

# SET APART

C H O S E N B Y G O D

1 PETER 2:9

Our Savior  
Lutheran Church  
Newton, Iowa

*The Fifth Sunday  
of Easter  
May 10, 2020*

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2020 - DS4

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENTRANCE HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (p. 203)

### INTROIT *Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1*

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

**his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

I will extol you, O LORD, 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.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

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 beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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## KYRIE (p. 204) 🎵

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (p. 204) 🎵

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY (p. 205)

### 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 fathers 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(p. 156)*

### HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1–14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

**C** 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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## SERMON HYMN

“Built on the Rock”

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Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav’n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God’s house of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice  
And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
“I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

**SERMON** *by Pastor Daniel Provost*

“The Foundation of the Church” 1 Peter 2:2-10

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER** (*p. 209*)

**BENEDICTION** (*p. 212*)

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

**LSB 646**

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# *Lord, Teach us to Pray*

## *Remember in your prayers...*

- † Those afflicted by the novel Coronavirus, as well as those who are fearful in this challenging time.
  
- † Leonard Vesely and family, as his mother, Elsie passed away on April 4th.
- † Shirley Suckow, residing at Park Centre with medical concerns.
- † Roger Breckenridge, residing at Park Centre with medical concerns.
- † Bob Doerring, health concerns.
- † Dale, brother of Ruth Rutter, recovering from hospitalization at home.
- † Bill Jenkins, health concerns.
- † Dan Allen, medical concerns.
- † Carole Zimmermann, health concerns.
- † Doug Ringger, health concerns.
- † Kendra Boger, health concerns.
- † Tracy Rau, daughter of Karen Doak, health concerns.
- † Marilyn Mertz, recuperating at home.
- † Charlene Vesely, residing at Nelson Manor in Newton.
- † Brenda Neumann, niece of Carmen & Dorothy Sanders, diagnosed with cancer.
- † Gabe Tancer, grandson of Bill & Norma Rozendaal, diagnosed with leukemia.
- † David Beckham, Karen Doak's nephew, diagnosed with cancer.
  
- † The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa.
  
- † The Malaria Initiative and the end of Malaria deaths in the world.
  
- † *Our Missionaries*  
Rev. Dr. Thomas and Mary Aadland, Kenya.  
James and Angela Sharp, Uruguay.  
Carl & Chen Hsi Li Hanson, Korea.  
J.P. & Aimee Cima, Cambodia-Phnom Pohn.  
"Jesse" Narit & Naomi Phan, Stronghold, Cambodia.

# *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



MAY 11TH  
DAWN MEYER

MAY 13TH  
RAYLENE TISDALE

MAY 14TH  
KLARISSA PENNISTON



happy anniversary

MAY 14TH  
TIM & PAM  
PRATT



## *Announcements*

### **BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES WHILE STAYING HOME**

Children can be confused when they hear reports coming in on the news and as they hear adults talking about the effect that the pandemic is having on them. They see the empty store shelves and realize that school is closed because something serious is happening, but they might not understand it which can cause them to feel unsettled. This is a time to remind them, as the Psalm 46 says in verse 2 & 7, *“Therefore we will not fear... the Lord of hosts is with us.”* It is reassuring for a family to come together with faith and confidence in God. **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa** - 6200 Aurora Ave., Ste 410W, Urbandale, IA 50322 (515-251-4900)

**LIFE QUOTES** “Moms embody grace. God gives each of us an immediate friend and automatic defender even before birth. This He does—and so does she—without our earning or deserving it. As much as daughters and sons bring His blessings to their parents, so much also do mothers mediate His mercies to their little ones.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life* - A “Life Quote” from **Lutherans For Life** - [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

**LWML BULLETIN BYTE** Trinity Lutheran Church serves an impoverished neighborhood in Mobile, Alabama. Through this grant, Trinity will be able to expand its outreach to those in need by making vital transportation available to children, youth, parents, and seniors. For more information, go to [www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-10](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-10).

**WORSHIP SERVICES** will continue to be digital through May 17th. Please continue to go to our website at [www.oursavlutheran.com](http://www.oursavlutheran.com) for digital services, bulletins, pastors blog and daily devotions.

### **HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW GREEN IT IS AROUND CHURCH?**

It's time for mowing the lawn. Please contact one of the following to be scheduled to mow. Steve Hartz 521-0555, Carmen Sanders 417-860-6102 or Gary Gerdts 521-0985. Thanks for volunteering!