

## **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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No office business hours during shelter in place order - messages are monitored daily

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

May 17, 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?

**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](#)
- **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?** – 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 Redman has been making masks and 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!

**Newsletter Deadline** – Our next newsletter deadline is Tuesday, May 26. Thank you for getting your info to me by this date. God bless you all, Linda ☺

**Birthdays this week**

19 Max Lay  
20 Sydney Thompson



**Anniversaries this week**

Bob & Pam Pierce (5-17-1974)  
Mike & Mary Stanley (5-17-1975)  
Ted & Lisa Heater (5-18-1991)

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

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



**Please Remember in Your Prayers—**

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

Lily Pierce (daughter of Eric & Chrissy Pierce – heart valve replacement surgery on June 2 – Lily is 10 years old).

**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
Amanda Burger – in treatment	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
Marvin Petsch	Dale Mabel	
Pat Avery	Ron Flora	

Bryan Smith's 98-year-old relative, Whitey, who fell and had hip surgery last 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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 17:16–31

**L** A reading from Acts, chapter 17.

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

"In him we live and move and have our being";  
as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

<sup>29</sup>Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

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

## Psalm 66:8–20

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

<sup>9</sup>who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net;  
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

<sup>12</sup>you let men ride over our heads;

we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

<sup>13</sup>I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

I will perform my vows to you,

<sup>14</sup>that which my lips uttered

and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,

with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

<sup>16</sup>Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

<sup>17</sup>I cried to him with my mouth,

and high praise was on my tongue.

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened.

<sup>19</sup>But truly God has listened;

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup>Blessèd be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer

or removed his steadfast love from me!

### **Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13–22**

**L** A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 3.

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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

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

## Holy Gospel: John 14:15–21

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

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

**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.**

## 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

<https://vimeo.com/408991575>



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions  
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's  
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to  
△ 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,  
gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our  
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And  
Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row  
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing  
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that  
for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.  
mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.  
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.  
clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

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Sermon - <https://youtu.be/vXITQUjJxuk>



## Offering - [faithhighland.com/give](http://faithhighland.com/give)

In thanksgiving to the Lord's provision and as you are able, please consider contributing your regular tithe and offering to the ongoing ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

## 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

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

### *Brief silence*

For the faithful proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him, that through hearing the Word of the Lord many may be brought to faith and to the knowledge of the truth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of God here and everywhere, that all who confess Jesus Christ may be united in doctrine and witness, defended against all the assaults of the enemy, and eager to gather together around Your Word and Sacrament in love for one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this parish, for the work of the Kingdom in our community, and for the resources to accomplish all that God desires, that His name may be glorified among us and His purpose fulfilled in our words and works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the agencies and institutions through which we love our neighbor and provide for those in need, for the destitute and homeless, and for everyone who suffers unemployment and underemployment, that we may aid them in their needs and assist them to find honorable labor to supply all their needs, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely who suffer the burdens of life without friendship or family, for those depressed or weary of pandemic measures, and for the fellowship of the Church, that we may bear one another's burdens and live in community with Christ as our head, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those who suffer, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that God would grant healing to their bodies, peace for their minds, and consolation in their grief and sorrows, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For love of godly things, that we may delight in God's Word and walk in His ways; and for the Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and kept from error and false doctrine, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nation, for those who lead our nation, for the end of the pandemic, for peace among nations, and for an end to terror and violence, that we may work for the common good so that justice may prevail, life be protected and truth abound, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, our God, as we recall the obedient life and life-giving death of Your Son for our salvation, we pray You to strengthen our faith and to make our hearts bold, that we may not fear but address our prayers to You in all humility. Hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who even now stands before You on our behalf, pleading our cause with His own blood, until that day when we are delivered from the changes and chances of this mortal life and stand before You in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**L** 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.

## 523 O Word of God Incarnate

<https://vimeo.com/408066340>



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,  
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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