

Christ  
is  
Risen!

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**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Hastings, Michigan**

# Fifth Sunday of Christ's Resurrection

May 10, 2020

*We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead every Sunday. It is because of his death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins, and everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.*

**WELCOME!** Is your heart troubled? We have been through some exceedingly tough times. People we love have become unemployed, are hungry, have gotten sick or even died. Yet, Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." Jesus' voice helps us in our time of trial and reminds us that we can trust in God. We have the gift of God's very presence in our lives. God shows us the way. Let us follow Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Announcements

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

## Gathering Music

### Easter Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☞ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
  
- ☞ The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you.
- ☞ **And also with you.**



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## Prayer of the Day

**A** Let us pray . . . Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

**G** Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## 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.*

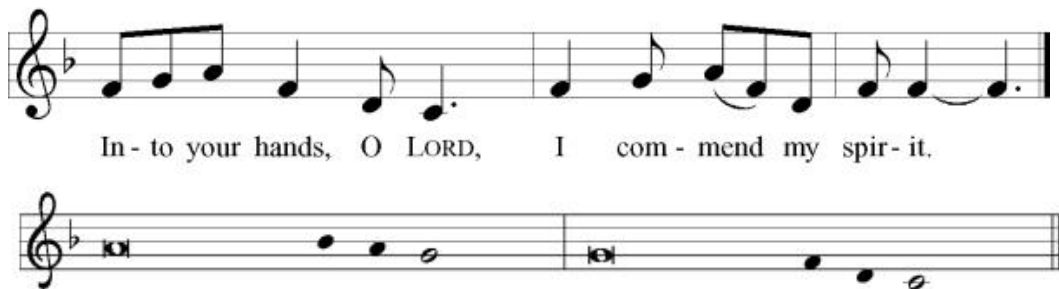
**L** A reading from **Acts:**

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then 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. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then 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.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**G** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
deliver me | in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your | ear to me;**  
**make haste to de- | liver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,**  
**for you are my tow- | er of strength. ☞**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are | in your hand;**  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love.” ☞

## 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.*

📖 A reading from **1 Peter**:

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—  
<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like 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. <sup>6</sup>For 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.”

<sup>7</sup>To 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,”<sup>8</sup>and  
“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. <sup>9</sup>But 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. <sup>10</sup>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.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

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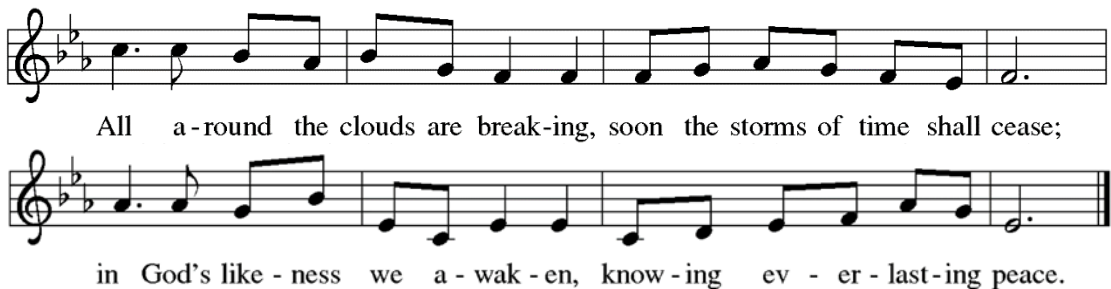
*Stanza 1*



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.



All a-round the clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;  
in God's like-ness we a-wak-en, know-ing ev-er-last-ing peace.

## 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.*

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to **John**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In 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? <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus 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’? <sup>10</sup>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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe 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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

☐ The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

## Message

Silence for reflection

## Song of the Day

## You Are the Way

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- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
- 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



## Apostles Creed

**A** We confess our faith as one body in Christ Jesus:

**C** **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

We sing the prayer response and then the prayer petition is prayed, after each petition the prayer response is sung.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

- Ⓐ Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

- Ⓐ Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants, David and Roseanne our synod companion churches, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plainwell; Country Chapel of Dowling: Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Lord, in your mercy.
- ☑ **(sung) Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**
- Ⓐ Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create. Lord, in your mercy.
- ☑ **(sung) Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

- Ⓐ Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military: *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley, Carlos Garcia (Burdicks), Brandon and Stevi Kay Miller (McManaway), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), Kayla and*

*Lance Champaco (Pohls), and Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads).* Lord, in your mercy.

☞ **(sung) Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Ⓐ God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens, including *Gary Burdick, Penny Burdick, Ellie Clark, Ron Coplein, Irene Corr, Sue Eifler, Mike Fruth, Karl Golnek, Delmer Hansen, Larry Hansen, Mike Hoppe, Phyllis Hoppe, Lee Hoppe, Richard Meade, Mike Shoemaker, David and Victoria Steadman, Tim Sullivan, George Ulrich Jr., Jenni Ulrich, The Pat Wagner Family, The Leroy Westphal Family, Rusty Wilkins, those involved in medical care and research during this pandemic of coronavirus, Cameron, Vicky, Nora, Lynnze, and Tristin.* Lord, in your mercy.

☞ **(sung) Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Ⓐ God of all generations, we praise you and thank you for children of all ages. From those who are days old to our oldest member here at Grace of 100 years old. We ask you to help us be open to your direction as we seek a Youth and Family Committee chair. We thank you for our interim chair. Lord, in your mercy.

