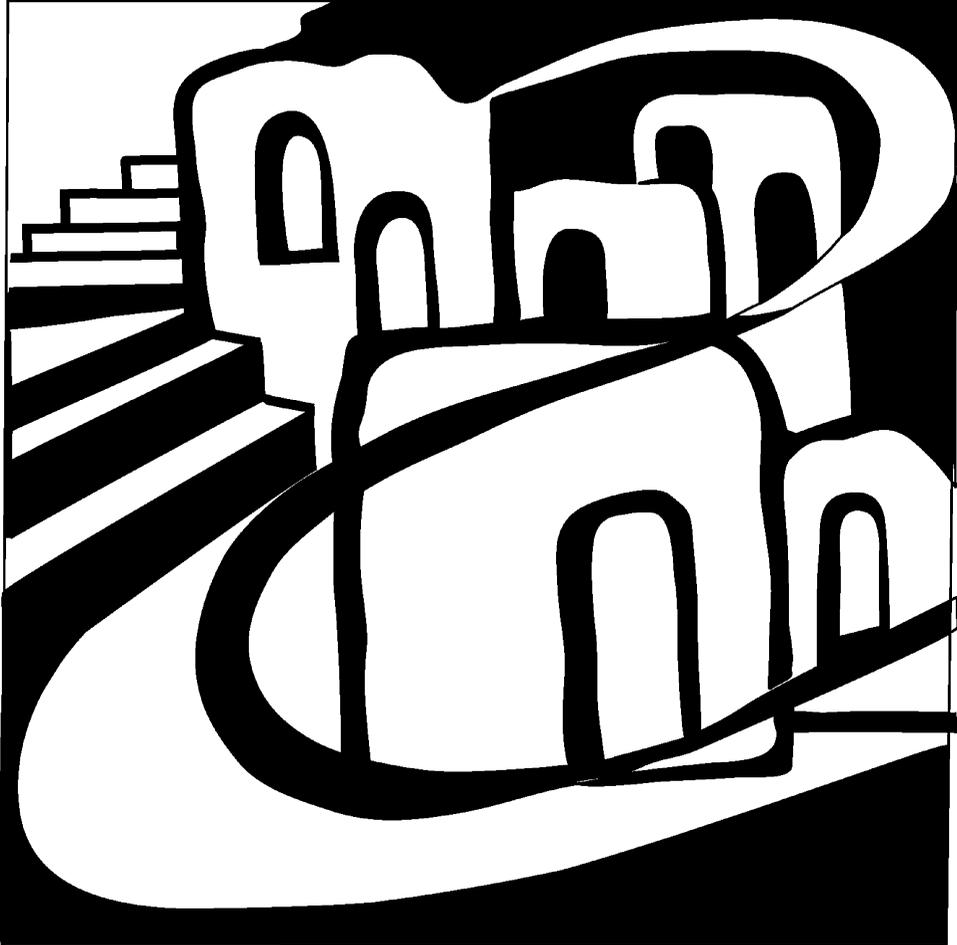


**Fifth Sunday
of Easter**



May 10, 2020

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Please use this Home Liturgy as a way to connect with God, your church family, and with all the saints as you worship in your home today. We encourage you to read and sing these words out loud, so you can hear the Word proclaimed whether you're alone or gathered with others in your household.

In addition, a video of pastors and members sharing the Gospel reading and a homily can be found online at prlc.org or via our Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church Community Facebook page. Feel free to use the Facebook space to add your reflections and prayer requests. We miss you, and pray that you will be spiritually nourished today and always.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

The Call ([video recording](#))

– Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME & GATHERING (WITH CHILDREN'S WORD) [video recording](#)

You may listen to the video welcome. If you are praying with family members or a group, choose someone to lead the opening litany and prayer of the day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Risen Christ, open our hearts to your grace and truth.

May we walk in newness of life.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

May we walk in newness of life.

Strengthen us as witnesses to your love.

May we walk in newness of life.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

(silence)

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

Amen.

FIRST LESSON — Acts 7:55–60

Choose someone to read each lesson aloud ... the reader may announce the lesson by saying, "A reading from [the Acts of the Apostles / the First Epistle of Peter]..."

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then 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. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then 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.

*The martyrdom
of Stephen*

Holy wisdom, Holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1–5, 15–16

All say the psalm together.

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

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

Be 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.

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

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

SECOND READING — 1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

*God's people
chosen to pro-
claim God's
mighty acts*

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like 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. For 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.”

To 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,”
and

“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.

But 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.

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.

Holy wisdom, Holy word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL — John 14:1–14 ([video recording](#))

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus 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’? 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe 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. Very 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*Christ the Way,
the Truth, and
the Life*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ([video recording](#))

You may take time to reflect on the readings for the day.

- What words or phrase or images speak to you?
- What in these lessons speaks Christ's love to you?
- Through these readings, what is God asking of you?

You may also listen to the sermon video. All may sing the Hymn of the Day below, using the video recording if desired.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #773 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ([video recording](#))



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near when my
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near, and the



tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me
life is al - most gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my
day is past and gone, at the riv - er I stand, guide my



on to the light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
hand lest I fall.
feet, hold my hand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

If you are with family members or others, please select someone to lead the prayers below. At the appropriate time, others may offer prayers of intercession (prayers for others) and thanksgivings.

