



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

**Communion Policy:** In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.

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### Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” 475

Confession and Absolution 151

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**

**152-3**

**Hymn of Praise**

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

**948**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**156**

**¶** The Lord be with you. **☩** (*sung*) **And also with you.**

**¶** 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.

**☩** (*sung*) **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



<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.

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

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

St. John 14:1–14 ESV

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

**C** (*sung*) **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** (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** **158**

**Sermon** “Chosen to Serve” **Acts 6:1–7**

### **Prayer of the Church**

*Aiyana Benjamin, Richard Polz, Lorna Nielsen, Joyce Dorschner, Karen Temple, Keaton Clipperton, Gen Rehnelt, Robert Pohlman, Diann Johnson (Bernie Stubbe’s sister), Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Final petition:*

**P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Offering and Offertory** **159-160**

**Service of the Sacrament** **160-166**

**Distribution Hymns** **729, 622**

**Post-Communion Canticle** “Thank the Lord” **164**

**Closing Hymn** “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” **488**

### **Postlude**



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