

**Grow....Go....Gather**  
**May 10, 2020**

*My peace*  
I give unto you  
Let not your *heart*  
be troubled,  
*neither* let it be afraid.



*John 14:27*

**ST. JAMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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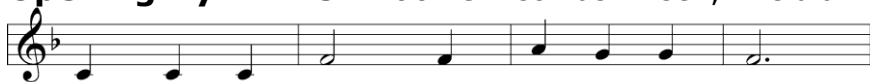
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## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Opening Hymn: LSB 466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!  
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.  
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go;  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;  
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;  
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
And in its con - quest His might did show.  
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

#### *Refrain*



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Common Versicles *LSB 260*

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** **Teach me Your paths.**

**P** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** **Your Word is truth.**

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **The First Reading:** Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte

of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . . You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

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

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

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## A Hymn of Praise: "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

### Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

### Chorus

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high



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## The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me,

Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon Hymn: LSB 490 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"**



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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## Sermon: 1 Peter 2:2-10

## Offering

### A Hymn: LSB 862, "O Blest the House"



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus  
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in  
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their  
 4 Oh, blest that house; it pros - pers well. In peace and  
 5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol - ly  
 hope and love a - bound; They trust their God and serve Him  
 chil - dren's fore-most need And wea - ry not of care or  
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives is  
 prom - ise make and say: Though all the world for - sake His



His— How sad and poor and dark it is!  
 still And do in all His ho - ly will!  
 cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!  
 shown How rich - ly God can bless His own.  
 Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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## The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**☒ 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.

### Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,  
that You have kept me this night from  
all harm and danger; and I pray that  
You would keep me this day also from  
sin and every evil, that all my doings  
and life may please You. For into Your  
hands I commend myself, my body  
and soul, and all things. Let Your holy  
angel be with me, that the evil foe  
may have no power over me.

### Benedicamus

LSB 267

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 267

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the  
Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

# The Closing Hymn: "Shout to the Lord"

## Verse

My Jesus my Savior  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

## Chorus

*Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You*



***(Repeat the Verse and Chorus)***

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## FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (April 30, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$4,270.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
<u>Plate Collection</u>	<u>945.00</u>
Total: \$5,290.00	



## BIBLE QUIZ for Mother's Day

1. Who was the mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:16)
2. Who was the mother of Cain and Abel? (Genesis 4:1-2)
3. Who was the mother of John the Baptist? (Luke 1:57-60)
4. Who was the mother of Isaac? (Genesis 21:3)
5. Who was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin? (Genesis 46:19)
6. Who was the mother of King Solomon? (2 Samuel 12:24)
7. Who was the mother-in-law of Ruth? (Ruth 1)



Wishing you the  
very best this  
Mother's Day!

- Answers:
1. Mary
  2. Eve
  3. Elizabeth
  4. Sarah
  5. Rachel
  6. Bathsheba
  7. Naomi