Rejoicing in God, who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus, let us pray for the needs of the church and all the world.

[silence]

Build us, O God, as living stones united in your house of love.
Strengthen your church, especially our bishops Elizabeth and Shelly,
our congregation with its pastors, staff and council.
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Humble us, O God, as part of your creation.
Fill us with respect and awe for all you have made.
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Align our ways to your love, O God.
We pray for our mayor Jenny, our Governor Jay,
our President Donald, state and national legislators,
and leaders in all cities, states and nations.
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Make us instruments of your peace.
Give us grace to prepare places for those seeking refuge,
to feed the hungry, and welcome those without shelter,
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, comfort those afflicted with COVID-19
and all whose hearts are heavy and weighed down with many troubles,
especially Glenna, Lee, Arnold, Todd, and those we name before you.
Ease their distress and carry their burdens.
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Here offer other prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.
Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died,
especially Bob and Bennett.
Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life.
Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

With confidence in your love, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All may make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN

ELW # 380 *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* (next page, [video recording](#))



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

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Next Sunday

May 17, 2020 + Sixth Sunday in Easter

Lessons: Acts 17:22–31; Psalm 66:8–20; 1 Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21

GIVING THANKS AT THE TABLE

This week, use this prayer of blessing at mealtimes as an echo of the Prayer of Thanksgiving at Holy Communion.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of all.
We thank you especially for Jesus,
the way, the truth and the life.

Under the shade of his cross,
you prepare a dwelling place for all.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high,
we offer you thanks and praise for this meal,
and we pray and offer thanks at all times
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Psalm 102:1–17	Exodus 13:17–22	Acts 7:17–40
Tuesday	Psalm 102:1–17	Proverbs 3:5–12	Acts 7:44–56
Wednesday	Psalm 102:1–17	Proverbs 3:13–18	John 8:31–38
Thursday	Psalm 66:8–20	Genesis 6:5–22	Acts 27:1–12
Friday	Psalm 66:8–20	Genesis 7:1–24	Acts 27:13–38
Saturday	Psalm 66:8–20	Genesis 8:13–19	John 14:27–29

Our Weekly Circle of Prayer

“let us exalt God’s name together...” Psalm 34:3 + “pray without ceasing ...” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

*We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need and your prayers of thanksgiving on the COUNT ME IN form. Prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays. If you wish to extend your request beyond four weeks, note it on the COUNT ME IN form or contact the church office. New requests for the week are in **bold type**.*

We pray for...

the church of Jesus Christ in every land ...

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
The ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) – Pastor Rachel Eskesen and Pastor Zach Courter
in Hungary; Emma Maier
Seminary students – Abby Cress and Hans, now returned to Pennsylvania; Elizabeth Peter at
United Lutheran Seminary
Ecumenical partners – United Methodist Church
Partners in our Synod – Faith Lutheran
Partners in the Seattle area – Woodland Park United Methodist Church

healing in body, mind, and spirit ...

Pastor Anne, recovery from illness

Roger Gabelein, prayers for a good lab report after successful colonoscopy

Lisa Eisenrich, stage 4 colon cancer

Glenna June Kirk, mother of Darrell Kirk, COVID-19

Mabel Rockness

Lee and Arnold Boelter, parents of Don Boelter, diagnosed with COVID-19

Gretchen (daughter of Peter and Ann Marie Wick), brain cancer

Debbie, sister of Connie Popp, pancreatic cancer

Todd Johnson, hospitalized with COVID-19, and his wife Pauline

Mason Ruthford

Joachim, friend of Sabine von Preyss

Lauren Carroll

Bonnie and family, friends of Sandy Mortinson, sudden loss of husband/father

Lee Boelter, broken shoulder and pelvis

Chris, hospitalized with severe pain

Eunice Baker, in home hospice for dementia and vascular disease

LaDonna Baker, aunt of Luci Baker Johnson, recovering from a recent angiogram procedure

Lisa, sister of Paula Eisenrich, undergoing cancer-removal surgery

Chuck, father of Joe Huber, recovering from heart surgery

Vin, family friend of Millirens, recovering from a stroke

Diana Kunde, broken shoulder
Alissa, sister of Ben Scheffler, recovery from a stroke
Julie, biopsy taken from spot on her scalp
Sylvia Gravrock, diagnosed with advanced colon cancer
David, brother of Jim Christensen
Kathy, recurrence of breast cancer
Bruce, brother of Ken Bartanen, recovery involving cancer
Merrie, diagnosed with cancer

those preparing for baptism ...

Musashi Shutes-David, Lana Shutes-David, Genevieve Ferguson, Olive Bailey, Alice Bloom

those preparing to renew baptismal vows ...

Kate Bailey, Kate Cleveland, Kent Buttars, Lauren Bloom, Linda Currey, Robyne Curry, David Gehlen, Julia Gehlen, Patrick Hinshaw, Renée Knepper, Nicole Meyer, Mary Murphy, Sabine von Preyss

Brigid Collins, Col Snelling, Isaac Liljegren, Charlotte Van Kley, Lily Huber, Vassar Price, Finn Vickers, Kristen McGregor, Tess Van Sanford

the homebound members and friends of Phinney...

