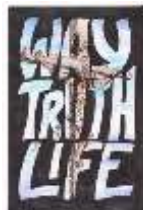


Welcome to Holy Spirit Lutheran Church!
May 14, 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Easter



WB: Worship Booklet † Stand
ELW: Red Hymnal WOV: Blue Hymnal

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Prelude

Welcome

† Hymn ELW #361 "The Day of Resurrection!"

† Greeting

WB. 2

† Kyrie Eleison

WB. 2

† Hymn of Praise "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

WB. 2

† Prayer of the Day

WB. 3

Blessing of the Reader

WB. 3

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried

out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Special Music "From the Day You Were Born" - Nagy

Children's Message

† Gospel Acclamation "What a Mighty Word God Gives" WB. 3

† Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do 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."

Sermon

Pastor Regina Johnson

† Hymn ELW #362 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" vs. 1,2,7,8

† The Creed

WB. 4

† Prayers of Intercession

WB. 5

† The Peace

WB. 5

The Offering *(Pastor prays as the ushers come forward)*

† Offertory Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues" (v. 2) WB. 6

† The Great Thanksgiving & Communion Liturgy WB. 6
(children & teachers commune first & leave for Sunday school)

† Song "Holy, Holy, Holy" WB. 7

† The Lord's Prayer WB. 7

All those who are baptized are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion. We believe that in the sacrament, we receive assurance that our sins are forgiven, that we are spiritually strengthened, and through our participation, we join with all Christians in an expression of faith that Jesus Christ is Lord. The center circles of the communion trays have white grape juice.

Song "Come to the Table" WB. 8

Communion Hymns

ELW #477 "I Received the Living God"

ELW #758 "You Are the Way"

† Communion Blessing WB. 8

Announcements

† Benediction Choir

† Hymn ELW #366 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

† Dismissal WB. 8

Postlude

THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED... LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

This week's flowers are given in honor of Brett Meyer by The Meyers.

This month's Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of Steven Frederick Green by Nancy Green, and by the Sweda Family in memory of Helene Sweda, Tom's mother.

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices before worship.

May you find inspiration and joy in your time here. It is our hope that you feel welcomed into our community of faith. We ask that you sign our guestbook in the entry. If you live in the area, we invite you to consider making Holy Spirit your church home.

Please remember that the time before service in the sanctuary is for many a time for meditation and prayer. Please conduct your conversations before the service in the entry.

Also, please leave all refreshments outside the sanctuary.

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Our Mission: We are CALLED by Christ in Baptism, GATHERED into community and SENT out to share God's grace.

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Coming Up at HSLC

Sunday 5/14

Choir	8:45 am
Worship	10:00 am
Sunday School	10:45 am
NA	7:00 pm

Monday 5/15

Zumba	6:30 pm
Finance	7:00 pm

Tuesday 5/16

Yoga	9:00 am
Prayer Shawl	10:00 am
Council	7:00 pm

Wednesday 5/17

Bell Choir	7:00 pm
NA	7:00 pm

Thursday 5/18

WELCA Meeting	6:30 pm
Zumba	6:30 pm

Friday 5/19

AA	7:30 pm
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Saturday 5/20

Spring Clean-Up	9:00 am
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Announcements

Please check the bulletin board for more information and to sign up!

- The May meeting of WELCA is Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 pm and hosted by Ruth Dziuba.
- Spring Cleanup is Saturday, May 20 at 9 am. Lunch will be offered afterwards.
- A New Adult 6-week study begins on Thursday, May 25 at 10 am. We will be watching a DVD, *Discover Islam*.
- Help decorate the sanctuary with geraniums for Pentecost, Sunday, June 4! If you'd like to order geraniums, complete the order form located on the bulletin board.
- 2017 Graduates: If anyone in your family is graduating from high school or college, please provide the office with the following information: Name, School, Degree, Honors. All graduates will be honored at a service in June.
- WELCA needs your Rummage Sale donations. If you've been thinking about cleaning out your attic, basement, or that hall closet that is overflowing with stuff, now is the time to do it! Please share this donation opportunity with friends, neighbors and colleagues. The success of the sale is based on the quality and quantity of items available. Please be sure the donations are in sale-able condition. Tax donation letters will be available once the drop-off dates have been announced. Please hold onto your items until the drop-off dates are announced as we don't have extra storage space to hold them.