

Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020



We give thanks that you are worshipping with us today. Advent Lutheran Church is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you on your spiritual journey, be it for an hour or a lifetime! We are delighted that you have joined in this virtual worshipping community and pray that you will be safe in these times. We look forward to that time when we can be together physically and share fellowship and meals. Meantime, we would love for you to make yourself known to Advent by emailing the church or through Facebook. Everything you need for the worship service is printed in the bulletin.



PRAYER CONCERNS

We keep the following persons in prayer



Richard Ahlvin (uncle of Anne Curtis)
Rev. Robert Avella (Our Lady of Lourdes)
JC Cox (brother of Nancy Jairrels)
Celia Finestone (friend of Ellie Holsopple)
Warren Hageman (member)
Ray & Reba Hawn (members)
Jenny Jones (friend of the Falksens)
Bruce McHale (friend of the Falksens)
Mimi McNeel (friend of Ellie Holsopple)
Janet Osborne (friend of Ingrid Berdahl)
Ingrid Palmquist (member)
Rev. Bill Perry (friend of Advent)
Patti Peterson (wife of Walter Peterson)
David Pellinen (member)
Michele Polestino (friend of Carole Assante)
Hannah Reese (friend of Sam & Anne Curtis)
Yvonne Ross (friend of Nesta Alleyne)
Jeannie Stevens (aunt of Sam Curtis)

Emese Szabo (sister of Georges Toth)
Linda and David Trismen (parents of Eric Trismen, friend of Advent)
Jean Wetzel (mother of Joy Duncan)
Arthur and Charles Wichern (brothers of Carole Assante)
Becky Wilfinger (friend of Marilyn Falksen)

For Pastor Anna, who is on sabbatical

For those deployed to serve this country:

Delaunta Fitzgerald (grandson of Chandra Fitzgerald)
Kevin Messer (friend of Advent)
Charlie Nash (son of Gordon & Susan Nash)
Dallas Polk (grandson of Chandra Fitzgerald)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Aria, from Triptych for Organ

Anthony Giamanco

Pastor Christ is risen
Congregation **He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:



Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n;

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God in Heaven



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

HE LIVES!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to following 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.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Reader: A reading from Acts

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

(Assisting minister reads light print; congregation reads bold.)

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

²**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³Be 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.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

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

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader: A reading from 1st Peter

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

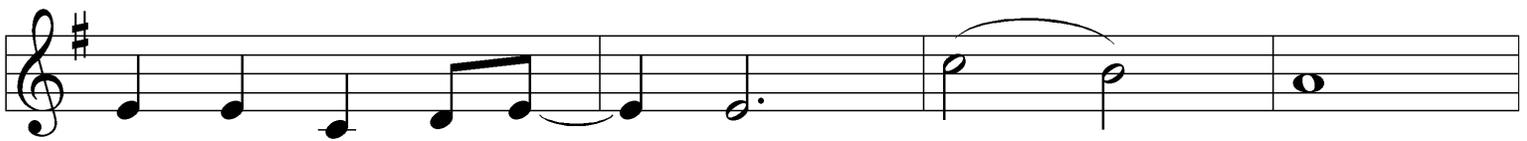
THE GOSPEL HYMN

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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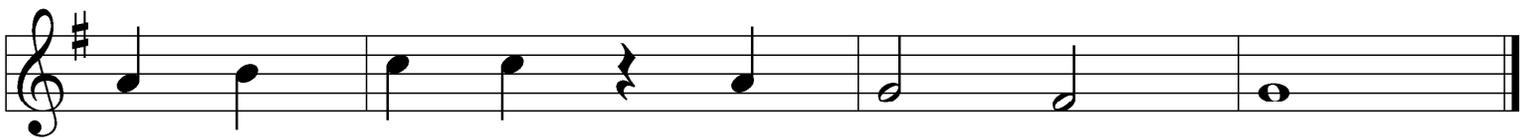
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Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

[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."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Rev. Daniel Rinehart

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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1 Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san-na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with two verses. The first verse is '1 Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san-na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!' and the second verse is '2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.'



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.



In the des - ert all sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion. Not a ser - vant, but a friend,



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: BEECHER 8 7 8 7 D, John Zundel, 1815-1882

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THE PRAYERS

P With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation.

A brief silence. After each petition please respond: "Your will be done."

P We pray to the Lord,

C **Your will be done**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

MEAL

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

OFFERING

Pastorale, from Triptych for Organ

Anthony Giamanco

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed 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*

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
(Please see graphic next page)

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh

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P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

DISMISSAL

P Christ is risen

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

March, from Triptych for Organ

Anthony Giamanco

We give thanks for those assisting with worship today . . .

Guest Pastor
Assisting Minister

Rev. Daniel Rinehart
Eric Heigis

Organist
Videographer

Michael Lewallen
Shane Gainer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome the Rev. Daniel Rinehart, former pastor of Hope Lutheran Church and who also participated in our Lenten Evening Prayer services. Rev. Rinehart will lead Advent's worship service through June 07.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Anna, who is away on sabbatical through July 4. Gerry Fuller is leading the team in charge of worship and pastoral care; Rensford Lovell leads the team concerned with administrative issues. You may contact either of them or email the church office.

Contributions. Checks may be mailed to office or you may contribute online or via the Give+ mobile app. Please contact David Falksen if you have questions or need additional information.

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VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Join the conversation on Facebook following worship and discuss the question below.

THIS WEEK'S CONVERSATION STARTER

“Has any good come to you as a result of the COVID-19 shutdown?”