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## **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP**

**'SERVICE OF THE WORD'**



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 10, 2020**

# **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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*The congregation is invited to reply in places where the **bold** print appears.*

## **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for reflection & self-examination.)*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG: Hymn # 526

## God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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### **FIRST READING: Acts 7: 55-60**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence follows the reading.*

**PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
deliver me | in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your | ear to me;  
make haste to de- | liver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my  
stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,  
for you are my tow- | er of strength. R**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are | in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute  
me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love.” **R**

*A time of silence follows the psalm.*

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2: 2-10**

A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow  
into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious  
in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus  
Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence follows the reading.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Alleluia.* I am the way, the truth, | and the life.\* No one comes to the Father ex- |  
cept through me. *Alleluia.* (John 14:6)

### **GOSPEL: John 14: 1-14**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

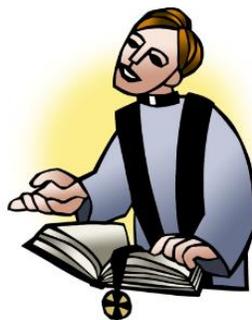
<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**SERMON** – *Rev. Chad R. Adamik*

*A time of silence follows the sermon.*



# SONG OF THE DAY: Hymn # 384

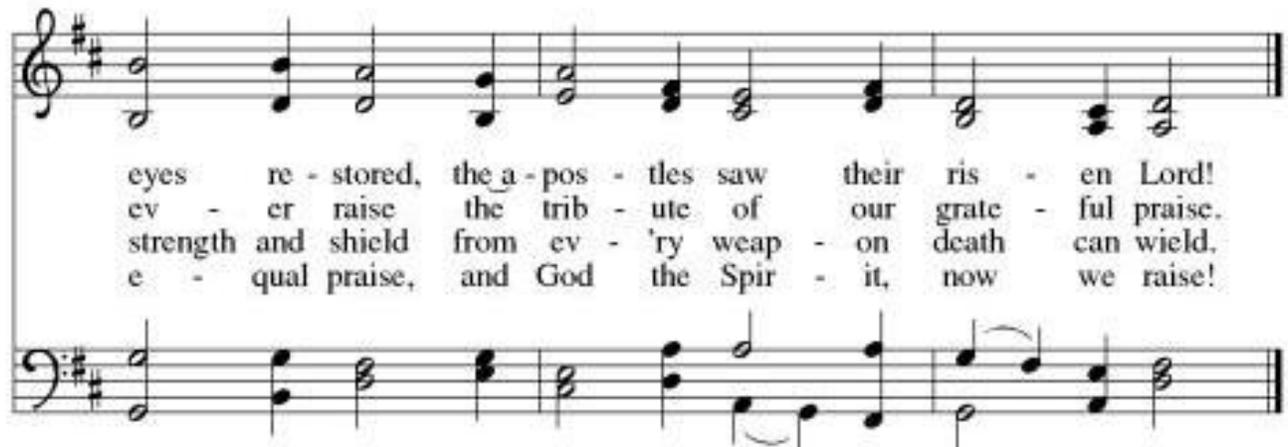
## That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

## **CREED**

With boldness, we profess our faith in the word of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*Brief Silence*)

Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And with you, too.**

## **A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER:**

Loving God, we approach you on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, baking, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.

We thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms, and moms who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.

We pray you give each mom strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mother who never had the honor of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children. We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home.

Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. Amen. *(prayer composed by Daniel Darling)*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

**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.**

## ***SENDING***

*God sends us forth in the service of others.*

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## **BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

People of God, we have been given a mission:

**“St. Paul’s Lutheran Family lifts high the cross to proclaim the good news of God’s love to all people.”**

People of God, we have been given a vision:

**“The vision of St. Paul’s Lutheran Family is to seek God’s path for our lives and the life of the church and to compassionately lead, serve, and share Jesus Christ with the community and world.”**

People of God, we have much work to do:

**“For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God”**  
*(Hebrews 3:4)*

SENDING SONG: Hymn # 545

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in three stanzas, each corresponding to a system of music.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

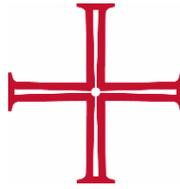
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!



## POSTLUDE

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## Announcements

### ST. PAUL'S VITAL STATS

#### ATTENDANCE

04/05/2020: Service online  
04/26/2020: Service online



04/12/2020: Service online  
05/03/2020: Service online

#### OFFERINGS

04/05/2020: \$7,540.00  
04/26/2020: \$625.00



04/12/2020: \$16,790.00  
05/03/2020: \$3,535.50

*Offering amounts include budgetary receipts.*

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

To meet our 2019-2020 budget, we need average unrestricted donations of **\$4,719 per week**. The **Simply Giving electronic funds transfer program** is funded through Thrivent Bank. If you are interested in using his service, or have any questions, please call Holly McPhail at **775 443-6639**. You may also pick up Thrivent forms at the church office.

#### ST. PAUL'S PRAYER PARTNERS

We have created a list of St. Paul's members who would like to be notified when there is a prayer request for a member or someone close to a member. If you would like to be notified at those times, so that you can add your prayers, please leave your e-mail address at the office along with a note that it is for the list of St. Paul's Prayer Partners.

## YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS

### **SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Brandon Luterick, Heather Joyner (Johnson), Peter Elverum, Sarah McGee, Olivia Lesperance, and John Duffy (nephew of Sharon and Tom Gesick), Matthew Russell (nephew of Judy McPhail), and Justin Snowden.

### **FIREFIGHTERS/PEACE OFFICERS**

Andy Steyn, Brian Hillenbrand, Tina Sherman, Mark Dickens, John Gould, and Jason Wildblood.

### **PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

**William Rawson, Bob Stroub, James Wilson, Hannelore Hanke, Frank Bartlett, Ann Kauf, Audrey Stroub, Renee Woslum, Glenn Laursen, Edward Yoho, Madelene Yoho, DeWayne Evans, Lynn Gross, Evelyn Luterick, Sarah Jevne, Doug Thunder, Pat Thunder, recovery from hip surgery, Karin Randle, Sam Woolsey** (Kay Elverum's brother-in-law), **Delores Sherman, Peggy Truttman, Norman Brewer** (Mary DeFelice's brother), Katherine, *cancer* (Susie Anderson's sister), Holly and Trevis (Requested by Deon Ferguson, a friend of St. Paul's), and Hank Doll, *triple by-pass surgery* (son-in-law of Ruth Fitzgerald), a friend of Glendanne Block, *possible COVID-19*, and a **special prayer for all the victims of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).**

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR**

**Frank and Shirley Bartlett, Bev Gutzman, and Sandy Danforth, Gwen** (Dick Lowther's sister), *medical issues*; **Bev Steinert** *continued eye-health issues*; **James Wilson** *continued health issues*; **Dwight and Susan Holmquist and family** *healing*; **Mary Ann Adamik** *healing*; **Ellen Harrell** *medical issues*; **Betty Razor** *healing*; **Debbie Revelle** *healing*; **Maxine Bowton, Harold Nolte, Karen (Hone) Nolte, Diana Johns, Ruth Smith** *having special medical tests* (daughter of Clay and Renee Woslum).

**WE GRIEVE WITH THE FAMILY of William Rawson who passed away on April 30<sup>th</sup>.**



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN FAMILY CALENDER

**THIS SUNDAY**  
5/10

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Worship via YouTube Video**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg>

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
5/17

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Worship via YouTube Video**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujH57tQGEsCKJhKyE8q2Lg>

