

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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**5<sup>h</sup> Sunday of Easter**

May 10, 2020

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## **Announcements**



**SEEN GOD LATELY?** - We'd still love to hear from you! God is truly at work in the world as unstable as it is. We just don't always notice. Think about His presence in your life. Where have you seen God at work?

I watched a person I know make amends with a neighbor where hard feelings had happened previously. This was a wonderful thing to see, and now they are talking again! Praise God !!! – anonymous

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** are available at church. There is a box outside the main entrance. Wash your hands and help yourself! Also available online: [Portals of Prayer in Times of Trouble](#)

**STEADFAST IN THE WORD:** While sheltering at home, spend some time in prayer and in God's Word and try to grow in some faithful disciplines and habits. Here are some online resources to incorporate into your time with God:

- [Daily Prayer for Individuals and Families](#)
- Lutheran Life Spring Issue: [On Apologetics](#)
- [Prayers for Times of Turmoil](#)
- **Article:** [The Altogether Beautiful Mess of Motherhood](#)
- **Midweek Connection** watch your inbox for opportunities to participate in LIVE Bible Study and fellowship
- Concordia Publishing House has started a [daily Bible Study](#). Join Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb as he takes you on Paul's Missionary Journeys through the Book of Acts.

**CONFIRMATION HOUSEHOLDS:** Continue to gather your family regularly around God's Word in prayer (see links above!) Also check out this [new tool to help you with memory work](#). Have questions? Contact Pastor: he loves hearing how you are doing!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES:** We've witnessed many creative ways during this unusual time for Jesus-sharing with our youngest disciples. This week, try some of these or share your favorite ideas!

- [Children's Bulletin](#)
- [Happy Times](#) Preschool Magazine
- ["My Devotions"](#) – Daily Readings for Young Christians (March-May)
- [Family Time Devotions](#)



**NOT ONLINE? NOT A PROBLEM!** If you know someone who cannot access online resources let them know that on Sunday Mornings an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels. Check listings for exact times.

**Comcast—channel 399**

**Direct TV—channel 377**

**Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4**

**THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE** continues to be active despite our virtual environment. As many of you know we had planned to have 2 service events for this spring, both were donation drives. The plan was to fill a shelf with Mac-n-Cheese for **Community Sharing** for the month of April. Additionally we were planning our annual Diaper Drive between Mothers Day and Fathers Day for **Cross Roads Pregnancy Center**. Given we are unable to be together to do collections for the events, our team decided to still provide support to these organizations through monetary donations. We have already received notes of thanks from these organizations. As you can imagine the need is great and we didn't feel we could wait to be of some assistance.

We continue to stand ready and able to help our congregation family, if you know of any need that we can assist with please reach out through a committee member or the church office.

Be safe and Be Well - Your Faith Family and Community Outreach Committee

**DO YOU NEED A MASK?** – Connie Redman has been making masks for a hospice facility. They even supplied her with much needed elastic so she can continue to make masks. They are now supplied with what they need. We are all being asked to wear a mask when we go out of our homes now. If you're in need of a mask, Connie would like to give you one. If you are interested, please give her a call at 248.887.4475. Thank you, Connie, for your loving generosity! God bless you.



**CAN YOU HELP?** These days are filled with opportunities to share God's love and serve our neighbor. We pray the Lord prepares your household to be like the light of a city on a hill in these gray and latter days. As you are able, consider supporting our partners in ministry.

- The Luke Project 52 Clinic is still endeavoring to serve expectant moms with prenatal care and the love of Jesus and they the Body of Christ's ongoing support. [Click here to learn more.](#)



**CONNECT WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY** – We never thought there would be a time when we could not meet in the Lord's House, our church family home, to worship, gather, teach, learn and hear God's Word. But we are all doing this separation to keep all our church family safe and, hopefully, healthy. But just because we can't physically be together each week, doesn't mean we can't reach out and communicate with each other. We hope many of you are already contacting each other via phone, text or email. If not, this is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and

contact someone you haven't talked to in a while or maybe even someone in our directory you may not know. Just a little note or call to say you are thinking of them. When we do see each other again, how much closer will we be as a "family" that we took the time and let our "family" know they are on our hearts and on our minds? May God bless each of you with the love and the hope and the peace that is found in Jesus Christ, Our Lord!

