

**May 2, 2021 – 5th Sunday of Easter
10 a.m.**

IN DOOR WORSHIP-- We are once again going to be participating in a Communion Celebration. We invite you to prepare by - bringing with you to worship. Some bread and wine/grape juice (if you do not have these materials then other forms of food/drink can also suffice). If you forget, we will have individually wrapped communion elements.

There is no congregational singing allowed at this time.
Please enjoy and meditate on the hymns with Chris Winn and the Praise Band.

ONLINE - We are once again going to be participating in a Communion Celebration. We invite you to prepare by getting ready for 10 a.m. Online Worship - some bread and wine/grape juice (if you do not have these materials then other forms of food/drink can also suffice). You can even take a picture of your set up and post it on the Facebook Live feed during worship so that we can see each other's spaces :)

Please feel free to belt out the songs in your home in your best Lutheran voices!

"Glorious Day"

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame, who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive, all my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met you

Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul, now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You

Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan, now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing, now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

"Shout to the Lord"

**My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.**

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

The minister begins at the font, scoops water from the font and makes the sign of the cross †

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

C **Amen.**

P People of God, in the baptismal waters

you traveled with Christ from death to life.

Your past, your sin, your failure, your doubt,
are drowned and gone here.

Your fear, your confusion, your self-righteousness, your despair,
are washed away by grace.

Your pride, your hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of you
no longer define you.

The Spirit lives and moves through you now,
a great and joyful mystery,

so you may bring love and mercy into the world
as the body of Christ.

Rejoice that God has claimed you in this baptismal grace,
my fellow brothers and sisters in Jesus,

not by your own doing or believing
but by God's mercy alone.

As we begin worship
we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism
that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power.

And all God's people said:

C Amen!

HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his

Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L Word of God, word of life. C **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 22:25-31

L From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

L All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C **For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

L Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

C **Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

L They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

L Word of God, word of life. C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,**

pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.**

Refrain

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!**

Refrain

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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BEFORE THE READING

P Today's Gospel reading is from the book of John beginning in the 15th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Nathan Allen

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Make a Difference"

You gave your life to make a difference
You gave your life to make a change
You welcomed all to your table
You're telling us to do the same

I want my life to make a difference
I want my life to make a change
I want my life to do some good here
I want my life to make a change

Working side by side no out or inside
together we can make that change
With a few or many with a lot or not any
together we can make that change

Chorus

Crossing the great divide
Joy and peace will abide
Together we can make that change
Jesus is our peace
All fighting will cease
Together we can make that change

Chorus

We're the citizens with the saints
We're the sunshine and the rain
We're joy with the pain
We're the change.
You healed the sick and fed the poor
You loved the prophet and whore
And through us you will do more
You're the change!

CCLI Song Number 6542007, Rchel Kurtz, CCLI License # 701016

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING

"Way Maker"

Verse 1

**You are here moving in our midst, I worship you I worship you
You are here working in this place, I worship you I worship you**

Chorus

**(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who you are**

Verse 2

**You are here touching ev'ry heart, I worship you I worship you
You are here healing ev'ry heart, I worship you I worship you**

Verse 3

**You are here turning lives around, I worship you I worship you
You are here mending ev'ry heart, I worship you, I worship you Lord**

Bridge

**Even when I don't see it, you're working, even when I don't feel it you're working
You never stop you never stop working, you never stop you never stop working**

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OFFERING PRAYER

L Bountiful God,

C we come with our offerings in response to your love.

With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others.

**With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people
with a zeal for your way.**

**Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring,
that they may become a blessing in your sight. Amen**

PRAYERS FOR UNDERSTANDING

L Into the light of Easter morning I raise to you God, those who are struggling with illness, with despair over their lives, or with the breakdown of relationships.

C May the light of the risen Christ shine upon them.

L Into the light of Easter morning, I raise to you God, the places in our world where war, violence, poverty and need are the experiences of everyday life.

C May the light of the risen Christ shine upon them.

L Into the light of Easter morning, I raise to you God, the headline news of this week: we hold in our hearts the pain of those suffering violence, bereavement or conflict.

C May the light of the risen Christ shine upon them.

L Into the light of Easter morning, I raise myself and my congregation, the private struggles, the heart's yearnings, the hidden dreams, the unfulfilled potential.

C May the light of Christ shine upon us. AMEN.

L *Prayers of the Church*

C God, we pray for confidence to live your Word!

L Resurrection (*by Sara Jimenez*) Heavenly Lord, our hearts are filled with the majesty of your grace. You have given us this world filled with the stores of everything we need. You've given us one another, with whom to love, work, struggle, and grow. Most of all, you've given us your Son and his resurrection. You've put our salvation ahead of all our good intentions and broken promises. We thank you for this gift of grace. May we keep it up front as we live.

COMMUNION - GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- L Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by
Diana Bock
In celebration of Sami's Birthday

STEPHEN MINISTER VIDEO

BLESSING FOR HOEMOLLERS

BENEDICTION

- P God of eventual and elapsed, determined or distracted.
You have, and continually persist in love.
Your Word continues in the poetry of parables,
Sowing the seeds of your kingdom.
You outlast our numb and disinterested hearts.
Your perseverance softens our soul to channel peace.
As farmers of the soul, let us outlast hardened soil,
patiently waiting for new life to break through.
May your grace, peace, and love fill earthly and heavenly kingdoms.

Go forth to serve and love our neighbor!

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere we go, we're goin'a let it shine (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

L You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**