



Our Savior Lutheran Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Sunday, May 18, 2014
5:30 P.M.

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Worship Band

Please note! The 9:45 service has no bulletin; everything is projected on the screen. This is a sample of what the order of service might look like if printed out, but it is not current.

Call to Worship

Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh7M1dk6qGk>

Welcome

Please be sure cell phones are silenced.

Opening Songs

Let the Praises Ring

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIg6RIbLz1c>

Hungry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EySeV5UNt4k>

In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IieIM38HJ3M>

Invocation (Calling upon God in Remembrance of our Baptism)

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

Matthew 28:19; (Mt. 18:20)

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have

sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Ruth 2:4

P: 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

C: Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists [*Jews who had adopted the prevailing Greek culture*] arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert from Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ...

^{7:2}And Stephen said:... ⁵¹"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 146

L: Shout praises to the LORD! With all that I am, I will shout His praises.

C: I will sing and praise the LORD God for as long as I live.

L: You can't depend on anyone, not even a great leader.

C: Once they die and are buried, that will be the end of all their plans.

L: The LORD God of Jacob blesses everyone who trusts Him and depends on Him.

C: God made heaven and earth; He created the sea and everything else.

L: God always keeps His word.

C: He gives justice to the poor and food to the hungry.

L: The LORD sets prisoners free and heals blind eyes.

C: He gives a helping hand to everyone who falls.

L: The LORD God of Zion will rule forever!

C: Shout praises to the LORD!

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

¹[*Jesus said,*] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to 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 had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him."

⁸Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. ¹¹Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and they will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

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.

OSLC Mission Statement

P: "Centered on God's Word and Sacraments in Christ,

C: **we share His Truth and His Love among ourselves and with the world."**

Hymn of the Day #573

"Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"

- 1 Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I -- send me, send me?"**
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the Judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.**
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your off'rings
You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.**
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calleth,
"Here am I -- send me, send me!"**

Sermon *"Let His Work Your Pleasure Be"*

Prayers

P: (each prayer ends:) ... Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

This week's special prayers are listed on the green insert; please use this list throughout the week ahead to remember those individuals in prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 (A Final Blessing)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

C: Amen.

Closing Song

Marvelous Light

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oA2ka7tnh8>

Dismissal in Peace

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Every Day

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_K_7NkKqlm8

For Next Weekend: May 24–25, 2014

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, 5:30 P.M. — Traditional
Communion

Sunday, 8:20 A.M. — Traditional
Worship

Sunday, 9:45 A.M. — Contemporary
Communion

Sunday, 11:10 A.M. — Traditional
Worship

*Appointed Scripture Readings
from the Lectionary:*

Acts 17:16–31

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

Psalms 66