### **Birthdays this week**

10 Ed Egan	11 Sue Jones	15 Ashley Behr
10 Matthias Moyer	12 Oakley Genson	15 John Hayner
10 Nick Rakestraw	13 Natalie Waltz	



### **Anniversaries this week**

Larry & Angela Davis (5-13-2006)

### **Consider phoning or mailing those who do not have the means to join in online worship—**

Marilyn Dicks	Jean Donley	Ruby Richards
Jack & Leah Nicholas	Joe Hostman	Virginia McDonnell
Marjorie Cannon & Betty Chopp	Yvonne Pirozek	
Barbara Steele	Gail Lowe	

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers—**

Beccie Oltesvig	Virginia McDonnell	Guy Moore
Larry & Connie House	Lori Flores	Theresa Erfourth
Jean Donley	Chuck & Mary Jo Behr	Andrea Blumberg



### **As well as our family, friends & neighbors—**

John Carlton	Madeline McGrath	Ashlee Eddie
Ron Carr	Rev. Al Eppen	Adam Hassig
Vic Quigley	Laurie Karaska	Terry
Kevin & Amanda Burger	Tim Nolan	Cynthia
Steven Winters	John Harada	Pam
Stephanie Edmonds	Rev. Rich Tino	Kelly
John Koke	Gregg Steigerwalt	Rich
Deb Noonan	Kristen White	Bobby
Stefanie Clifford	Rick Prueter	Stephanie (inoperable cancer -
Marvin Petsch	Dale Mabel	granddaughter of
Pat Avery	Ron Flora	Andrea Blumberg

Bryan Smith's 98-year-old relative, Whitey, who fell and is having hip surgery this week.

**The congregations of our LCMS circuit have committed to praying for our households directly affected by coronavirus: for healing, thanksgiving for recovery, and consolation of the bereaved.**

### **For Healing**

Jean Donley (Faith, Highland)

### **Thanksgiving for Recovery**

John and Joan Freeman (St. Mark's, West Bloomfield)  
Carol and Bill Brower (Christ, Milford)

# Order of Worship

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**L** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**L** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Collect of the Day

**L** 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

**L** A reading from Acts, chapter 6.

<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>2</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 not your fathers 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.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalms 146**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.  
<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

### **Epistle: 1 Peter 2:2–10**

**L** A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to 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.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel: John 14:1–14

**L** A reading from John, chapter 14.

<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."

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Apostles' Creed

**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.

### 349 Hark the Glad Sound

<https://vimeo.com/411433008>

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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Sermon - <https://youtu.be/RSZS25-RykM>

### Hymn of Response: 748 I'm But a Stranger Here

[Link to recording](#)

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.

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### Offering

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## Offertory *Sung or Spoken*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

As newborn infants who long for the pure spiritual milk, so let us come before the Lord seeking His mercy with confidence that His grace will be sufficient for all our needs.

### *Brief silence*

Almighty Father, everlasting God, Your Son has revealed You to us as a merciful Lord. Give to us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe in Him whom You have sent and do the greater works He has told us we will do in His name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have promised to build up Your Church to be a holy priesthood, that Your people might offer the spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to You. Bless Your Church and bring all congregations back together again. Bless all pastors who proclaim Christ to us. Bless all church workers and those preparing for full-time church vocations, that Your Church may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Your power brought all things into being and still You preserve what You have made. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, and all elected and appointed civil servants so that they may honor You and Your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue and protecting all life. Give wisdom and moderation to them in their leadership for the well-being of the nation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O merciful Father, You have compassion upon the sick and those in need and have promised not to ignore them in their afflictions. Turn back the pandemic across the globe and give us relief. Bless the sick with healing, those who suffer with strength and patience, and the dying with peace. Hear us on behalf of those who have requested our prayers [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, You have established the home and blessed those who show us Your love. Bless all mothers and the children in their care. Bless all families and make their homes places of blessing and love, where Your Word is spoken, forgiveness reigns and love is displayed. Give us good examples to inspire youth to all that is good and pure, and to seek after these things. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have given us the wisdom of faith that through the Spirit we might know Your Son to be the way, the truth and the life. Bless all those who teach and all who learn, that the goal of our knowledge may be to know Christ and to make Him known. Do not let Your Word be bound, but let it have free course among us. Preserve those in isolation from idleness, and instead let our minds be renewed in Scripture and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Father, You are not aloof from the needs of this body and life, and You have called us to love our neighbor in need and give aid to the poor. Give us courage and faith, that we may not fear sharing the resources You have supplied with those who live in want, especially the widow, the orphan and the unemployed. Let love be perfected among us to drive out selfish fears. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father of an eternal mercy, You have raised up witnesses in every age and blessed us with those who endured suffering and even death in faithfulness to Christ. We give You thanks for these faithful saints and martyrs, and we pray You to make us strong when we face the day of test, that at length we may be brought with them into the joy of Your presence and the glory of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**I** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

## Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.  
**C** Amen.

## 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

<https://vimeo.com/411428179>

1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er

saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -

'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord

Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall

sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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