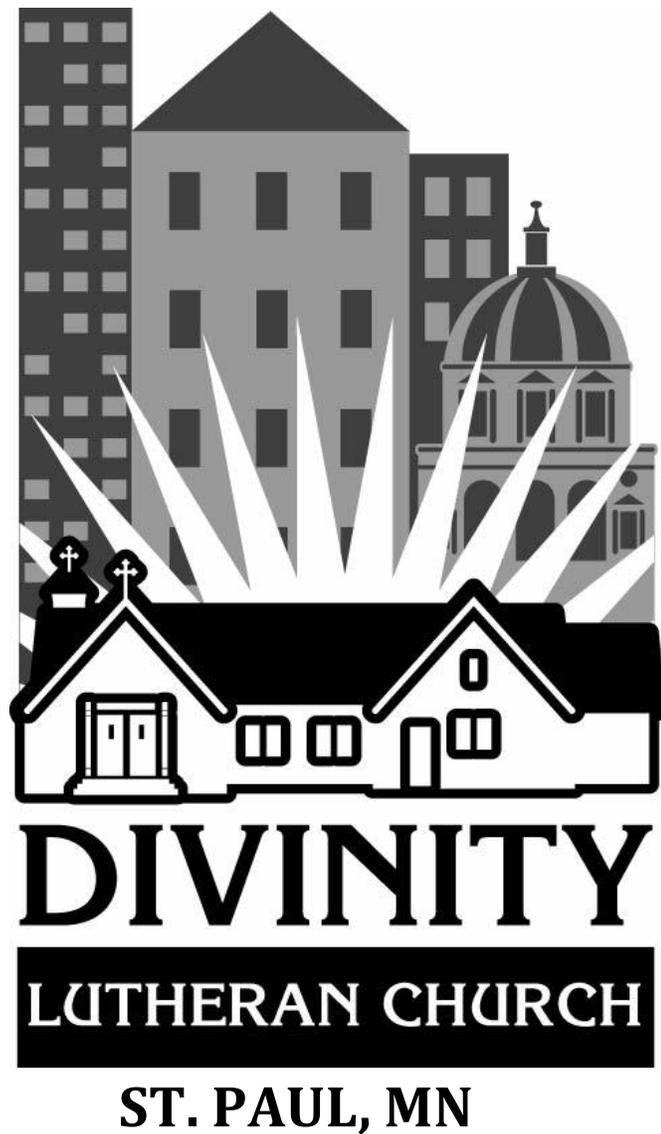


*JESUS LIVES TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN*



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*May 10th, 2020*

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## Father, We Praise You



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver.  
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;  
 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,



Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be -  
 Ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness  
 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal -



fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer prayer and  
 send - ing. Bring us to heav - en, where your  
 va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing



med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.  
 saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
 and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.  
 Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (11 11 11 5) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

M: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

C: **Your mercies are new every morning.**

M: Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

C: **Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.**

M: Better than life is your love.

C: **Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Amen!**

*Lamentations 3:23*

*Psalms 119:105*

*Psalms 63:3*

## CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

*Silence for private confession*

## ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

### John 14:1-12 (EHV)

“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

<sup>5</sup>“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so 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 would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>“Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that is enough for us.”

<sup>9</sup>“Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me will do the works that I am doing. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”

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## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,  
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall,  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!  
 5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.  
 Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 This a - lone can sin de - stroy;  
 Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing  
 You have con - quered in the fight; You have  
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born  
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68, alt.  
 Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivancice, 1566.

## Sermon

### Reasoning with the Unreasonable

Acts 17:1-12

When Paul and Silas had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup>As was his custom, Paul went to the Jews, and on three Sabbath days he led them in a discussion from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. He also said, "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ." <sup>4</sup>Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great number of God-fearing Greeks and more than a few of the prominent women.

<sup>5</sup>But the Jews became jealous and gathered from the marketplace some wicked men, who formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house and searched for Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the mob. <sup>6</sup>When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city officials, shouting, "These men, who have stirred up trouble all over the world, have come here too, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has welcomed them as guests! They are all acting contrary to Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, Jesus!" <sup>8</sup>The crowd and the city officials were stirred up when they heard these things. <sup>9</sup>They took a security bond from Jason and the others and then let them go.

<sup>10</sup>That same night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup>Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians. They received the word very eagerly and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these things were so.

<sup>12</sup>Many of them believed, along with more than a few prominent Greek women and men.

## **OFFERING**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **LUTHER'S 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. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **Prayer & 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.**

## BLESSING

M: May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.

C: Amen.

### CLOSE OF SERVICE

## 319 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,



King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no



pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:



Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my



hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.