GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 10, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter (Mothers Day)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled."

[John 14:1]

WELCOME

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning.

9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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 ae 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.

PRELUDE Chant de Paix Jean Langlais

BELL

GATHERING PRAYER

Faith is always in motion.
It is a journey, step by step, moment by moment, day by day. It is won by every forward struggle, often alone, sometimes in the company of others.
Committing ourselves is not a command, it is a choice.
Our lives are presented with powerful and often conflicting demands. It is up to each of us to choose to express love, compassion and to seek justice.
Equality and diversity in community is more than just a slogan.
It is celebration and appreciation in what makes each of us unique.
Jesus leads, and invites us to follow. How shall we listen and respond?

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WHOLENESS

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward those who inflict harm; we have

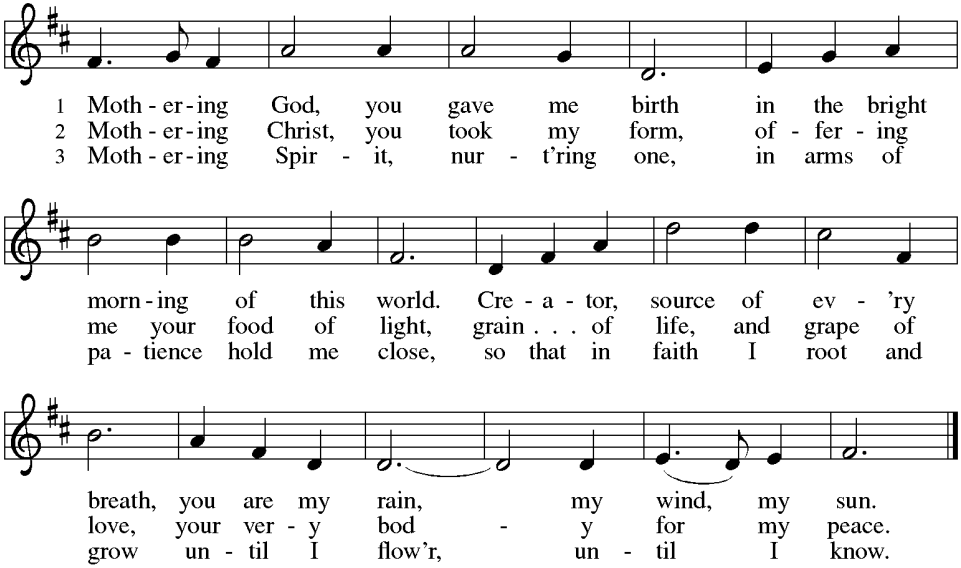
been deceitful in our relationship; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND GRACE

Sisters and brothers, 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. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Stand as you are able

