

May 10, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mom's!

Festival Hymn: # 377 - " Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

Verse 1

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

Verse 2

**Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.**

Refrain

Verse 3

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.**

Refrain

Verse 4

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**

Refrain

Verse 5

**City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and arch angels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!**

Refrain

Prayer of Day: 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 & forever. Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (Call and response)

L: ¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

C: ²Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

L: ³Be 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.

C: ⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

L: ⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C: ¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

L: ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like 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. ⁶For 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." ⁷To 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," ⁸and "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. ⁹But 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. 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.

Gospel: John 14:1-14 (*Please stand as you are able*)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place 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 know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus 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’? 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe 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. ¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Hymn of the Day: #816 *"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"*

Verse 1

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife: such a life as killeth death.

Verse 2

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

Verse 3

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move: such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

The Prayers:

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. *A 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 Judy, Nancy, George, Tom, Dean, Marlene, Lloyd, Brian, Robert, Karl, Finley, Billie and Mark. 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.**

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.**

Sending Hymn: #619 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Verse 1

**I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead: he lives, my ever living head!**

Verse 2

**He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save:
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.**

Verse 3

**He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

Verse 4

**He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe a way my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.**

Verse 5

**He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.**

Verse 6

**he lives, my kind, wise, heav'ly friend; he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!**

Verse 7

**He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death:
he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.**

Verse 8

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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May 10, 2020 - Announcements

Worship: Join Pastor Kris live on Facebook or via the Zoom app at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings. If you do not have Facebook you can watch it on our YouTube channel at a later time. A link is on St. Luke's website. Bulletins, inserts and hymn lyrics can be downloaded on St. Luke's website as well.

Sunday School: Today, May 10th is our last day of Sunday school via Facebook page at 8:30AM. A link is on St. Luke's website for our YouTube page to watch previous Sunday school videos. Children's bulletins can be downloaded on St. Luke's website under the Sunday School tab.

2020 Confirmands: The Confirmation service is postponed until further notice, as well as confirmation pictures. Confirmand Faith Statements are posted to St. Luke's website for everyone to read. Go check them out!

2020 High School Seniors: Since we are unable to gather for a senior breakfast recognition we are having breakfast made for you to pick up and bring home! There will be an egg bake and cinnamon rolls for each of our high school seniors to pick up. Please pick this up at 8:00AM from the C-Store on May 17th. The food will be hot and ready for you to enjoy at home with your family! Invitations to come in the mail! Thanks go to our Junior class for paying for this!

SWAG: The 9-12th graders can join Michelle on Wednesday evenings through the month of May for a short lesson & devotion. A link or invite will be emailed to you. Contact the Michelle with any questions.

Newsletter: Watch for your mid-May newsletters to come this in the mail soon!

Call Process: The call committee has been formed and they are in the process of calling pastoral candidates to interview. We'll keep you updated as they proceed with the call process.

Food Shelf: Food Shelf donations are especially needed during this time of struggle with the Covid-19 uncertainty. Drop off your non-perishable food items in the box located inside the entrance near the alley door. Your items will be brought to the Zumbrota food shelf still at this time of closure. Thank you to the many people who have been dropping off food donations!

Giving During Closure: At this time of closure please consider your financial gifts through online giving or by mailing your checks to St. Luke Church. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found on our website www.stlukegoodhue.org under Online Giving. You'll be directed to Vanco's secure giving site where you can enroll and make your gift. Sara Nolte, our treasurer is happy to help with any questions saramollenhauer@gmail.com or contact the office at 651-923-4695.

Those in need: If you know of anyone in need at this time please contact Pastor Kris, a council member or leave a voice message or email the office.

Fabric for Masks Needed: Naomi Berland is continuing to make a variety of sized face masks. She could use more fabric. Please drop off at the church, inside the alley door, any woven fabric such as sheets, pillow cases, shirts, flannels, etc. that you don't want. If you need a mask she recently left many new sizes at the church (kids and XL adult), so please take what your family needs.

Opportunity to Help: Can you tie a knot? Can you put a pin into something? Are you getting bored and looking for something to do? Well do we have an opportunity for you!

Our quilting group still has 40 quilts that need to be finished and sent off to World Relief. We are looking for eight people to do 4 hours a week at the church basement pinning and tying these needed quilts.

You will work in a safe distancing environment. Only one team of 4 people with one quilter will work for 2 hours 2 times a week for the month of May. We will check your temperature when you arrive and you will need to wear a cloth mask. If you do not have a mask, we will provide one. We will teach you what to do and be readily available to help you if you need it. Our goal is to complete 3 quilts in 2 hours.

So what do you say? Give Naomi Berland a call at 923-5139. She will answer your questions, sign you up and schedule you. Please pitch in and help us with this mission work for World Relief. ~Thank you, *The Quilting Group*

VBS: As of now VBS is scheduled to happen at the end of this summer in several small groups. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Prayers: We continue to pray for all members of the congregation and family members of the congregation with new and chronic health conditions, including Judy Gravemann (Nick's Mother), Nancy Nord, George Campbell (Kelly Rehder's father); Tom Diercks (Danielle Ramthun's husband), Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Brian Deneen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek and Billie Maher (sister of Barbie Collins and niece of Debbi St. John) & Billie's spouse Mark Beebe. If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the office.