.

+ The Offertory (*stand*)

Offerings are collected (be seated)

+ The Prayer of The Church

+ The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pp. 24-28

+ Distribution Hymns

#312 - “Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread”

#53 - “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

#293 - “O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

+ The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29

+ The Thanksgiving –pg. 30

+ Post-Communion Collect – pg. 31

+ The Salutation & The Benedicamus pg. 31

+ The Benediction – pg. 31

+ Closing Hymn - #53 (7:00 p.m.)

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

April 29: Lev. 20:1–16, 22–27; Luke 11:37–54; **30:** Lev. 21:1–24; Luke 12:1–12; **May 1:** Lev. 23:1–22; Luke 12:13–34; **2:** Lev. 23:23–44; Luke 12:35–53; **3:** Lev. 24:1–23; Luke 12:54–13:17; **4:** Lev. 26:1–20; Luke 13:18–35; **5:** Lev. 26:21–33, 39–44; Luke 14:1–24.

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