

PRAYER & PREACHING

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*"Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens." --Psalm 150:1*

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"Vacancy!"
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PEACE & OFFERING

(As brothers and sisters in Christ we greet one another in the peace of the Lord!
Afterward please pass the Attendance books down the pews and back again for ALL
members and guests to record their presence in God's house this day. Thank you.)

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

INTROIT Ps. 30:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 149:1

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!
I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.
O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.
Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.*
Weeping may tarry for the night, 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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

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

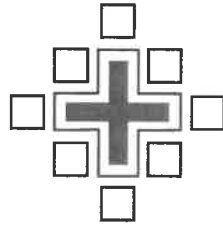
Christ has risen | from the dead.*
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

DAILY READINGS

May 10: Lev. 20:1–16, 22–27; Luke 11:37–54; **11:** Lev. 21:1–24; Luke 12:1–12; **12:** Lev. 23:1–22; Luke 12:13–34; **13:** Lev. 23:23–44; Luke 12:35–53; **14:** Lev. 24:1–23; Luke 12:54–13:17; **15:** Lev. 26:1–20; Luke 13:18–35; **16:** Lev. 26:21–33, 39–44; Luke 14:1–24.

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First Reading: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now 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. ²And 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. ³Therefore, 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. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And 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. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And 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.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then 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. . . .

^{7:2}And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

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

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then 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. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And 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.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10

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

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you 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. ⁶For 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."

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"

⁸and

"A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."

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

⁹But 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. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Holy Gospel: John 14:1–14

¹[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus 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'? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"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. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

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I'm But a Stranger Here

1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
 3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
 Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
 And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;

Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807-35
 Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Heb. 11:13-16; Phil. 3:20; Eph. 2:19; Heb. 4:9

You Are the Way;
through You Alone

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1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant

we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
 Tune: *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5; Acts 4:12

Church Office Hours
Secretary: Tuesday–Thursday 10:00–2:00
Pastor: Tuesday–Thursday 1–5 pm

OUR PRAYERS

IN NEED:

Victims & remedy for coronavirus

Vicki McCoy, Gail Pitts, Diane Stokes, Patsy Williams -
passing of cousin/niece, Tammy

Ruth Crichton - relative of Bill & Mary, recovering from surgery

Jay Anders - brother of Roy, in rehab

Continuing health issues: Shirley Belter, Joan Bernard, LeRoy
Etting, Naoma Keppler, Kathi Meier, Janet Segasture, Jim
Thomas

Adopted Military: Jacob & Nick Beagley (*Bretscher*)

THANKSGIVING:

Mother's Day!

BAPTISM REMEMBRANCES: John Hamilton (5/10); Anita Desai
(5/15)

BIRTHDAYS: Sharon Leriche (5/10); Justin Keller, Jack Miller
(5/11); Hunter Thomas (5/12); Cole Hann (5/14)

ANNIVERSARIES: Shawn & Robyn Simmons, 5/11 (35 years)

*Prayer requests for those in need are deleted after a
few weeks unless condition is known or requested further.
Please let the church office know of any changes or omissions.*

PREPARATION & MEDITATION DURING THE WEEK:

Next Sunday's Scripture readings:

Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: (*Christ living in His people*)

Total general offering received - 2020: \$51,165.00

Amount needed to meet 2020 Budget: \$211,462.00

*(**OFFERINGS** to Jesus can be placed in the special "Offering Box" in
the atrium, mailed to the church, or dropped off during office hours.)*

CHURCH NEWS

HYMNAL: The order of hymnals from Concordia Publishing House
has arrived. If you ordered one, please feel free to stop by the
church to pick yours up. Payment of \$22 (*including \$2 shipping*)
should be given to Lisa.

FEED THE HUNGRY: The hungry are still in need of help. Since
we cannot gather and prepare lunches like usual, please consider
feeding the hungry through your online donations to St. Patrick's
Center <https://stpatrikcenter.org/donate>. You may also contact
Katie Joseph at 314-802-1976.

THIS WEEK ON KFUD AM850: Study the well-loved Romans 8
on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), worship with us in Daily
Chapel services (weekdays at 10:00 a.m.), and dig into our
Lutheran Confession of faith on Concord Matters (5/12 at 2:00
p.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org.

LIFE NEWS: "Moms embody grace. God gives each of us an
immediate friend and automatic defender even before birth. This
He does—and so does she—without our earning or deserving it.
As much as daughters and sons bring His blessings to their
parents, so much also do mothers mediate His mercies to their
little ones." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of
Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life ·
www.lutheransforlife.org*

Morning Prayer: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus
Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all
harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day also
from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please
You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul,
and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.