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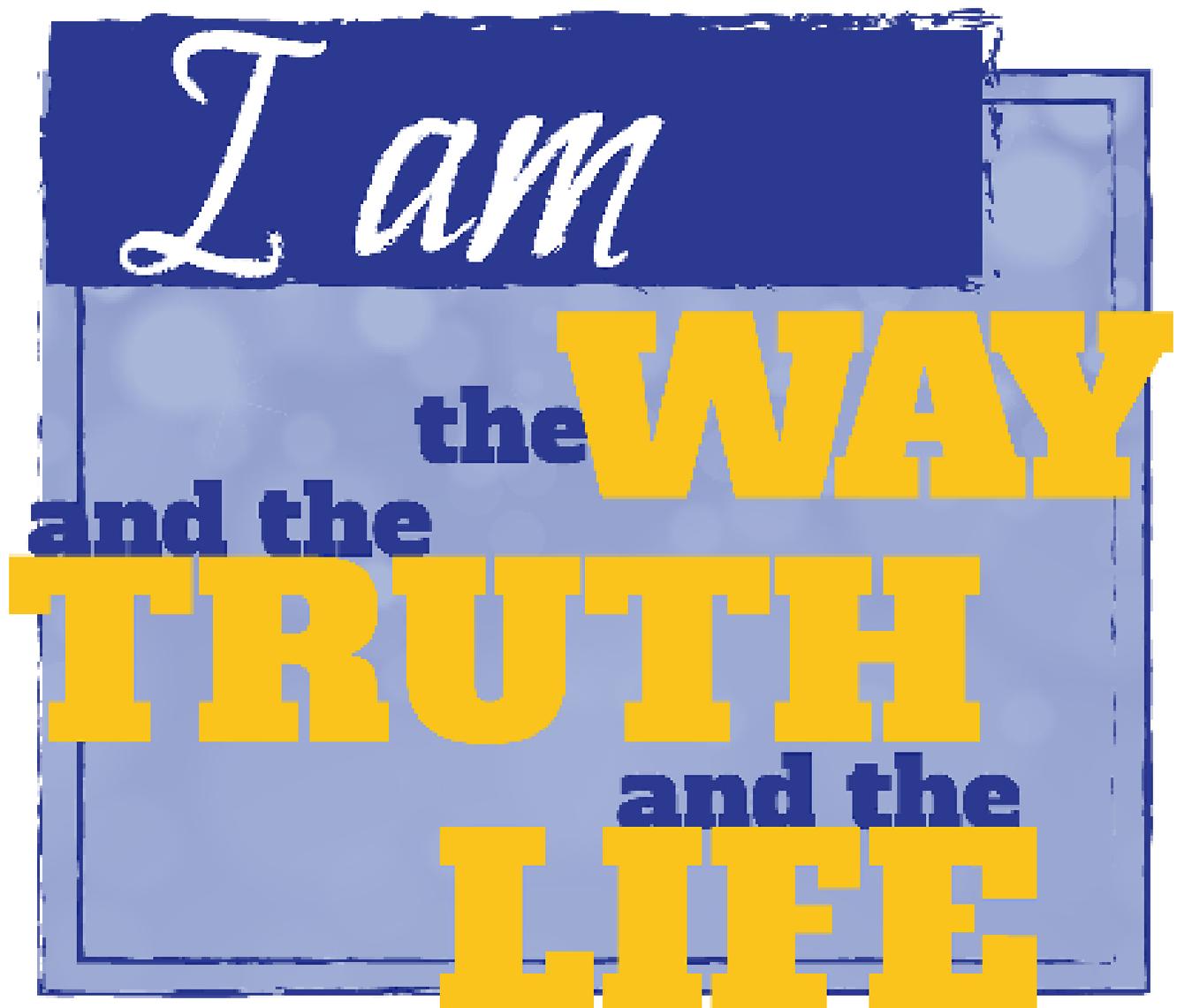
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Fifth Sunday of Easter **May 10th, 2020**



HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED DURING OUR SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