GATHERING HYMN — Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



GREETING

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
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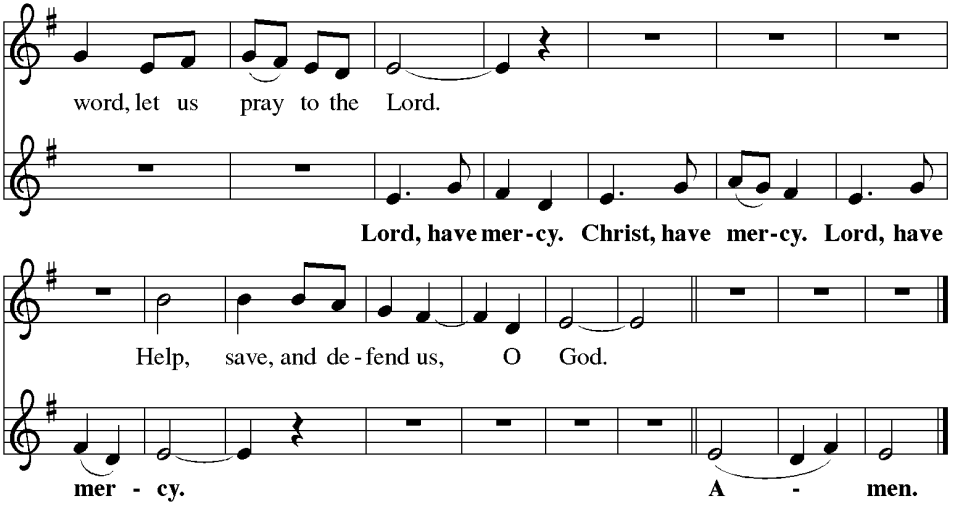
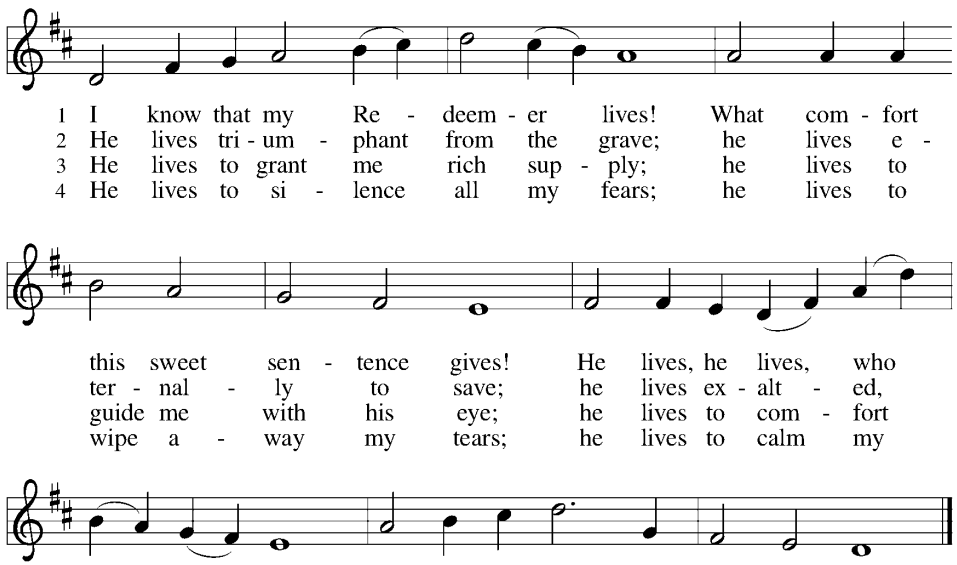
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



SONG OF PRAISE I Know that My Redeemer Lives! (1-4, 8)



5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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 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.
Amen.

Sit

READING Acts 7:55-60

55 Filled 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!" 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.

A The word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God.

READING 1 Peter 2:2-10

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."

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.

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ALLELUIA VERSE

Refrain: ***Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;***
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his name.

Verses: ***Jesus is Lord of all the earth;***
He is the king of creation. **Refrain**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain**

We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live forever. **Refrain**

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. **Refrain**

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL John 14:1-14

[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."

A The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of God endures forever.

C Thanks be to God.

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TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SERMON

Time for reflection

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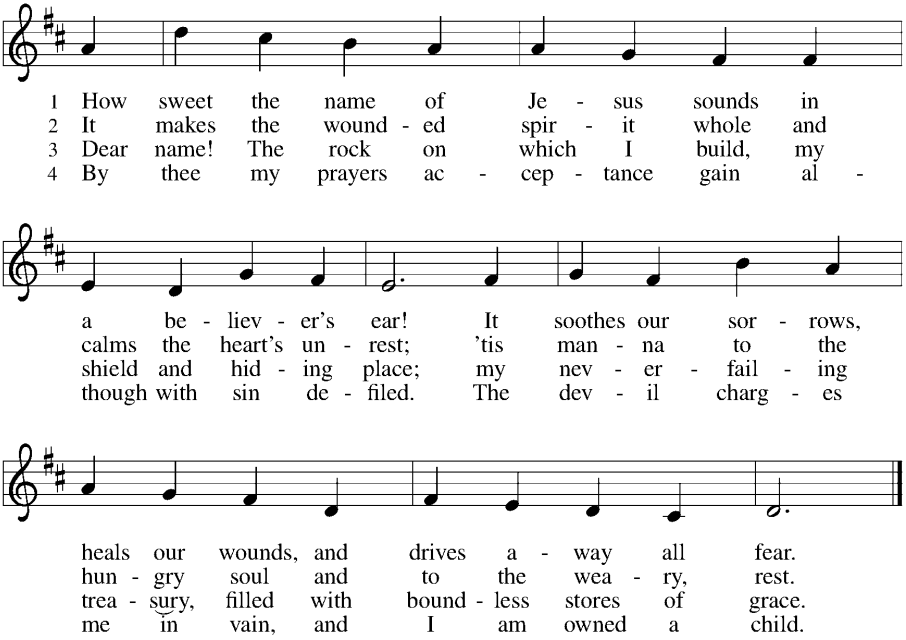
HYMN OF THE DAY **How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (1-5)**



