

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday May 9. 2020 – 5:00PM St. John's Windish Lutheran Church

Prelude Hymn Sings: #458 1-4V

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry

a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength-en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol

fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

Text: H. Francis Yardley, 1911–1990; Frank J. Whiteley, b. 1914, alt.

Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

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Hymn # 468 1-3 V

Around You, O Lord Jesus



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite
 Music: O JESU, ÄN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569
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Hymn #490 1-4V

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-gard on the way;
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth-ing earth-ly - mind-ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 as the Light of light, de - scend-ing from the realms of end - less day,
 veil their fac - es to the pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry:



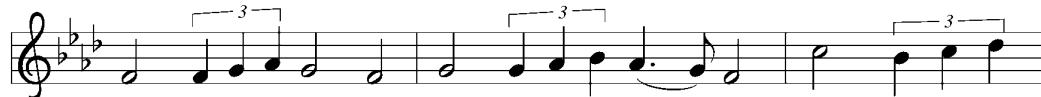
Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand.
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way.
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

Hymn #511 1-4 &6V

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia with-out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976

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Hymn #377 1-5V

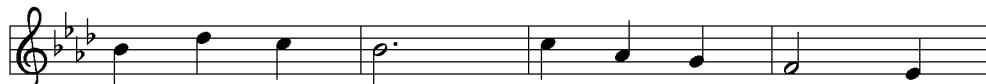
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - born us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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A: Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome

Introduction to the day:

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that He goes to prepare a place for His followers in His Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Prayer to help prepare for worship:

God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Our worship continues with our prelude music.

PRELUDE (*Music utilized to prepare yourself for worship*)

"Mater"

Today's prelude is shared to the glory of God in honor of all the women in our lives. This prelude is part of the rich tradition for the people of St. John's Windish Lutheran Church in celebration of this day. We thank you for sharing this tradition with all of us!

INVOCATION (*A call to "invoke" God's presence into our midst*)

P: We gather in the name of the Father, Who created all things, the +Son, Who redeems creation, and the Spirit, Who calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS (*Public statement of our wrong doings followed by the promise that God forgives us. Authorized by Christ!*)

A: 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.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)
Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

(Invitation by worship leader to welcome ALL in the name of our God)

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

A: A reading from Acts.

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 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. 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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 31:1-5, 15-16 (Please read responsively)

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

²**Incline 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.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly 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.

- ¹⁵**My 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."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A: A reading from 1st Peter

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 him, 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 him will not be put to shame."

⁷To 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,"

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 him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERMON

Pastor Jerry Kulp

GOSPEL: (Found in the New Testament, the Gospels provide first-hand accounts of the life of Jesus Christ)

John 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter beginning with the 1st verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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 him, "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 him."

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.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Suzanne Trump

HYMN #816

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, with lyrics underneath each staff. The first staff starts with a quarter note. The second staff starts with a half note. The third staff starts with a dotted half note. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632
 Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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APOSTLES CREED (*A summary of our core beliefs*)

**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 PRAYERS

A: 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*). Build us up, gracious God, as living stones united in Your spiritual house. Continually strengthen Your people as we are sent forth to proclaim Your great love. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Humble us, creative 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.

A: Align the ways of the world to Your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare and sustain places for those seeking refuge and safety Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Walk with all who continue to care for others during this time of pandemic and give them peace. For those who are working in the medical fields and attempting to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick. For those who are working to help find a cure for this disease. For those who are distributing goods and delivering those goods to the marketplace. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Ever-renewing God, share wisdom and guidance to those who are using creative and innovative methods in faith forming ministries of Your Church. For those who are teaching the story of Your Great love with of our children. For our children and all the children of this world that they would be moved to action and a life of faith by Your presence. For parents and teachers that their words and thoughts would be inspired by You. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: God of unity, walk with this community on our pilgrimage of unity. We give You thanks and praise for binding us together through Your great love. We thank You for the gift of partnership being experienced by all of us through the gift of technology. Continue to bind us together in ways that promote the singular proclamation of Your great love for this world. Lord in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

A: God of comfort, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens. Uplift those who are sick, lonely, suffering, or near death. Guide the thoughts of our hearts and the words of our mouth with Your comforting presence and free us from all of our fears. Bring Your children the peace and comfort we long for. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We lift up our individual prayers to You (silence for reflection). Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Sharing of the peace

A: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Our Offerings

Communion

A: Today we celebrate The act of spiritual communion. This practice has been used in previous times when God's children have not been able to physically receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It's an act of devotion of love affirming our faith in Christ and His real presence. In the moment as each person prays our voices join with others in community expressing our desire to receive Christ into our lives.

Let us now walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God. Please share in a moment of silent reflection.

P: Let us pray: My Jesus,

C: I believe that You are truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I always desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim Your resurrection. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot receive You in the sacrament of Your Body and Blood, I implore You to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with Your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from You. May I live in You and You in me, in this life and in the life that is to come. Amen.

Based on a prayer from: *The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This time will be reserved for any comments or questions from the gathered community.

BLESSING

P: God, Who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, Who spreads His arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, Who draws ever near to us, +bless us and bring us to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace! Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

LITURGY NOTES:

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