

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2020 (Recorded Video)

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. In understanding God's grace, love and forgiveness, each week we join together by recorded video around God's Table of Grace as one people. You are invited and encouraged to join us in this feast of love – Holy Communion., where we believe that Christ is made present with the promise of forgiveness and life eternal.

PREPARING A SPACE FOR WORSHIP IN YOUR HOME – *You are invited to create a space on a table to set a candle that can be lit at the beginning of the worship time. A bowl of water (to represent a symbol of baptism) may also be set on the table. A cross may be placed next to these items.* PREPARING FOR HOLY COMMUNION - *Each household that desires to receive Holy Communion during the livestream video should place a plate with bread (preferably unleavened bread, but any form of bread is fine) and enough cups of wine (or juice) for those who are communing on a table. The Pastor will provide an invitation for those communing to eat the bread and to drink the wine/juice. All are welcome to share in this meal believing that Jesus Christ is present with us, with the promise of forgiving our sins and uniting us as one body and family of God's people. A prayer with laying on of hands may be spoken with children who do not yet commune, making the sign of the cross on their foreheads with the words, "Jesus loves you. May God bless and keep you in the promise of your baptism."*

PRELUDE I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Organ Instrumental – LaVerne Vinegar

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM The Vecillio Family

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. *Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for the salvation you have won for us. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN Christ is Alive ELW 389
1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Jeff Gwaltney
2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.

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GREETING The Vecillio Family

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY The Vecillio Family

Let us pray together ... **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 and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Psalm 23

Sebastian and The Guys (Todd, Little Jeff, and Uncle Marvin)

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Follow the Scripture d from your personal Bible or on your Bible digital app.

FIRST READING Acts 2:-42-47 Denise Evans

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:19-25 Denise Evans



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Pastor Gillikin

The holy gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:1-14 is read

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Gillikin

PROFESSION OF FAITH – A Summary of Scripture Pastor Gillikin

We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came. Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heaven’s king to rule and reign, to the Father’s side ascended till as judge he comes again. We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love. So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Pastor Gillikin

We respond to petitions: O God, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Your Grace and Mercy” Soloist - Denise Evans

CHORUS: Your grace and mercy, brought me through. I’m living this moment because of you.

I want to thank you, and praise you too. Your grace and mercy, brought me through.

1. Thank you for saving a sinner like me. To tell the world salvation is free.
There were times when I just didn’t do right. But you watched over me all day and night. CHORUS
2. Justice demanded, that I should die, but grace and mercy said, “Oh no. Oh no. Oh no.” We’ve already paid the price. I once was blind but now I can see. Your grace and mercy brought me through. CHORUS

Written by: FRANKLIN WILLIAMS; 1993

SHARING OF THE PEACE Pastor Gillikin

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING TESTIMONY and PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ. **Thanks be to God!**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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Afterwards, the Pastor will also provide the invitation to drink the wine/juice,

Take and drink. This is the blood of Christ shed for you. **AMEN.**

Jesus said, "I am the gate. I am the door. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." Through Jesus we have been fed with the gift of life.

BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives (verses 5-8)

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.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly 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!

Organ and Guitar

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.

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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DISMISSAL

The Vecillio Family

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

Go and share the good news! **Thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY CALENDAR

The church office remains open Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm.

Sunday, May 10, 9:00 AM Recorded Worship Service posted on Epiphany Lutheran Rock Hill Facebook page and on Church Website under Worship Service Videos

Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 PM Handchimes Group (Zoom Meeting - open to all)

Wednesday, May 13 4:30 PM Bible Study Group – Roundtable Discussion with Pastor (Zoom Meeting)

6:00 PM Council Meeting (video conference – Zoom)

Sunday, May 17 9:00 AM Recorded Worship Service posted on Epiphany Lutheran Rock Hill Facebook page and on Church Website under Worship Service Videos

THANKS TO OUR VIDEO RECORDING ENGINEERS JAMES BROOKS and MARGARET GILLIKIN for their expertise and time of producing our worship video. Thanks also to all who participated and contributed in reading/singing parts of the service. We WELCOME MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF EPIPHANY to sign up to read or sing parts of worship for the coming Sundays! Contact Pastor Ken or the Church Office.

ORGANIST – LaVerne Vinegar