



ST/JOHN'S  
**FIFTH SATURDAY OF EASTER**  
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

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Saturday, May 9, 2020

5:00 PM

## + Gathering +

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

## + Word +

### READING

Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<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.

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

## DISCUSSION

### GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to 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.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

## DISCUSSION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All are invited to pray, silently or aloud. Each petition concludes with:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*or*

Lord, we praise you,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**+ Meal +**

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

**God our Mother, God our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### COMMUNION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal, you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## + Sending +

### SENDING SONG

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

## 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.  
All-loving God, Creator, † Christ, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## OFFERTORY

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

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| † The family and friends of Helene Tadros,<br>Olga Domchenko's sister, who passed away<br>on 4/6/20, and especially for William<br>Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker | † Greyson Nester   |
| † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson,<br>sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's<br>husband, in need of healing   | † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland   |
| † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga<br>Domchenko, in need of healing  | † Marty Anderson   |
| † Doris Regan, mother of Jan Wendel &<br>Sharon Regan, recovering from cancer<br>surgery   | † Linda Basnik, wife of Chad Johnson,<br>hospitalized with spinal injury |
| † Janet Witt, cancer diagnosis   | † Ellie Basnik, mother-in-law of Chad<br>Johnson, cancer diagnosis       |
| † Michael Rager, brother of Christi Wise, in<br>need of healing  | † Ross Johnson, brother of Chad Johnson                                  |
| † Virginia Milnikel, broken arm  | † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of<br>Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh  |
| † Susan Crist  | † Sydney Johnson, her work   |
| † Bob Oakes, recovering from hospitalization   | † Mark Voosen  |
| † Lani Miller  | † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf<br>Peddinghaus                  |
| † Doug Peters, managing cancer and<br>recovering from broken bones   | † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink   |
| † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison,<br>ongoing back pain   | † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel                                  |
|  | † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde<br>family                        |
|  | † Fred Rudolphi, friend of Bill Kaspar, in<br>need of healing            |
|  | † Steve Aschbacher, friend of Bill Kaspar, in<br>need of healing         |
|  | † the officers of the Rogers Park police<br>district                     |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Adult Forum Tomorrow**

Have you ever wondered how you as an individual can have a meaningful impact on larger social systems like racism, poverty, and ecological devastation? During Adult Forum tomorrow, we will discuss how joining together as a community and linking up with other communities, we can have a tangible and much-needed impact on these larger systems. We will also discuss the opportunity to begin this work as a congregation through the Poor People's Campaign.

For tomorrow's **Virtual Coffee Hour**, everyone is invited to bring a meaningful object, picture, or keepsake that reminds them of their mother or a mothering figure in their lives. We will show these objects to one another and share the meaning behind them.

The next **Rooted in Relationships Team** meeting is Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We will use the same Zoom link as for worship.

## **Green Team Guest**

Next Sunday, The Rev. Brian Sauder, President & Executive Director of Faith in Place, will be preaching during our 9:30 am service and leading Adult Forum from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Faith in Place, a partner of the St. John's Green Team, works to empower people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the earth and advocating for healthier communities. Faith in Place has five program areas, including energy & climate, sustainable food & land use, water preservation, advocacy, and youth leadership & empowerment. Sunday will be an opportunity to learn more about the important work of Faith in Place and how our congregation can expand our involvement.

## **Mask Donation to The Night Ministry**

St. John's has supported the Night Ministry since it was founded. We have contributed money and almost 30,000 meals. One of the things they need now are cloth masks to distribute to the people they serve. Chad Johnson's wife, Linda, has made some masks that are being donated. These masks will be picked up next Thursday. If you have cloth masks you would like to add to this donation, please call or email Chad at 847-913-3917 or [cejohnson160@gmail.com](mailto:cejohnson160@gmail.com). Linda also has a small amount of elastic to share if needed.

## **Face Mask Challenge**

Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge! COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities, and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to send to them. The cloth mask you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? Click [here](#) for more info.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northwestern** invites you to join them online (via Zoom) for their Virtual Showcase – music and conversation with students – on Saturday, May 16, 2020, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Admission (access to Zoom link): \$40. All proceeds support the ministry of LCMNU. To purchase access, go to [bit.ly/LCMNU-Show-2020](https://bit.ly/LCMNU-Show-2020). Can't attend but want to support the Ministry? Contact the LCMNU office at [lutheranm@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:lutheranm@u.northwestern.edu) or call 847-864-7849. You can also mail a check to LCMNU, 2204 Orrington, Evanston, IL 60201.

## **Draft Social Message - Your Input Desired**

The idea of government was already very much in focus because this was an election year, and the pandemic has focused it more so. But what does the ELCA teach about the nature and function of government in relation to God's purposes? What is a faithful Lutheran response regarding citizenship and civic

engagement? To help guide our church on these questions, the 2019 Churchwide Assembly asked for the preparation of a social message. At this time, the message is in draft form. Through May 27, you are invited to provide feedback on how to strengthen the message. Click [here](#) to read "A Draft Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement: Discipleship in a Democracy." To offer feedback, please fill out this [survey](#). You may also choose to email comments to [draftsocialmessage@elca.org](mailto:draftsocialmessage@elca.org). The comment period ends May 27. To learn more about what social messages are, click [www.elca.org/socialmessages](http://www.elca.org/socialmessages).

### Member Milestones

Do you have a special event taking place in your or your family's life that you would like to share with the St. John's community? Please let us know, and we will include it in our new "Member Milestones" section of the newsletter. Milestones may include happy occasions and other serious life cycle events, including but not limited to graduation, wedding engagement, illness, surgery, death in the family, job change, award received, etc. Also, please send us your birthdays and anniversaries so we can include those as well! You can e-mail your information to [churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnswilmette.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

9:30 AM Online Worship with Children's Message  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM Adult Forum Online

### TUESDAY

7:00 PM Council Meeting Online

### WEDNESDAY

10:00-11:00 AM Bible Study Online

### THURSDAY

12:00-1:00 PM Men's Group Online  
7:00-8:30 PM Rooted in Relationships Team Meeting

### SATURDAY

5:00 PM Candlelight Service Online

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

9:30 AM Online Worship with Children's Message  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM Adult Forum Online  
7:00-8:15 PM Confirmation Class Online

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