

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Cantate **(Fifth Sunday of Easter)** **April 28th, 2024**

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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven **LSB 793**
Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit

(Ps. 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: Ps. 98:1a, 2b)

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia,

for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.

His right hand and his holy arm

have worked salvation for him.

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.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.

Kyrie*

LSB 152

This is the Feast*

LSB 155

Collect*: 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.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

¹ You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

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

Gradual: Alleluia. The right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly! Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

Epistle: James 1:16-21

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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

Hymn*: Christ is Arisen

LSB 459-460

Holy Gospel*: John 16:5-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your

heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed* **LSB 158**

Hymn of the Day: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice **LSB 556**

(Stz. 5 – Lectern Side, Stz. 6 – Pulpit Side)

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

Offering

Offertory*: We Give Thee But Thine Own (Stz. 1 & 2) **LSB 781**

Service of the Sacrament* **LSB 160**

Distribution Hymns: 457, 461, 633, 467 (Hymn of the Month)

Thank the Lord* **LSB 164**

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good **LSB 819**

Announcements

What does this mean: The Fifth Sunday of Easter is also referred to as Cantate. Cantate comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (Cantate Domino), meaning, “Sing to the Lord.” (Psalm 98:1)

Ascension of Our Lord: On Thursday, May 9th, the church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. You and your family are encouraged to attend the Divine Service starting at 7:00 p.m. On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father. Although Jesus is hidden from our physical eyes, He is not absent from

us. Having ascended to the right hand of the throne of God, He directs all things for the good of His Bride the church. Through His Word and Sacraments, He draws near to bestow upon us the gifts of His crucifixion and resurrection.

About the Hymn of the Month: The hymn for this month is *'Awake, My Heart, with Gladness'* (LSB 467). Written by Paul Gerhardt (1607-76), one of the things you'll notice of this hymn is that it's very personal, using the pronouns 'I' and "me." Stanza 1 gives us a personal view: the grave in which Christ was laid is in fact "where our bed must be made. In Stanza 2, the triumphant shout the foe had over Jesus' death is quickly turned to gloom at the realization that Jesus lives, that He has triumphed over the grave. Stanzas 3-6 testify with joyful confidence to the truths of Romans 8:35-39, that following Christ, we are free from sin, the power of death, and the world, and are so protected from all evil that nothing is able to separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. The final stanza brings us to that "portal" of "bliss untold," for we are "buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). The last line of the stanza paraphrases the words of Christ in Rev. 2:10, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." This hymn is usually the Hymn of the Day on Easter.

Voters' Meeting: Our next Voters' Meeting will be tonight (Sunday, April 28th) at 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Members: Just a reminder, Rev. Heath Curtis (LCMS Coordinator for Stewardship) will be hosting a stewardship workshop on Monday, May 6th at Trinity Lutheran Church (Centralia, IL). Supper begins at 5:30pm with discussion following. We will be done prior to 8:30pm. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Jennings.

Ladies Aid Members: Our May meeting will be at Applebee's in Breese on May 13th at 6:00pm. Mothers, Daughters, Daughter-In-Laws, and Granddaughters are welcome. Please RSVP by May 5th to Delores 322-7649, Lucille 226-3325, or Marla 444-0779 as to how many guests you will be bringing.

Men's' Club Meeting: The next Men's Club Meeting will be Monday, May 6th at 7:30 pm in the school basement. Servers for the meeting are Carl Hanke and Tim Hanke.

Flower Chart: Just a reminder that the flower chart is in the office to sign up for special occasions, or if you would just like to adorn the altar with flowers. Flowers do not need to be purchased from a florist. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Sylvia Kleiboeker 322-3942 or Ronda Zimmermann 553-6206. Thank you for helping to beautify our church.

CORLHS Concert: The Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir will be presenting a spring concert, "*Music Through the Ages*", Sunday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the CORLHS gymnasium. Everyone is welcome to attend this free concert!

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Issues Etc.: This Week: Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday:	8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
	9:30am Divine Service
	7:00pm Voters' Meeting
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