

**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MOTHER'S DAY
DRIVE-IN PARKING LOT WORSHIP
May 10, 2020 8:15 AM**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful! We Adore Thee!"

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness. Fill us with the light of day.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;
See the ancient powers of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.
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PSALM (146) OF THE DAY (The Message Bible)

Pastor: Alleluia! O my soul, praise God! All my life long I'll praise God, singing songs to my God as long as I live.

People: **Don't put your life in the hands of powerful people. There is no help for you there. When they die, their projects die with them.**

Pastor: Instead, get help from the God of Jacob. Put your hope in God and know real blessing!

People: **God made sky and soil, sea and all the fish in it. He always does what he says. He defends the wronged. He feeds the hungry. God frees prisoners.**

Pastor: He gives sight to the blind. He lifts up those who are weighed down. God loves good people, protects strangers, takes the side of orphans and widows, but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

People: **God is in charge — always. Our God is God forever! Alleluia!**

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain.
Call us to rejoice in Thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest.
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine. Amen.
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EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Heavenly Father, help us to grow up in our salvation.

People: **You created us in Christ to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, your chosen people. We sadly admit that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and have fallen short of Your glory. Cast our sins into the sea of forgetfulness. Your Word tells us that we have now received Your mercy and through our Cornerstone, Jesus Christ, you forgive us. Thank You, Father, for the grace found in the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by His blood, your sins are totally forgiven.

Stay out of the darkness and walk in the light of the Lord! Declare His praises all of the time with all of your life!

People: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take

you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “There’s Promises.....and Then There’s PROMISES” John 14:1-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER’S DAY REFLECTION

Pastor: Paul wrote to Timothy, “I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.” (2 Timothy 1:5)

Let us pray, Almighty God, Heavenly Father, we thank You for the godly women and mothers who have sought to do the Father’s will and have loved us and nurtured us.

People: We thank You for the women and mothers who have brought us to church and raised us in the Christian faith.

Pastor: Look with mercy upon all women and mothers.

People: Bless them with the strength of body, mind and soul, which they need to provide for those in their care.

Pastor: Help us to honor the women and mothers in our families and community.

People: Enable us to care for them as they have cared for us, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

SONG “Mother’s Day Hymn” (Tune: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”)

A Christian wife and mother, God’s gift from heav’n above
To members of her fam’ly, A source of constant love.
A helpmeet for her husband In good and evil days,
A blessing to her children In e’er so many ways.

She looks with love and favor Upon her children fair,
As precious gifts from heaven God gave into her care.
With Christian admonition And nurture in the Lord
She rears them well and wisely With Scripture's full accord.

Thank God for Christian mothers, Remember them today,
And call upon your Savior To bless their earthly stay.
They are a nation's bulwark, A stronghold in the home,
We honor and salute them Now and in the life to come.

Words by John A. Mueller, CCLI # 549168

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Christ Be My Leader"

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness for **He is the Way**,
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for **He is the Truth**,
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for **He is the Life**.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign. Amen.
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TODAY'S OFFERING Will be received as you leave the parking lot!

HAVE A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY

THANK YOU FOR COMING!!!