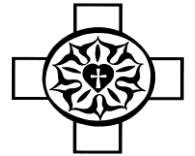


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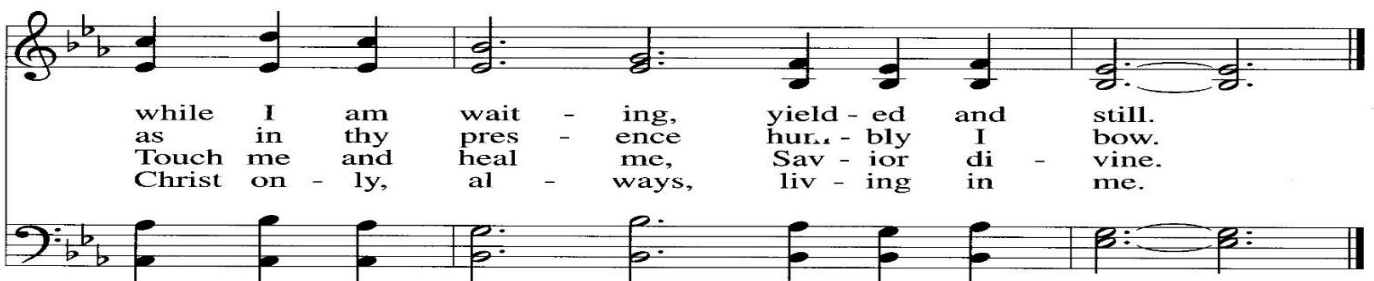
## Setting Two

*Standing in the Shadow of the Cross*

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025



Opening Hymn: TFBF # 152 "Have Thine Own Way Lord"



Greeting and Announcements:

## Confession and Declaration of Grace

**A** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**A** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**A** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**A** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**A** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and for which I justly deserved Your punishment. But I am sorry for them and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

**A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: TFBF # 95 "He is Lord"

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Sunday School students are released to their teachers

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Ps 98:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 98:1*

**A** O sing to the Lord a new song., for he has done marvelous things!

**C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

- A** The Lord has made known his salvation;  
**C** he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
**A** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
**C** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
**A** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
**C** break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
**P** Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
**C** with the lyre and the sound of melody!  
**A** With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
**C** make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!  
**C** 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.  
**A** O sing to the Lord a new song., for he has done marvelous things!  
**C** His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

This is the Feast

*Refrain*

**C** 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*



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**A** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**A** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

### *Please be seated*

## First Reading

*Acts 11:1-18*

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup> "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup> But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup> Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup> And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup> As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at

the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

**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*

**C 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

*Revelation 21:1-7*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Special Music - "Praise Choir"

**Please stand**

Hymn: # 98 TFBF "Open My Eyes, Lord"

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. 2. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus.

**A** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

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

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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

**G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***Please be seated***

Hymn: LSB # 790 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear; now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;

sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you!

Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, As with his love He befriends  
you.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore Him!  
Sermon: "Our Sorrow Will Turn to Joy" Text: John 16:12-22  
Special Music - "Praise Choir "

***Please stand***

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

***Please be seated***

Offering

***Please stand***

Offertory

**☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free  
spirit. Amen**

Prayer of the Church

**☩ Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the front to pray  
Hymn: TFBF # 247 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

**☩ Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.**