

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Jackson, Minnesota**  
***“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”***  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 10, 2020**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



**Hymn**      **“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”**      **475**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!**

**Now is the triumph of our King!**

**To all the world glad news we bring:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is ris’n this day;**

**Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;**

**Let all the world rejoice and say:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory**

**That love, that life which cannot die,**

**And sing with hearts uplifted high:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,**

**And sing today with one accord**

**The life laid down, the life restored:**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**Confession and Absolution**      **151**

**[P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** Amen.

**[P]** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**[C]** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**[P]** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**[C]** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and

deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** 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.

Introit

Ps. 30:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 149:1

**P** Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

**C** his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**P** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

**C** and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**P** O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

**C** and you have healed me.

**P** O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**C** you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**P** Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

**C** and give thanks to his holy name.

**P** For his anger is but for a moment,

**C** and his favor is for a lifetime.

**P** Weeping may tarry for the night,

**C** but joy comes with the morning.

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.

**P** Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

**C** his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Kyrie

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise

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“All Glory Be to God Alone”

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the highest one,  
Who did our sinful race befriend  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among us may His gracious will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

We praise You, God; Your name we bless  
And worship You in humbleness;  
From day to day we glorify  
The everlasting God on high.  
Of Your great glory do we sing,  
And to Your throne our thanks we bring.

Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,  
Our Father, the Almighty One.  
O Lord, the sole-begotten One,  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
True God from all eternity,  
O Lamb of God, to You we flee.

You take the whole world's sin away;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
You take the whole world's sin away;  
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.  
From God's right hand Your mercy send,  
To all the world Your grace extend.

You only are the Holy One  
And over all are Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify  
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;  
With Him You evermore shall be  
One in the Father's majesty.

**P** 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.

## First Reading

**Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty." <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup> And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>7:2a</sup> And Stephen said: . . .

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup> "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup> Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand

of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**                                      **adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6**

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** he has put all things under his feet.

**Epistle**

**1 Peter 2:2-10** **ESV**

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

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as 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:

“Behold, 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> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

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, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies 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.

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## Holy Gospel

St. John 14:1-14 ESV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to 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 had known me, you would have known 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 it is enough for us."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, 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, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

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**C** 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.

Hymn

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

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Thine forever, God of love!  
Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be  
Here and in eternity!

Thine forever! Oh, how blest  
They who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, guardian, heav’nly friend,  
O defend us to the end!

Thine forever, Lord of Life!  
Shield us through our earthly strife.  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way,  
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine forever! Shepherd, keep  
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
Safe alone beneath Thy care,  
Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine forever! Thou our guide,  
All our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiv’n;  
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav’n.

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Sermon

“You Are”

## Prayer of the Church

*Vern Hansen, Deb Sundahl, Robert Smith, Jessica Foss (Shelly Anderson’s daughter), Kim Nesmoe. We remember our prayers the family of Mark Buckentin, who recently passed away.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*Final petition:*

**P** We praise You, God, for Your goodness in hearing the prayers of Your people and granting us confidence to approach Your throne of mercy. Hear us now in the name of and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom, in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.

**C Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Collect**

**P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn**      “For All the Faithful Women”      **855 vv. 1, 3, 8, 13, 4**

**For all the faithful women  
Who served in days of old,  
To You shall thanks be given;  
To all, their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness  
In tasks Your wisdom gave.  
To You their lives bore witness,  
Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.**



**We sing of Mary, mother,  
Fair maiden, full of grace.  
She bore the Christ, our brother,  
Who came to save our race.  
May we, with her, surrender  
Ourselves to Your command  
And lay upon Your altar  
Our gifts of heart and hand.**

**For Eunice and for Lois  
We sing our thanks and praise.  
Young Timothy they nurtured  
And led him in Your ways.  
Raise up in ev'ry household  
True teachers of Your Word  
Whose lives will bear clear witness  
To Christ, our risen Lord.**

**O God, for saints and servants,  
Those named and those unknown  
In whom through all the ages  
Your light of glory shone,  
We offer glad thanksgiving  
And fervent prayer we raise  
That, faithful in Your service,  
Our lives may sing Your praise.**

**△ All praise to God the Father!  
All praise to Christ the Son!  
All praise the Holy Spirit,  
Who binds the Church in one!  
With saints who went before us,  
With saints who witness still,  
We sing glad Alleluias  
And strive to do Your will.**

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