



5th Sunday of Easter

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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught 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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Congregation: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! C: Amen.

*L: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. (pour water into font, **silence for reflection**)*

L: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – I Received the Living God #477

Refrain: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

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- 1. Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. Refrain.*
- 2. Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. Refrain.*
- 3. Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.*

You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. *Refrain.*

4. Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread, And my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain.*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow his commandments, and to share his risen life with the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Acts 7:55-60 p. 891

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he 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!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ 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. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ 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.**

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 p. 439

¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me; ⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

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

1 Peter 2:2-10 p. 984

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ 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. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ 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.

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Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1

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

John 14:1-14 p. 877

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ 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'? ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² 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. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Sermon

David Ingram

Hymn of the Day– Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life #816

1. Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.
2. Come, my light, my feast, my strength, such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.
3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Apostle's 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 God's People

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

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Offering Hymn – Hallelujah, Jesus Lives! #380 v. 1-4

1. Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy hall of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.
2. Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.
6. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal waits for you;
joined in Christ, your living head, where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.
7. Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving p. 107

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

Invitation to Communion

L: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

L: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us, and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, C: Amen.

Announcements

- Thanks to everyone who donates food for St. Jude's Food Pantry
- Coming up: Tues MMIWR Day; May 8/9 Garage Sale @ Fairbanks Lutheran; VBS June

15-19; Sept 13 GWOH Sunday

Closing Hymn – Thine is the Glory #376

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Blessing

L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! C: Thanks be to God.

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