

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

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Zion Lutheran Church

Camas, Washington

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Prelude Gary Ritter

Welcome and Announcements Pam Ensley

GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

Prayer of the Day Norm Bembenek

P: God,

C: ***God, we thank you for your love and your grace so abundant, so overflowing, that you receive us in spite of our fear. As you encouraged the first Christians to witness during trying times, encourage us to follow your call to care for our neighbor. Grant us peace in the midst of these challenges; and fill us with your Holy Spirit, through the risen Christ. Amen.***

WORD

Acts 7:55-60

Nancy & Steve Vargo

Filled 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.

Psalms 31:1-5, 14-16, 21-24

Nancy & Steve Vargo

L: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

C: ***Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.***

L: 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.

C: ***Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.***

L: Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C: ***But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."***

L: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

C: ***Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."***

L: Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege.

C: ***I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight."***

L: But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help.

C: ***Love the LORD, all you his saints.***

L: The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

C: ***Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.***

"The Clouds of Night Are Passed Away"

Michael Praetorius

Pat Hagensen, Gary Ritter, Judy Swanson

Bible Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

Karen Blair

Like 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." "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," 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. 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.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

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

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

John 14:1-14

Barbara West

Jesus said to the disciples: "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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Children's Message

Camden Ludwig

(Camden's Godly Play message will be a separate video sent with the link)

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Number 661

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

Refrain

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

Apostles' Creed

Marilyn Anderson

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.

A Message of Peace

Madlin Baltzell

Harp Meditation

Karen Rezabek

Please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Kealey Sitler

Healing God, we lift up the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection. For those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

Protecting God, we pray for our vulnerable populations. Protect and keep them safe. For the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help.

For frontline health care workers and researchers, we thank you for their vocational call to serve us. God, keep them and their families safe and healthy. Help them to stay clear-minded in the midst of the surrounding panic and give them compassion for every patient in their care. Provide for their needs mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually as they continuously battle this disease. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

God of Wisdom, provide for our local, state, and federal governments. Help our elected officials discern the right course through unknown territory. Bring collaboration and unity as they make important decisions and allocate help and resources to combat this pandemic. For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

Providing God, we lift up the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: Protect them from disease, and provide isolation shelters in every city. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured.

For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and lead others to help and support them. Lord in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

God of creativity, provide resources and new ideas for families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, we ask for help for parents and caretakers for patience, and creativity. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support. For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children. God, provide administrators, and teachers everywhere innovative ways to bring important milestones to the students, help and guide all educators and students in this time of transition.

For pastors and church leaders faced with the challenges of social distancing: God, help them to creatively imagine how to pastor and lead with inspiration and support. Lord, in your mercy.

C: ***hear 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Mary Lynn Bartlett

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.

SENDING

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn "Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word" Number 663

- 1 Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word, spread the reign of God the Lord. Send forth our Creator's call, heaven's gifts extend to all.
- 2 Tell of our Redeemer's grace, who, to save our human race and to pay rebellion's price, gave himself as sacrifice.
- 3 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n, strong and holy, just and true, working both to will and do.
- 4 Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind; let the gath'ring nations all see your light and heed your call.

Dismissal

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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"I Love to Tell the Story"

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Silent Meditation