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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prayer Before Worship: Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, if you are worshipping with us online today, we are glad to have you with us.

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters, come and worship!
For we are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation.
God's very own family!
Let us proclaim together the goodness of God,
who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light!

Welcome Song:

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW #881

**1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.**

**God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2. God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross ✝ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
Amen.

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives, therefore let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A time for prayer and confession.

Merciful God,

You have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and towards the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in ✝ Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. **Amen.**

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

In Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon Jesus, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Amen.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Gospel Acclamation:

“Open our eyes, Lord”

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Do 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.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

✠WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD✠

Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

ELW #752

(Sung Prayer Response)

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r,
send us grace.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of Institution

**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.**

Receiving of Communion

Distribution Music

Praise Team

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word,
and our hearts burn within us.

Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.

Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

Benediction

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ‡ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

ELW #619

vv. 1&2

**1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!**

**2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.**

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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Jodi Christeleit, 5/10; Shari Copsey, 5/12; Virginia Pickett, 5/12

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

Because not all available funds were dispersed, applications are again open until May 31, 2020.
Forms are available in the office.



✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **Alice Shriver** (Recovering at Heritage), **Jean Collins** (Health Issues), **Kathy Johnson** (Health Issues), **Betty Kenyon** (recovering from emergency surgery—friend of Valerie Rahrs), **Alan** (recovery of vision after surgery—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Kenny Shriver** (recovering), **Jordan Hein** (cancer surgery—former member of Calvary), **Neal Blomenkamp** (recovering from surgery), **Steve Kaufman** (recovering), **Ron Hettinger** (heart & medical conditions—Marcy Miller's father), **Mabel Dedlow** (healing), **Candy** (cancer treatment—friend of Susan Martin), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing—Melissa Guerrero's father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont's mother).

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA MISSION PROJECT: CALVARY KITCHEN SHOWER



A box will be placed in the Reception Area on the table under the Women of the ELCA bulletin board next to Pastor Chris's office to receive items needed for the kitchen. See the Tidings for details.

MAY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: oatmeal
BACKPACKS: pudding cups



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The landscaping outside the building especially the courtyard could use some tender loving care. Willing to help with weeding, and/or pruning?
Please contact Bill Huelle.





Reminder: Scholarship Applications for 2020-2021 are due in the church office June 1, 2020.

Join us for Men's Bible Study via Zoom (online) every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to join please call or email the church to let us know!



Calvary's Quilting Group took on the challenge of making 1000 cloth masks for Regional West Medical Center. At this time, our quilters and several other volunteers have met their goal of 1000 masks for RWMC, they are now making masks for anyone in the congregation who might want one. If you are interested in helping make masks or would like a mask once they are available please call or email the church office.

Virtual Fellowship Opportunities

Do you miss being able to get together with your friends and fellow members of Calvary?

Then join us on Zoom for either a Zoom Coffee Hour (Wednesdays from 2 to 2:30 p.m.) or a Zoom Happy Hour (6:30 to 7 p.m.)-your choice! If you are interested, look for one of two emails from the church (if we have your email address) that says either Zoom Coffee Hour or Zoom Happy Hour and use the link provided in the email to join us. If you have never done Zoom before you may need to download some software or an app (depending on whether you are logging in on a computer or device). If we don't have your email address, you will need to contact the church office so that we can send you an invitation to join us. AND, if you need any help getting onto Zoom, please call Pastor Chris at 402/694-9182 and he would love to help you!



*We are Here
to Help You!*



We're Here To Help: As we all deal with the uncertainty of the days ahead in light of the Covid-19, please know that we, your church family are here to offer support, prayer, and assistance. If you need help with anything, including getting supplies and/or groceries, or running errands because you do not feel comfortable getting out in public, please call the church office at 632-8023 or Pastor Chris 402-694-9189 or Pastor Sheryl 402-694-9182 for any assistance you might need. Also, if you would be willing

to run errands for people in our congregation, please let us know that as well.



Your Offerings: Dear friends, we hope that you will remember the expenses of the church (utilities, salaries, insurance, and more) all continue on, even if we do not gather together for worship. So please consider this your gentle reminder to send or drop off your offerings to the church office. You may also scan the QR code in this bulletin or go to our website and use the 'give now' button on our home page to give electronically. If you have not already created a profile for giving electronically, you will need to do so first. If you need any help with this, do not hesitate to contact us.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – May 10

ORGANIST: Dee Brady

SONG LEADERS: Bill Huelle, Ron Wegelin,
Marti Wegelin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 10

10 a.m. – Online Worship

Monday, May 11

6:00 p.m. – Council

Tuesday, May 12

9:00 a.m. – Men's Online Bible Study

Wednesday, May 13

2:00 p.m. – Zoom Coffee Hour

6:30 p.m. – Zoom Happy Hour

Sunday, May 17

10 a.m. – Online Worship

**MAY 10, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



Christian martyrs witness to God's love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth, and life
Monday	Acts 7:55-60	The stoning of Stephen
Tuesday	1 Peter 2:2-10	A chosen people
Wednesday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Thursday	Hebrews 11:29-40	The faith of heroes
Friday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Contentment in suffering
Saturday	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Very 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.” **John 14:12 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you send us out to witness to the work of Jesus; give us confidence and courage to be your faithful witnesses. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may this food strengthen the body and your word strengthen the soul to be your witnesses in the world. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

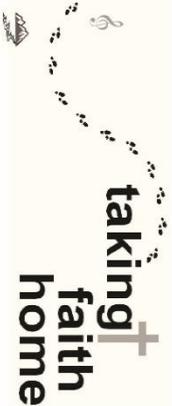
May the face of God shine on you and bless you through the steadfast love of the Lord. (Psalm 31:16)



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**MAY 10, 2020
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Mothering God, You
Gave Me Birth**



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.



CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Where do you see God's presence in the world?
- What does the life of Jesus tell you about God?
- John 14:12 is about a relationship with God. How do you help others have this relationship?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Acts 7:55-60.

Martyrdom is too often spoken of today in terms of suicide bombs that kill. That is not a Christian martyr. Stephen presents the model of Christian martyrdom for all time. He innocently suffers and dies at the hands of others; he does not act violently. Stephen imitates Christ's death by blessing one's enemies (v. 60). He also experiences the holy bliss of being filled with the Holy Spirit and seeing the glory of God and Jesus (v. 55). He has a rapturous experience of the trine God. Few of us will have that same experience, but we are still all martyrs. The word simply means "witness." We are witnesses to God's living presence when we suffer unfairly for the love of God, when we bless others, and when we experience the peace that passes all human understanding. In the midst of a world of hate, violence, and self-promotion, it is not possible to be a faithful witness on our own. It is the work of God that fills us with the Holy Spirit, witnesses to the love of God, and blesses others. Christian martyrdom is all around us. Who has been a witness to the love of God for you recently? **Pray:** O, Holy Jesus, give me faith to witness to your love, to suffer with others for the sake of love, and to bless others with hope in your Easter victory. Amen.

SERVICE



Psalm 31 is a prayer of deliverance from enemies. Even though there is suffering and pain, the psalmist writes of trust in the Lord and of God's goodness. Watch or read today's news. Who in the world needs prayer for deliverance from enemies? Pray for their deliverance.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Today is Mother's Day in the United States. It is a time to recognize and be thankful for those women in our lives who have cared for us and for others. Be a witness for God's love and reach out to a woman you know who deserves a special thank you with a phone call or a visit. Take time to talk and then say this prayer for her:

Lord God, thank you for (name). May she know how grateful I am to have her in my life. Please bless her this day and every day with your love and care. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org