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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 10, 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

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 your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. 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.**

GATHERING SONG

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

ELW 377

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!

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*

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Spoken together

Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. *Alleluia.* (John 14:6)

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

ALL: Glory to you, O God

[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.”

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are the Way

ELW 758

You are the way; to you alone
from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find
and by your grace set free.

You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

SENDING

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn
your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619

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!
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.

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia

++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST++++++

Wishing Happy Mother's Day to moms, nurturing care givers, mentors, and all who make a difference in
the lives of children. Thank you for showering your love and care on each of us!

If anyone is interested in a facemask, Ruth Phoebus has about 25 masks she has made and is offering a
mask to you. Please contact Ruth.

Our Daily Bread Casseroles will be picked up by Mary and Tom Regan on Monday, May 11th at **12:00PM**.
Please have the casseroles in the freezer at church before or by Monday the 11th. Thank you for your
generosity!

Lenten World Hunger Project runs till the end of May. We've now purchased 21 pigs and there's time if you would like to send one or more to help our global brothers and sisters support their families.

DEMD Synod Ministry Fund is collecting donations to help our sister congregations who are facing financial need during this crisis. If you would like to write a check rather than donate online, you may send your donation to Salem and we will write one large check to the Synod by June 30th. Each dollar donated up to \$100,000 is being matched. On Giving Tuesday, May 5th Over \$12,000 was donated toward the goal.

The Stitches are looking specifically for green colored and yellow colored beer bottle tops for one of their Fall Craft Fair crafts. They also appreciate your crafts you may be creating in this time of being at home. And, would you keep in mind the yard sale as you clean closets, garages and basements? Lynn Cox and Ruth Phoebus are the contacts.

DEMD Synod Resurrection Living and Giving Workshop is being offered on two days to clergy and congregation members. This 90 minutes event is free. Wednesday, May 13, 1-2:30pm

- Saturday, May 23, 10-11:30am
- Everyone is invited to attend
- Must register to attend this free workshop and to receive the zoom link

Workshop will offer resources on pastoral guidance around grief, loss and hope, and legal guidance on basics of estate planning and gift planning guidance to help you provide for family and the ministries and efforts you love.

To register online:

DEMDSynod.org/connectedness/generosity-abundance/resurrection-living-and-giving-events/

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: The family and friends of Stephen Smith, Kimberly, Karen, Donna Miller, The family and friends of Mr. Mauer, Laura Riley, The family and friends of Edward Brown, Doug McDonald & parents Doug and Carroll McDonald, Judy Newsome, the family and friends of Maeve Kennedy Townsends-McKean & son, Gideon, Phil Kulinski, Vicky Carter, Amanda Evans Deel, Bruce Greer, Jerry Kiesling, Susan Whitacre, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, The family and friends of Opportune Chenou, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Sandy Barthel, Alan Hahn, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Thelma Preisinger, Steve Sussan, Kathi Fuller, Bill & Sherri Stout, Julie Stout, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret and Jerry Shank, Pete Dewitt, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Austin Phoebus, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Lennard Beecher, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Siloa Lutheran Church, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arian, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Kevin Kolb, Carolyn Lynch, Donna Miller, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.

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