Virginia Schafer, Eunice Baker, Margie Conover, Brian Cummins, Gloria Swisher, Borgny Eriksen, Jean Hansen, and many others

for those diagnosed with cancer or other long-term illness...

Sally LeBoeuf, Carolyn Love, Ray Price, Margaret Wallace, Bonnie Hartmann, Warren "Andy" Pease, Ardy Wisch, Arnold Boelter, Carman, Heather, Shirley Sutherland

the faithful departed ...

Bob Robbins, father of Sheila Bartanen

Bennett, infant great-grandson of Peter and Anne Marie Wick, April 27
Mary Jane Alexander Chadwick and Fr. Gerard Kirsch, mother and brother-in-law of Leroy Chadwick
Leone

peace and justice in all lands and the well-being of creation ...

All affected by the coronavirus in our community and across the world
The vulnerable and endangered, and all who support and care for them,
in particular Stephen, ER physician and son of Don Swisher

Wisdom and safety for health-care workers, first responders, and public leadership
in dealing with the spread of illness from the coronavirus
Thanksgiving and protection for Rev. Katherine GrayBuck and all hospital chaplains
Tensions in the Middle East, South Sudan, and Democratic Republic of Congo
Wisdom in dealing with climate change
Immigrants seeking a homeland
The children who were taken illegally from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border
All single parents everywhere
Those suffering from addiction and other mental illnesses

Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses ...
Commemorations and Festivals for the Week

Matthias, Apostle Thursday, May 14

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Youth Continue to Connect for Quench!

All students in grades 6–12 are invited to join an online zoom meeting EVERY Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. See email or contact Nicole at cyf@prlc.org for the link. Quench is a weekly gathering time for youth (usually part of Bread for the Journey) to literally quench their thirst with a fun beverage, as we quell our spiritual thirst with time to connect to one another and to God. This can and will still happen through our screens, even if we can't pour water and pray together in person.

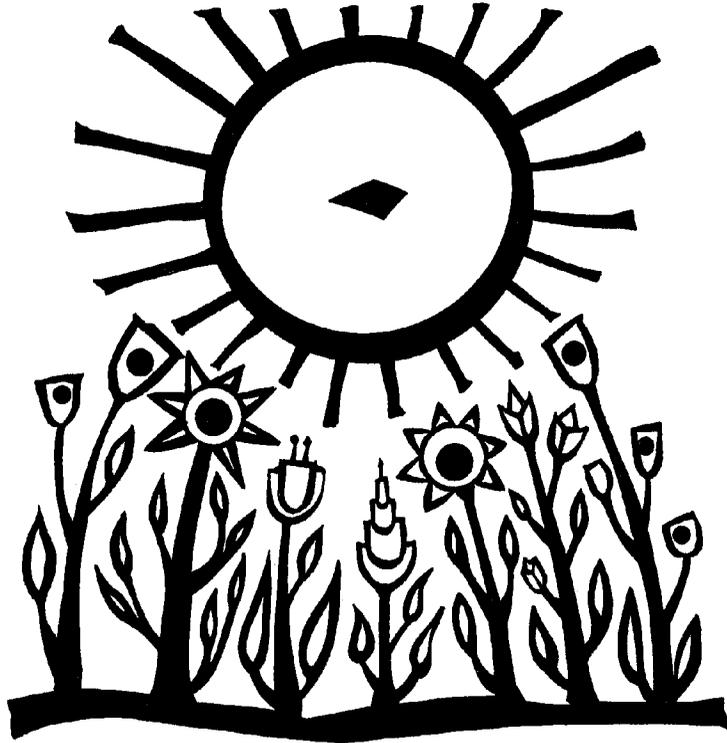
Announcements

Circle of Welcome Update

Our team is following basic safety guidelines set out by Lutheran Community Services Northwest, but work continues with our wonderful family from Afghanistan. They have certainly been through challenges before, and we continue to grow in our service to them. One BIG way you can help this effort is to donate to our Lenten fundraiser for rent support for our family. We intended to do this fundraising at church, but have had to shift our focus to an online campaign. If you follow the link for online donations on the church website, you can designate “Refugee Outreach” as part of your gift. If the online process doesn’t work for you, please consider mailing a check to the church, or find our fundraiser on the PRLC Facebook Group page. Thanks for helping out!

Devotional Books

The office now has copies of the quarterly devotionals “Christ in Our Home” and “Portals of Prayer” for April–June. Please call or email office@prlc.org to request a copy.



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Nursery Care

Our congregation participates in a Lutheran counseling organization with congregations from across the Puget Sound area. **Lutheran Counseling Network** is a coalition of licensed pastoral counselors who provide therapy in a variety of settings for a variety of needs. One such office is located in our building, with Counselor Rosemary Raynaud providing therapy on an appointment basis. Learn more at www.lutherancounseling.net. You can also reach Rosemary by phone at 206-364-1046, ext. 3.



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