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## **AS WE GATHER The Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2020**

Our Savior Jesus Christ told us He was going to His Father. The first disciples saw Him do this, actually leaving them and us behind, ascending through the clouds. But they and we are to know His “going” is not exactly His “leaving.” For He has not left us alone as orphans. We are to know that His real presence with us is now not by sight but by faith through His Sacraments. It is His voice we hear from now on, saying, “I forgive you all your sins.” By faith we know that Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are not primarily something we do only to remember Him but the Means by which He washes us and fills us now with His righteousness. Through it all, we are formed by His cross, enduring suffering for His sake with the great and sure hope that, in the end, we will be with Him forever.

## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN 905 “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O’er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**
- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness on us descend.**
- 3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev’ry heart,  
And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of pow’r.**
- 4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be hence evermore!  
Thy sov’rign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.**

## **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Pastor:** Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily besets us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

**People:** Lord God, we are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## WORD

**INTROIT** Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

Pastor: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Pastor: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. You are the King of glory, O Christ; You are the everlasting Son of the Father, now seated at His right hand. As You send the Holy Spirit to us through Your Word and Sacraments, give us the strengthening of faith to endure all trials and live in the hope of eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## FIRST READING Acts 1:12–26

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. <sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING** 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . . <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **VERSE** Romans 6:9; John 14:18

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

**People: I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** John 17:1–11

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

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

# HYMN OF THE DAY 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

sts. 1, 5-6



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's  
△ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born

A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,  
from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,

Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor  
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and

shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us  
ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the

path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.  
Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

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## SERMON “Firm In Your Faith” 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

### 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.**

### PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Almighty and merciful God, we give thanks for Your mercy, especially for the salvation You have prepared for the whole world through the suffering and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Enable us to walk by faith, enduring all trials encountered because of that faith as we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: [*Petitions...*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

## **CLOSING HYMN 525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**
  
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**
  
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.**
  
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**
  
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

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**PRAYER LIST:** Suzanne Saltzman and family at the death of Randy; Ted Durante, surgery; Mike Mitchel, healing (Jean Anderson's neighbor); Melissa Harris, daughter of Den & Sophie Hood, cancer treatment; Marilyn Goble, cancer treatment; Kalyse, niece and Rhoda, sister of Gayle & Les Miller, cancer; Harold Holtz, cancer treatments; Karen Droubay, cancer, friend of Reeds; Bernard Dill, cancer, friend of Reeds. Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

**THANK YOU** to all our golfers, volunteers, and donors who made our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament a success and helped us make the most of it in our current circumstances! **Pictures are posted on our website under Golf Tournament 2020. 74 Golfers. \$32,000 raised!** Thanks!

**MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER:** Our cash position remains stable. In order for our position to remain stable, please mail in, drop off offerings in a timely manner as you would normally do. April was a tough month. We're hoping to improve in May and going forward. God bless, Den Hood.

**WORSHIP AND COMMUNION BY RESERVATION** is being offered in ½ hour time slots (limited to 8 at a time) Sunday-Thursday. **Sunday times** are: 8:30am, 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30 a.m. **Monday – Thursday:** 10am, 11:00 am, 1pm, 2pm. Reservation can be made by clicking on this link or typing it into your browser address bar: <https://sagenda.net/Frontend/Calendar/5eb87752034e114b20b9d402>

**This will be available through June 4<sup>th</sup>.** We will monitor the situation if there is a need to continue beyond then. We hope it will be safe to gather in regular worship very soon.

**Please note:** the calendar will only confirm that you are booked. Time slot will not be listed when it is already full. It does not tell you how many others have signed up. If you have any problems, call me and I will help you out, make reservations, or correct any errors. You may also call to make reservations. 815-409-1156.

**Your continued prayers and support for Mesquite Lutheran Church and Childcare Center are greatly appreciated! Thanks be to God for His generous Spirit!**