Our fifty-day celebration of Easter continues as we solemnly gather in the presence of our crucified and risen Savior Jesus Christ. Present He is for we see and hear Him touching and speaking to us through His Spirit, in the water of Holy Baptism, in His very body and blood in Holy Communion, in His words of Holy Absolution, and in the preaching of His Word. We gather not as much to give anything to Him but to receive from Him His gifts of deliverance, salvation, and righteousness. Today, once again He bestows on you His own righteousness, making of us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession. Our sin has been taken away, and we are renewed with eternal life by the faith created in us by His Spirit. In this faith our doubts and fears are taken away as we look forward to our heavenly home, the many rooms and mansions, the place prepared for us, as we await His final return.

THE VAJDA HYMN SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

LSB 467 vs.1-4

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

(Sung to the melody “Amazing Grace”)

Tune LSB 744

Look down in mercy on us, Lord,
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
For your amazing grace.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! (LSB 464:3)
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily besets us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

People: Lord God, though the strife is over, the battle done, and now is the victor’s triumph won, sin still hangs on. We are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

GLORIA (Sung to the melody "Hark the Herald Angels Sing") *Tune LSB 380*

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| 1. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space,
God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause,
God the source of natures laws,
God of wisdom, power, and love,
God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!" | 2. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!"
God who saw your creatures fall,
Loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to prove
What is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free,
Recreates your family.
Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
"Glory be to God on high!" |
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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: 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. Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

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. 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. 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. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 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. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. 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. And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. 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. And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised

in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 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. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 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. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ Read Responsively

Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

People: When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

All: He has distributed freely; He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn is exalted in honor. Glory be to the Father and to the ✕ Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation--if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 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. 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.” 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,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 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. 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. 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? 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. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.” Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 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’? 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. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 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. Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

LSB 741

SERMON

“Called Out of Darkness”

1 Peter 2:2-10

CREED

(Sung to the melody “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”)

Tune LSB 802

1. Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in You we believe
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.
2. And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,
And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.
3. Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, with the whole creation, we praise You for Your gift of life and the world that sustains us and all the living.

People: Grant that seeing Your even greater gift of deliverance from the disfigurement of sin and the promise of the renewal of Your original design all people may come to repentance and faith in Your gracious invitation through Jesus Christ, risen and victorious over death.

Pastor: Give power to Your Word as it is proclaimed boldly by Your Church filled with the Holy Spirit in the faithful witness of all,

People: as it is preached and taught by all who are ordained and commissioned by You as well as those to whom You have given the gifts to be faithful witnesses of Your salvation and glory.

Pastor: Turn the hearts of all who bear the authority of government in our land and around the world .

People: May they serve and lead all people in the ways of justice, peace, and freedom.

Pastor: To all who suffer sickness or injury, give the comfort of Your healing.

People: Give strength and endurance to all who suffer any persecution for standing for the truth of the Christian. To all Christians increase their faith and faithfulness, believing that the risen Christ leads us to the glory of eternal life in Your kingdom.

Pastor: (Special Petitions ending in...“Lord, in Your mercy,”),

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for families both here and everywhere. On this Mother’s Day, we remember with thanks the godly mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and aunts who have served as examples of Christian faith and life.

People: May their guidance direct us, their witness inspire us, and their love support us in all our days.

Pastor: We remember in prayer those women who suffer with infertility, miscarriages and struggle with being childless.

People: May they be encouraged through Your Word, and trust in Your plan for their life.

Pastor: For all the faithful who have gone before us, for the prophets and apostles, for saints and martyrs, especially for Your servant Stephen,

People: we give You thanks and ask that You strengthen us to walk according to their example throughout all our days to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

LORD’S PRAYER

‡ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ‡

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

(Sung to the melody "Holy, Holy, Holy")

Tune LSB 507

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" all the saints in glory
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;
"Holy, Holy, Holy!" with them we adore You;
God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

(Sung to the melody "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Tune LSB 702

Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,
You bore the sinner's load
To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned,
With life and glory crowned,
To all the lost and found
Please grant Your peace.

DISTRIBUTION / INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"This Joyful Eastertide"

LSB 482

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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

9:00AM SUNDAY

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