



Fifth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
May 13-14, 2017



THE PRELUDE: "Simple Gifts"

arranged by Charles W. Ore

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 861 "Christ Be My Leader"

Divine Service One, page 151ff. (please stand if able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 151

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 149:1; Psalm 30:1-5



Sing to the LORD a new song,	His praise in the assembly of the godly!
I will extol You, for You have drawn me up	and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,	and You have healed me.
You have brought up my soul from Sheol;	You restored / me to life.
Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,	and give thanks to His holy name.
For His anger is but for a / moment,	and His favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry / for the night,	but joy comes with the morning.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son	and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be- ginning,	is now, and will be forever. Amen.
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KYRIE: pages 152-153

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast" page 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you. **C: (sung) And also with you.**
 L: Let us pray. **C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.**
Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)

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 father's 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL:

L: Christ has risen from the dead. **C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**
 L: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; **C: He has put all things under His feet.**

THE EPISTLE 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. L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 156 *(sung)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 14:1-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter. C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:**

**I am trusting You, Lord Jesus, Trusting only You; Trusting You for full salvation, Free and true.
I am trusting You to guide me; You alone shall lead, Ev-‘ry day and hour supplying All my need.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 688 “Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

SERMON: *(Sun.)* “Jesus Is Our Path to the Father” John 14:1-14

P: Most gracious Father: may the words of my mouth,

C: and the meditation of our hearts,

ALL: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19:14)

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed

(10:30 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 158** *(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.)* **The Apostles’ Creed: page 159**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition ends “let us pray to the Lord” and we respond, “Lord, have mercy.”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Nina Guebert, Donald Salger, Edward Schneider, C. John Prigge, Fred Buch, Lois Mesnarich, Darlene Lohman, Larry Ehlers, Austin Whelan; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Brenda Manning, Stephanie Jones, Debbie Kezely, Terry Heller, Steve Herriman, Lori Voges, Elaine Goetting, Harlan Burmester, Larry Berg, Marianne Hunt, Jamie Brandt, Jennifer Dominique, Corey Koester, Tom Blevins, Edgar Wilson, Bobby Wood, Melvin Juelfs, Eric Frazier, Mary McConachie, Chuck Feltmeyer, David “Pete” Rahn, Ted Knop. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Thomas Goetting, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallet, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Andy Pfeiffer, Austin Scheibe; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Christina Cavan, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner, Ted Knop; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Courtney Kueker, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop

+those who mourn: the family of Omar Koester, who died in the Lord on Thursday

+the Christian wedding of Chelsea Koester and Jason Rippelmeyer here this coming Saturday

+thanksgiving for our mothers, especially those who raised us in the Christian faith

+thanksgiving for the 65th wedding anniversary of Arlin and Helen Winkelman on May 17

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** “Come Follow Me, the Savior Spake” *arr. by J.G. Walther*

(please stand if able) **OFFERTORY:** pages 159-160

The 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services continue with the Lord’s Prayer and a Closing Prayer.

(10:30 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 160ff.

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SANCTUS AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: page 161

LORD’S PRAYER AND THE WORDS OF OUR LORD: page 162

THE PAX DOMINI:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: page 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*

687 “Thine Forever, God of Love”

722 “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *(please stand for the last stanza if able)*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” page 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 166

BENEDICTION: page 166

CLOSING HYMN: 739 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

THE POSTLUDE: “Fugue in G. Minor”

by J.S. Bach