

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Matthew 11

L: Jesus says: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

P: We come seeking rest.

L: Jesus says: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,

P: We come to learn how to be gentle and lowly in heart

L: Jesus says: You will find rest for your souls.

P: Holy God, help our souls find rest in you.

GATHERING SONGS:

“Rest” Downhere

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaxwhhNxBi8>

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” Hymn Project

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhVwVHC6_n0

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven. Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God’s endless mercy and love.

Merciful God,

P: We confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things that we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, hear the good news: You are loved and forgiven in the name of Jesus. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God’s love is given to you. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

P: **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

SONG: **"Stand Strong" Group VBS**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6JeiPXIWa4&t=51s>

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged Stephen out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

PSALM OF THE DAY: *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly¹ set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SONG: **"Rock of Our Salvation"**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-VbJxXo_b8

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to the Lord, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in it will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, it is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into the marvelous light of God.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-14

[Jesus said:] 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 Jesus, “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 my Father.”

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.

SONG: “Do not let your hearts be troubled” Haas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRBzk2nsil4>

MESSAGE:

Shivon Miller, Minister of Congregational Life

SONG: “It is Well with My Soul”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYrL9ea1XUg>

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The 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.

THE OFFERING

Looking for a way to give to support Trinity ministry? We have now launched our Text to Give program. Simply text the amount you'd like to give to 833-610-0635. Kathy will also continue to check the mail and make deposits weekly Thank you for your generous giving that enables continued ministries.

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us life, this community and the gifts of the earth. Move into our hearts, that we might use these gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we are, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Still worshipping from our homes, but with our hearts bonded into one, let us pray for all who are in need, responding to each petition with words from today’s psalm, “make haste to deliver us.”

A brief silence.

Build us up, mothering God, that like living stones we embody the strength that only you can give. Fill now the churches’ needs for leaders to serve your holy people.

A brief silence.

O God, incline your ear to us:

Make haste to deliver us.

Form us to be humble participants in your complex creation. We praise your power in evolving a magnificent earth, from flowering trees to tropical rainstorms, from black holes to beloved pets. Lead us to respect your wondrous earth.

A brief silence.

O God, incline your ear to us:
Make haste to deliver us.

Assist the leaders of nations to find and follow your ways of justice. Guide their way through the challenges of pandemic and poverty. Protect governors and legislators from sickness and burn-out. Despite our own considerable needs, keep us mindful of the needs of others.

A brief silence.

O God, incline your ear to us:
Make haste to deliver us.

Accompany those who are sick, sorrowful, or confused. Comfort them in suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens. We beg you to protect us from the coronavirus, and we pray for those we name in our hearts before you.

A brief silence.

O God, incline your ear to us:
make haste to deliver us.

Sustain those who mother infants and children. Uphold the parents and grandparents who now must school their children. Provide enough food and resources for families. Grant safe pregnancy and delivery to expectant parents, and minister to those who endure infertility and miscarriage. Bless the countless relatives, medical workers, and hospice volunteers who give to others mothering care. Embrace all for whom today's cultural celebration of mothers is difficult.

A brief silence.

O God, incline your ear to us:
Make haste to deliver us.

Always, loving God, we are bold to add our own petitions:

A longer period of silence.

O God, incline your ear to us:
Make haste to deliver us.

We remember before you for all who have died in the faith, those like Stephen martyred for the faith, those struck down by the coronavirus, and those whom we name now in our hearts.

A brief silence.

At the end, bring us all to you, who are our way, our truth, and our life.

O God, incline your ear to us:
Make haste to deliver us.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

BLESSING

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of all grace ☩ bless us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: “My Feet Are On The Rock”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uYiHiJTN6Y>

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.