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Fifth Sunday of  
Easter  
(Cantate)

*Divine Service*

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**Holy Communion** is celebrated this Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Words say, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. Because Saint Paul reminds us that we can receive the Lord's Supper to our judgment, we are very careful to administer the Sacrament only to those who are properly prepared. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it. *Therefore, if you are not yet a member of this congregation, a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and if you have not previously spoken to the Pastor about Holy Communion, please refrain from coming forward to receive Communion until you have first spoken with the Pastor.* If you cannot receive the Lord's Supper but desire a blessing, please join us at the Communion rail and cross your arms over your chest to tell the pastor of your intent.

**Opening Hymn**

*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*  
*vs 1-3*

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**Liturgy**

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**Introit**

P: Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,\*  
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the  
nations. Alle- | luia.

C: **His right hand and his | holy arm\***  
**have worked sal- | vation 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!**

**All:      Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P:        Sing to the LORD a new song, Alle- | luia,\***  
**for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the**  
**nations. Alle- | luia.**

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Collect**

**P:        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**

**Old Testament**

Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV)

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.

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.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 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.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

## Verse

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

## Epistle

James 1:16-21 (ESV)

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 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. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

## Alleluia

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## Gospel

John 16:5-15 (ESV)

But now I am going 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 go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 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. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## Nicene Creed

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