



May 14, 2017  
The Fifth Sunday after Easter  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*(we stand)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP FOR EASTER**

In the name of the Father (+), Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Lord is my strength and my song.

**The Lord has become my salvation.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness;

**I will go through them and praise the Lord,**

I shall not die, but live,

**and declare the works of the Lord.**

This is the day the that the Lord has made;

**we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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**GATHERING SONG**

**LBW # 543**

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who sacrificed for us; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death; and the communion of the Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise. Through the changes of this world, may our hearts be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(we sit)*

**CHILDREN'S WELCOME SONG**

**"This is the Day"**

**(sung by the congregation)**

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.*

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC**

**"I Wash My Hands This Morning"**

**Cherubs' Choir**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** (then children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger may attend Children's Church)

**PSALM 146**

**(read responsively)**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

**Their hope is in the Lord their God;**

God made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

**God keeps his promise forever;**

God gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free;**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The Lord loves the righteous;

**The Lord cares for the stranger;**

He sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>**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.**

<sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

<sup>5</sup>**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. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>**And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.** <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>2a</sup>And Stephen said: <sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>**Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered,** <sup>53</sup>**you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.**"

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>**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.** <sup>56</sup>**And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."** <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.

<sup>58</sup>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. <sup>59</sup>**And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”** <sup>60</sup>**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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(we stand)*

**(11:00 a.m.) GOSPEL HYMN**

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need your tender care,  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are yours.*

**GOSPEL**

**John 14:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>(Jesus said,) “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. 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 had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>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’? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>**Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.** <sup>12</sup>“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. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*(we sit)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Ken Reed**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**LBW # 518**

**“Beautiful Savior”**

**PRAYERS & APOSTLES' CREED**

*(after each prayer petition...)*

*Lord, in your mercy,*

***hear our prayer.***

O Lord, let your loving kindness descend upon us that, with purified minds, we may sing your praises with the whole Church on earth and glorify you forever.

**Amen.**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

**OFFERING**

**8:30 a.m. ANTHEM**

***Special Music***

**Hubert Ray Adams**

**11:00 a.m. ANTHEM**

***“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me!”***

**Chancel Choir**

*(we stand)*

**OFFERTORY**

*Come, you thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in;  
Ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker does provide; For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Together, let us pray.

**Help us to live as gracious people O Lord, content with fulfilling needs more than wants. We bring before you this day an offering of thankfulness for all you have first given us. Use our talents to proclaim your love and grace to the world. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Have mercy on us. Amen.**

*(we sit)*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**OFH # 36**

**"O, How I Love Jesus"**

*(we stand)*

**COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

**LBW # 557**

**"Let All Things Now Living"**

**BENEDICTION & SENDING**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Go with the blessing of the Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit.

Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

**He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**