☞ **(sung) Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Ⓐ Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life Lord, in your mercy.

☞ **(sung) Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

Ⓐ With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

## Offering of Gifts and Music

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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### Offering Prayer

- Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples.
- Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

### Sharing the Peace

- The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
- And also with you.**  
*(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)*

### Lord's Prayer

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Mission Minutes

#### Blessing

- Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.
- Amen.**



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## Dismissal

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☞ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☞ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## Along the Way

The underground railroad that saved the lives of countless enslaved husbands and mothers and babies tortured by America's original sin of slavery depended upon safe refuge along the journey to freedom—a place prepared.

Through desert dangers where thieves waited and beasts preyed in the night, weary travelers along the Silk Road took restful shelter in inns along their way—a place prepared.

From the dense streets of Kolkata, India, where poverty's scourges lie thick over crowds of people, and disease lingers in the sluggish air, humble compassion clad in white and blue saris gathers the wretched into a home for the destitute and dying—a place prepared.

Around the globe, in the midst of despair, people fleeing from war die in the sea, are lost in the desert, swarm at borders, scale walls, weep at fences, hang on trains, trudge every landscape imaginable hoping for a home at the end of a trail—a place prepared.

Jesus promised the most remarkable thing to his disciples: "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). And they asked, "Where? We do not understand! Show us!" Jesus' answer to his disciples does not offer a spiritualized road to heaven or a settled spot in Galilee, but it does offer all that matters: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Jesus is the destination *and* the path. There is a refuge—a place prepared—in his love. The home of peace and safety that we all long for is found in Jesus. Jesus is with us all along the roads, streets, and alleyways, in places unseen and unknown. Jesus is with us, goes before us to prepare the place, and shows us the way.

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Weekly Giving: \$2,985.00

Budget Amount: \$4,617.93

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**BOG** Brothers of Grace will gather via the teleconference line this Tuesday at 7:00 pm. We look forward to getting together in a safe way with each other. Phone number and access code listed in the Adult Forum announcement.

**Adult Forum** will continue a study on the book of **Acts** on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Join us on the conference call, as we share in discussion the miraculous gift of the beginning our Christian church. **Phone: 605-313-5981 Access Code: 772653#**

**ACH is available.** On our website, you will notice a donate tab. You can use your credit card or checking account. Look for the link on our website and a Grace Gram article that will tell you how to use it.

**Spring Flower Sale** The youth are selling red Geraniums and Sun Patience plants for \$5.00 a plant. We are thankful that Cotants have promised 400 plants to us. Besides the **red geraniums 148 left**, we once again have Sun Patience (New Guinea) plants. This year the colors for the Sun Patience are **Electric Orange (only 23 left)**, **Hot Coral (only 29 left)**, **Royal Magenta (only 29 left)** and **Tropical Rose (only 34 left)**. There are order forms that are available, or you can call the church office to place your order.

**ONSITE worship NEXT WEEK is at the 8:00 am service only.** Please see detailed announcement on the next page.

**Assisting Minister – Chris Bush**

**Lector – Ethan Scheck**

**Musicians – Cindy Olson, Anna Scheck, and Ethan Scheck**

**Pastor – Ken Scheck II**



*Ascribe to the Lord all glory! Shout praise to God's holy name. Come before our great God. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. **1 Chronicles 16:29***

Onsite Worship on next Sunday is scheduled for regular 8:00 am service only. **Our 10:45 am service will continue to be online and teleconference.** If you are uncomfortable with coming to the building, please continue to worship using our conference call and LIVESTREAM. **Adult Forum** will continue to meet on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**.

Reminders: ***If you are sick, please stay home. Please take care of the larger community as well as yourself.***

**Masks** need to be worn, as mandated by order.

If you bring a **coat**, please keep it with you. You can put it **on** the pew beside you.

**Worship Folders** will be available on a table near the Greeters.

**Baptismal Font** will have no water, until we are able to put some in it.

**Seating in the Sanctuary** will be marked with social distancing in mind.

There will be no **paper, pencils or hymnals** in the pews.

**No Singing in the Sanctuary.** The National Council of Churches has studies that demonstrate that the six feet distancing is not enough to allow singing in the sanctuary for public worship, even with a mask on. The 8:00 am worship will have music. There will be no assembly singing at this service.

**Offering** – There will be an offering plate near the entrance of the sanctuary, please drop your offering in the plate before or after worship; much like noisy offering. The offering plate outside the office will continue to be there, for those who do not come to onsite worship.

**Passing of the Peace** will take place with no physical touch or movement. **At this time, even though we would like to have communion, we will not have Holy Communion.** “In solidarity with those are not receiving today, and in anticipation of the feast to come, we will dwell on the words of Jesus, and this will be enough.”

There will be **no Coffee Hour** when we first come back.

*In the case that stay at home orders are extended, worship for May 17 will only take place online.*

***I appreciate the work of the Worship Committee members.*** Without their help and insight, we would not have the above plan. I also thank the leadership of Grace Lutheran Church. Their work, faithfulness, and willingness to have extra meetings, prayer, service unto others and a conviction to keep our faith community safe is excellent. I also want to thank Cindy Olson for her gift of music and planning of worship, and for Ethan and Anna Scheck, who made our online worship possible. A BIG THANKS to Chris Bush, because of her we had our first conference call worship, bible study and meeting. We continue all of the above, because of all of their excellent work! I am humbled to be your pastor. Looking forward to worshipping with you in a safe manner, Pastor Ken+