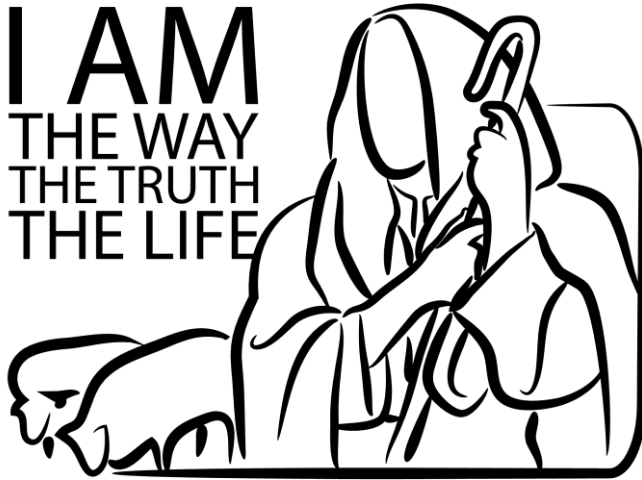


Fifth Sunday of Easter

Week of Sunday, May 14, 2017



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"LSB 912 Δ

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:1–2, 5*

P: Praise the Lord!

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

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

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

C: whose hope is in the Lord his God.

INTROIT *Psalm 30:1–5*

P: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

C: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

P: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

C: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

C: 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.

KYRIE *Tune: LSB 633*

**For the peace from heav'n above,
For the Church and all we love,
As we gather 'round God's Word,
Hear our pray'r, O risen Lord: Have mercy, Lord.**

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Jesus is the only way,
He the truth to sin allay,
And the life by which we live.
So to Him ourselves we give. Alleluia!**

**Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

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SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
revealed Your eternal love for all people.*

**C: Grant that we may confidently ask whatever we need in His
name and also proclaim Him as the way, the truth, and the life;**

*P: through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And 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. ³

Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this

duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵ And 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 proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ And 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. ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then 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. 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. ⁵² Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then 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. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ And 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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:2–10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation – ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer

spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1–14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Jesus said, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ² In 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? ³ And 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. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.” ⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus 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’? ¹⁰ Do 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. ¹¹ Believe 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 greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the

Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Thine Forever, God of Love" **LSB 687**

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *Psalms 124:8; 130:3–4*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

P: As we have heard God's Word and are about to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us confess our sins, confident of His grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)

P: We give thanks, Lord Jesus, for apostles and martyrs who have gone before us.

C: 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.

P: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You graciously call us Your holy nation, Your royal priesthood.

C: We confess that in our life and conduct we have too often 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.

P: We give thanks, O Holy Spirit, that You have worked faith in our hearts so that we may approach the throne of grace with every petition.

C: We confess that too often 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

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- Dani Rayford
- Sam Anderson
- Heather Donnelly
- Brad Rogers (re-affirmation)

✕ SACRAMENT ✕

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. He stands at Your right hand and has promised to hear us.

Grant that we may receive His body and blood in true faith so that we may live each day confidently until we join saints and angels, prophets and martyrs, around Your throne.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE 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.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI.....LSB 540

**1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father,
Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,
Light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence,
Grant us grace to heed Your call.**

**2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.**

**6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church’s glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Built On the Rock”LSB 645

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Grant that we may give ourselves to Your service in how we live and as we confess Your holy name each day, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN "You Are the Way; through You Alone" *LSB 526*

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THIS WEEK — (May 14-21, 2017)

- Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Sunday School, 10:30am
- Monday:** Board of Education, 4:00pm; Church Council, 6:30pm
- Wednesday:** Bible Study, 8:30am; Quilters, 9:30am
- Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm
- Saturday:** Rogers/Koch wedding, 1:00pm
- Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Sunday School, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 4/30/17)

General & Building Funds: \$6114.00; Blessings: \$41.62; Sunday School: \$7.35; Memorial: \$190.00; Genesis Fund: \$250.00; Misc.: \$500.00;
Attendance: Thursday: 13; Sunday: 116

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

OCEAN COMMOTION VBS will take place June 18-22. Sign up now!

NEW LUTHER MOVIE: In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, Rib Mountain Lutheran Church is hosting an exclusive showing of Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World. When: Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30pm. Where: Cedar Creek Cinema
Cost: Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets are available at: <http://rib.NewLutherMovie.com> or you may call Rib Mountain Lutheran to arrange for them to get the tickets for you. All proceeds will go to support our Armed Forces through the Military Biblestick Ministry.

LWML HUMAN CARE INGATHERING for May is for Hope Life Center. Items needed are: pacifiers, baby wipes, and diapers (newborn to 3).

GENESIS FUND: The Genesis Fund exists for providing financial assistance to those in need. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your donation “Genesis Fund” and place it if the offering plate. Those who are benefitted by it thank you!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS may be found on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“As the Church of God it’s time we rightly extolled the vocation of motherhood, and it’s time we finally saw the resplendent majesty concealed therein. There is no greater vocation on earth for it is God’s chosen means to bring children into this world and, likewise through parents, to bring children into Christ’s kingdom of forgiveness through Holy Baptism.” *Rev. Jonathan Conner, Zion Lutheran Church, Manning, Iowa – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*