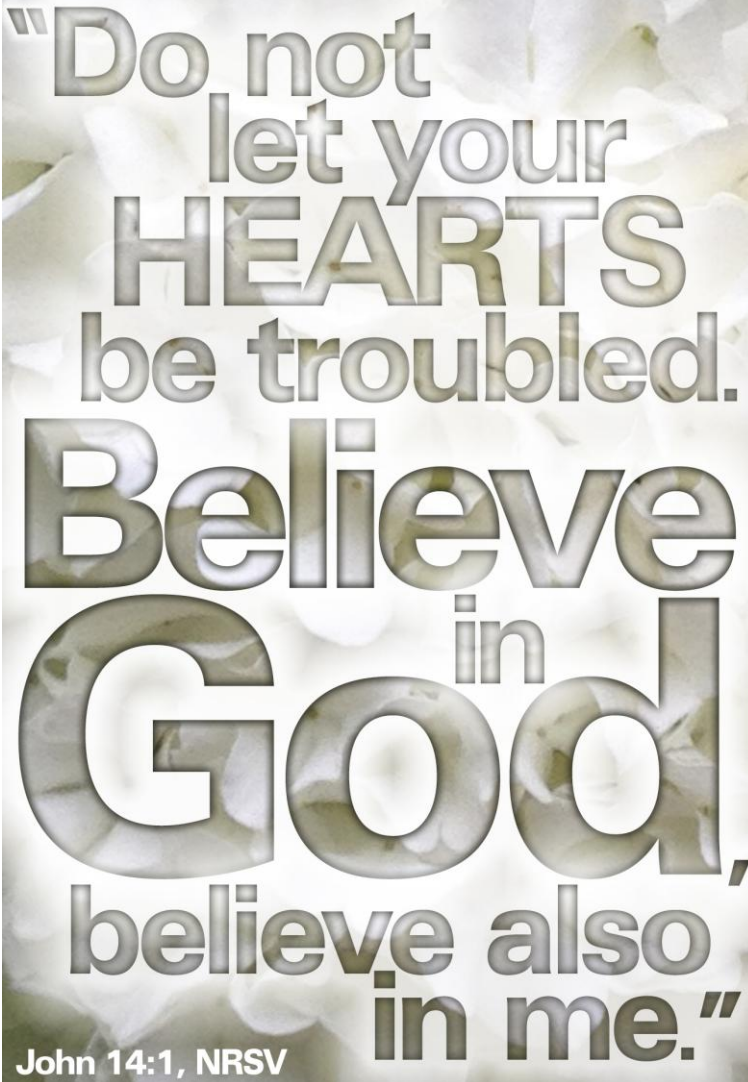


May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter



**"Do not
let your
HEARTS
be troubled.
Believe
in
God,
believe also
in me."**

John 14:1, NRSV

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Our Mission:
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The Gospel presents to us what at first glance should undoubtedly be a contradiction: living stones. A stone has no life in it. Stones do not breathe; they cannot speak. They are virtually the definition of dead—how can a stone be living? Yet we hear that Jesus is a “living stone rejected by men” and in Christ Jesus we, too, are living stones (1 Peter 2:4–5). How can this be? God has made us from something that should be dead in sin into something alive in Christ. Christ, the foundation of the Church and of our lives, is the Cornerstone on which we are built. Christ has taken our feeble, sinful selves and made us a holy, kingly, priestly, and chosen people. Thanks and praise be to God!

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:1–2, 5*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the LORD his God.

HYMN

“Christ is Our Cornerstone”

[John Chandler / John Darwall. Public Domain]

Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do now
And evermore draw near;
Accept each faithful vow,
And ev'ry suppliant hear.
In copious show'r
On all who pray
Each holy day
Your blessing pour.

Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, one giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: We confess that we have not always made a clear witness to the salvation You won for us in Your death and resurrection. Forgive us, and give us opportunities to witness to You, the way, the truth, and the life.

We confess that in our life and conduct we have reflected the world around us rather than our membership in the Body of Christ. Forgive us, and strengthen us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

We confess that we seek to bend Your will to ours, failing to trust You not only for the place You have prepared for us in eternity, but also for that which is best for us today. Forgive us, and open our hearts to receive Your answers, which are always better than our prayers.

Pastor: God has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. You are His own people, thanks to the grace and mercy that is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: *Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60*

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.'

⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called) – Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia – who began to argue with Stephen.

² To this he replied: 'Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran.

⁵¹ 'You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: you always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him – ⁵³ you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.'

⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:2–10

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.' Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,' ⁸ and, 'A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

“Faithful One”

[Brian Doerksen © 1989 Mercy / Vineyard Publishing (admin. by Vineyard Music USA). All rights reserved. CCLI# 254312]

Faithful One so unchanging.
Ageless One You're my Rock of peace.
Lord of all I depend on You.
I call out to You again and again,
I call out to You again and again.

You are my Rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm
Your love is the anchor
My hope is in You alone.

HOLY GOSPEL: **John 14:1–14**

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.’

⁵ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’

⁶ Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.’

⁸ Philip said, ‘Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’

⁹ Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.’

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Across the Lands”

[Stuart Townend & Keith Getty © 2002 Thankyou Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing). All Rights Reserved. CCLI# 254312]

You’re the Word of God the Father, from before the world began;
Ev’ry star and ev’ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice;
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

REFRAIN:

**You’re the author of creation,
You’re the lord of ev’ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free.

REFRAIN:

**You're the author of creation,
You're the lord of ev'ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave.
And ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home.
(Refrain)

SERMON: "Mary - A Model For Motherhood" *Various Scriptural References*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, let us lift up our prayers before the Lord, saying, Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church that we may never take our calling in this world for granted, but to live humbled by God's making us into His chosen people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who lead or teach us, not so we can let them do all the ministry for us, but to take seriously in each of our callings that God has chosen us to be a royal priesthood. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for this and every nation where people are called upon to give a reason for the hope that is within them, doing this with gentleness and respect as members of the Lord's holy nation that knows no boundaries. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for us to see Your calling every day in our own lives as Your Spirit enables us to proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray to rejoice with those who rejoice today, [*especially . . .*] that their joy and ours may be full. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who are caregivers, that they may see in their time shared with others Your calling to sustain us as we live for others. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for the sick and suffering, [*especially . . .*] to receive Your promise of powerful and effective healing as well as Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for those who mourn, [*especially . . .*] that they may see and know that love never ends because You love us without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions) Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessings and honor and power and glory be to our God forever and ever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

[Martin Rinckart / Johann Cruger. Public Domain]

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all harm
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.



Serving Us Today

Pastor ... Rev. Dennis Krueger
Organist ... Katherine Herman
Keyboard ... Trevor Jelowski
Guitar ... Katherine Herman
Bass ... Brian Makey
Singers ... Trevor Jelowski, Ellen Makey, Ken Mann

A Mother's Day Prayer

In the name of
JESUS CHRIST,
we lift up all
MOTHERS today.

Happy Mather's Day



We thank them for their
sacrifices so that we can
have a life of contentment.
Grant them favour, Lord
and may they have a
wonderful place in existence
in Your heart of **GRACE**.