

Devotions this week: keep your bulletin from today and read and then pray as the Lord moves you. Monday: the Old Testament (or 1st reading), Tuesday: the Psalm, Wednesday: the Epistle (or Second Reading), Thursday: the Gospel Reading, Friday: the Prayer of the Day, and Saturday: the lessons for the coming Sunday, The Seventh S. of Easter: Acts 1:12–26; Psalm 68:1–10; 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11; John 17:1–11.

### DAILY LECTIONARY

This outline is a devotional reading plan that covers the entire Sacred Scriptures each year. The selections are based on ancient models and are generally in harmony with the liturgical church year. The average reading is three chapters daily. A seasonal canticle is assigned for each month and is scheduled to replace the psalm on the first and last days of the month. All of the psalms are read twice a year.

May 17	Numbers 1-2, Luke 14:25-ff
May 18	Num 3-4, Lk 15
May 19	Num 5-6, Lk 16:1-18
May 20	Num 7-8, Lk 16:19-ff
May 21	Num 9-10, Lk 17:1-19
May 22	Num 11-12, Lk 17:20-ff
May 23	Num 13, Lk 18:1-17

**AS WE GATHER...**What makes our Easter celebration so amazing is that here it is that same Lord Jesus whom we witnessed dying on a bloody cross who now risen from the dead appears and speaks to us. Today He promises to send to us “another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth” (John 14:16–17). By means of the Spirit we are equipped not only to testify and witness to the saving faith but also, should it be God’s will, to suffer for that testimony. We hear the inspired words of Peter speak about suffering “for righteousness’ sake” living in the very resurrection hope of Christ.

Peter wants to convince us that it is precisely in our suffering that Christ meets us and acts for us. For He knows suffering intimately but also possesses the triumph over it. He points us to our Baptism, where Christ’s victory becomes our victory. His resurrection life gives us new life, which for now is but the beginning to be stretched out into life eternal. **To God alone be glory!**

# CHRIST OF THE CUMBERLANDS LUTHERAN CHURCH



...he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world...

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LW 353 vv. 1-2, 4-5



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly  
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro-claim the won - ders God has done, How  
moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!  
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear-est trea - sure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, and bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they may live with  
You forever."

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

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**Introit**

*Ps. 119:89–93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105*

Your word is a lamp to my feet

**and a light to my path.**

Forever, O LORD, your word

**is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

**you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

By your appointment they stand this day,

**for all things are your servants.**

If your law had not been my delight,

**I would have perished in my affliction.**

I will never forget your precepts,

**for by them you have given me life.**

**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.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet

**and a light to my path.**

**Kyrie**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast**



**☐** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*  
*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.**

### **First Reading**

*Acts 17:16–31*

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What

therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.”

Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

**Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.**

### Epistle

*1 Peter 3:13–22*

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 14:15–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon Hymn:** Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

**LW353** vv 6, 8–10



- 6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will, was born of virgin mother;  
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow’r disguised He bore; a servant’s form, like mine,  
He wore to lead the devil captive.
- 8 “Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict’ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
and you are blest forever.
- 9 “Now to My Father I depart, from earth to heav’n ascending,  
And, heavn’ly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you and teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have done and taught guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought and honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy the heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

## Sermon

### Nicene Creed

**C 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, begotten 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.

### Prayer of the Church

#### OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The music is a simple, melodic line. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The score ends with a double bar line.

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

P 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.”

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

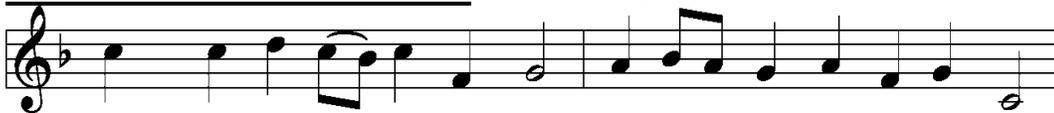
**C Amen.**

### Agnus Dei

**C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### Distribution

#### Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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.**

***Soli Deo Gloria!***

### **News and Notes...**

**Pr. Mike will be here** leading worship next week as Pastor and Laurie will take some time away (scheduled before these current days...) during the Memorial Day holiday period...

**We are recording today's service** to post on OSLC's Facebook page and website...this is in place of the previous recordings PG made during the shutdown.

**Pentecost Sunday is in 2 weeks** from today, and Dale Stanton will be here to help us celebrate since OSLC is still closed. That service too will be recorded and shared.



*St. Paul's Plaque at the site of the Areopagus in Athens, Greece*

For our Brothers and sisters in Morristown...

Those we remember in our Prayers: Louis & Eyvonne, Georgia, Beth, Tom, Dave, Donna, Lavonne, Eric, Robin, Cynthia, Lillian, Edward, Brennen, Charles, Ed, William, Kathy, Frank, Fred, Erin, Charlie, Maddie, Bill & Jim, Billy, Gary, Andrew, Walt and Doris, Ray, George and Wendy Jo.

### Offering 5/10/20

Envelope	-	\$680.00
Plate	-	\$20.00
EFT	-	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$800.00</b>

And these recurring reminders...

**Please remember...** that even though we are prevented from gathering in His House, there are still things that need to continue in support of the work there, so please send your offerings and gifts as you are able either by mail or electronic means.

FYI: OSLC: 2717 Buffalo Trail Morristown, TN 37814

**Also...**check out Dale's musical offering of Hymns and Sacred Music to supplement our worship service if you haven't already...*PG*

**And...**I wish to remind everyone that during this time of Social Distancing, I am still willing and able to meet with you as you make your essential trips into town to get groceries or medicines. Feel free to stop by the Lord's house to receive Holy Communion. Call the church or call or text me to let me know to expect you... (I'd even do it without you leaving your car, if you need me to...)

**HYMN REQUESTS** If anyone has a favorite hymn they would like included In Dale's musical offerings, please email him at [dstanton7997@yahoo.com](mailto:dstanton7997@yahoo.com). It can be Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Gospel...whatever you like.