

**Sunday, May 10, 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**ELW Service of the Word**  
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**PRELUDE**

Alleluia - W,A, Mozart, arr. Clair Johnson  
Bill Koeber, Clarinet

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG**

*The Church's One Foundation*  
(ELW 654) vs. 1,2,5

1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess**  
**that we are captive to sin**  
**and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you**  
**with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved**  
**our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**For the sake**  
**of your Son, Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**  
**so that we may delight in your will**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake  
God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Built on a Rock*  
(ELW 652) vs. 1-4

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,  
even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
bells still are chiming and calling--  
calling the young and old to rest,  
calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.

2 Surely, in temples made with hands  
God the Most High is not dwelling--  
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,  
all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above  
deigns to abide with us in love,  
making our bodies his temple.

3 Christ builds a house of living stones:  
we are his own habitation;  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face,  
he in their midst will show his grace,  
blessings upon them bestowing.

4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,  
Jesus the children is blessing;  
hither we come to praise his name,  
faith in our Savior confessing.  
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,  
making with us his covenant,  
granting his children the kingdom.

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## **FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60**

**LWA** A reading from Acts.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

<sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

- <sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.
- <sup>3</sup>Be 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.
- <sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.
- <sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.
- <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute  
me.
- <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

**LWA** A reading from 1 Peter.

- <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may  
grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and  
precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like 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. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:
- “See, 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>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”
- <sup>8</sup>and  
“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.
- <sup>9</sup>But 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 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.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Celtic Alleluia*  
(ELW 174)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to St. John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In 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? <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place 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 know me, you will know 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 we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus 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’? <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; 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; but if you do not, then believe me because

of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very 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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Jesus Loves Me!*  
**(ELW 595)**

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

#### *Refrain*

Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

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## **CREED**

**P** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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

**LWA** Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**LWA** Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**LWA** Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**LWA** Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety (*aid organizations may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**LWA** God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**LWA** Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**LWA** Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise to the Lord - arr. Brant Adams  
Bill Koeber, Clarinet

## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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.**

## PARTING BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
(ELW 810) vs. 1,3,4

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen,  
O Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**LWA** Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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