5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

SUNG CREED **We Believe**

We believe in God the Father,
Maker of the universe,
And in Christ His Son, our Savior,
Come to us by virgin birth.
We believe He died to save us,
Bore our sins, was crucified,
Then, from death, He rose victorious,
Ascended to the Father's side.

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

We believe He sends His Spirit
On His church with gifts of power.
God, His word of truth affirming,
Sends us to the nations now.
He will come again in glory,
Judge the living and the dead.
Every knee shall bow before Him,
Then must every tongue confess:

Chorus: Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all. (Sing 4 times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Humble us, creator 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.

Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety (*aid organizations may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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God 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.

With thanksgiving and unending joy we echo on earth

the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise Your glory for ever:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sit

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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SENDING PRAYERS

We thank you, living God for your Son, who sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. **As Christ has loved us, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.**

Let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick from the coronavirus. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. **May God console them and grant them peace.**

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. **May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good. Amen.**

BLESSING

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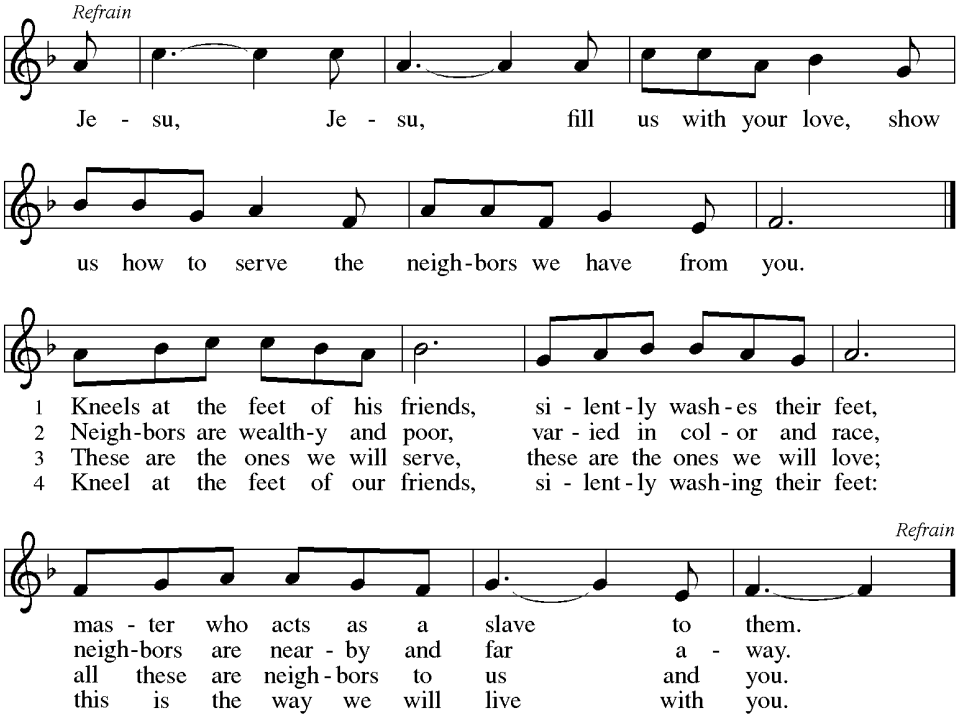
SENDING HYMN **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

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