

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Cantate - "Sing!"

April 20, 2008

Pre-service Meditation *Psalm 96 "Cantate Domino" - Sing to the LORD! p144*

Opening Hymn - 732 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Our Order of Worship:
Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

Psalm for the Day:

(Psalm 98:1-4)

- P:** Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
C: For He has done marvelous things;
- P:** His right hand and His holy arm
C: Have gained Him the victory.
- P:** The LORD has made known His salvation;
C: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.
- P:** He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- P:** Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
C: Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.
- P:** GLORY BE TO GOD!
ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..."

~ The Gloria in Excelsis ~

"All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men,
And peace shall reign with us again;

Oh thank Him for His goodness! Amen."

(TLH 237:1 adapted)

~ The Collect ~

P: *Let us pray* - O God, who makes the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant unto Your people that we may love what You command and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: "A- - - men"

Scripture Readings

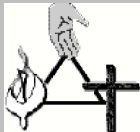
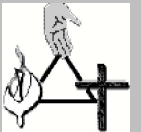
"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." - *John 20:31*

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-15 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God. And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee. Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day

of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted. But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia! (Rom 6:9; John 14:6)
 ALL: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

New Testament Lesson: James 1:16-21 Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

	<p>Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed; <i>Hymnal pg 12</i></p>	
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Hymn - 234 "Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"

~ The Sermon ~

John 16:5-15 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 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 depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

THE ADVANTAGE OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION

~ The Offertory ~

♪ He is arisen! Glorious word!
 Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
 The gates of heaven are open.
 My Jesus did triumphant die,
 And Satan's arrows broken lie,
 Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
 Oh, hear What cheer!
 Christ victorious Riseth glorious,
 Life He giveth--
 He was dead, but see, He liveth! Amen. (TLH 189)

~ *Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers* ~

Hymn - 236 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

Closing Hymn - 207:5-6 "Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

GOSPEL'S STUDY How serious is sin? There is always the danger that we become dull to the serious effects of sin on us and around us. In our Gospels study we will hear Jesus talk about cutting off hands, feet, and poking out eyes if they cause us to sin. Please join us as we hear this admonition from our Lord and seek to apply His Word to our lives as His children!

DELEGATES NEEDED For the voting-age men of our congregation there is the wonderful opportunity to represent your congregation as a delegate. There are two Delegate Conferences coming up this summer:

- West-Central Delegate Conf, Watertown, May 27-29
- CLC Convention, Eau Claire, WI, June 16-20

Each congregation is allowed two men along with its pastor to represent their congregation in our local conference and at the synodical level. If you are interested in service at either or both of these conferences, please speak with Pastor.

This week at Prince of Peace . . .

Today

10:15 Gospels Study / Sunday School (OT25)

Tuesday

5:00 Jeremy Angstman Class

Wednesday

4:00 Catechism

7:30 Bible Study (2nd Article II)

Sunday, April 27 - 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 Worship Service with Lord's Supper

10:15 Gospels Study/ Sunday School (OT26)

Thursday, May 1 - ASCENSION DAY

7:30 Ascension Worship Service

"It is to your advantage
that I go away..."



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