



Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

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a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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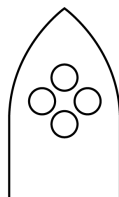
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**Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship
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HEIGHTS**

Place of Worship. Space for Questions.

NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2020

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Sedio

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN 377 (st. 1-3)

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“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

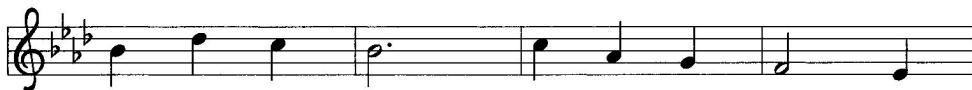
C: And also with you.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We pray together:

C: 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. Amen

WORD

THE READING

Acts 7:55-60

L: *Introduction: Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word. Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he 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 Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' written below the notes. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' written below the notes. The music consists of simple, rhythmic patterns using quarter and eighth notes.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

L: The Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

L: *Introduction: On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

“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.”

GOSPEL RESPONSE

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

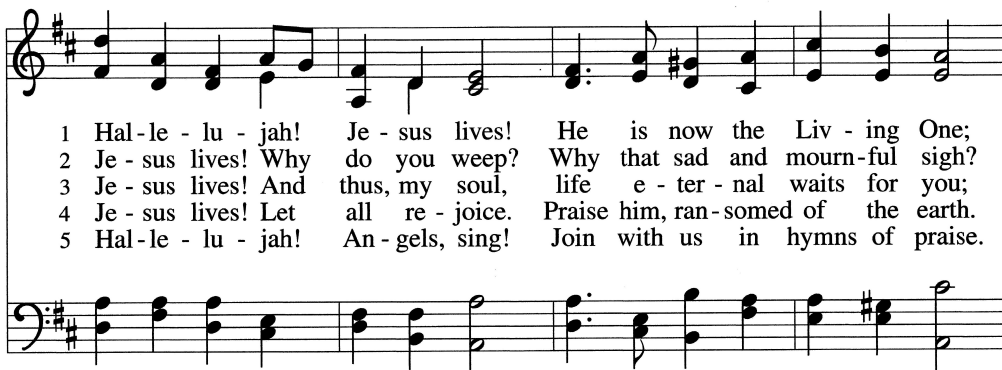
HYMN 380 (st. 1-2, 5)

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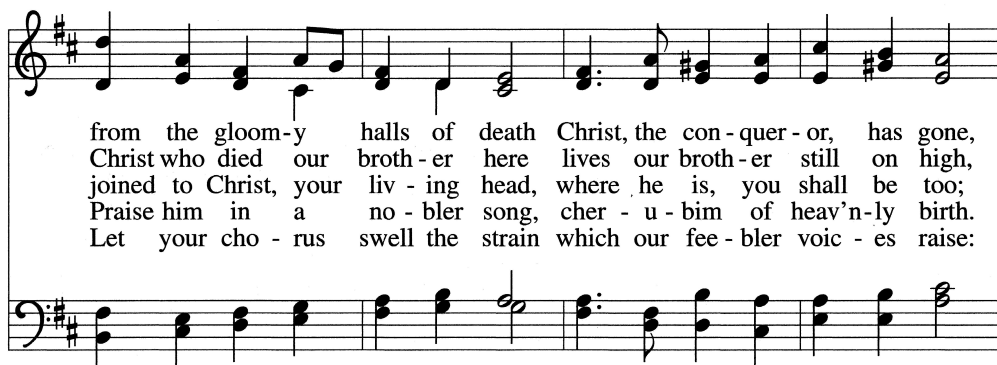
“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

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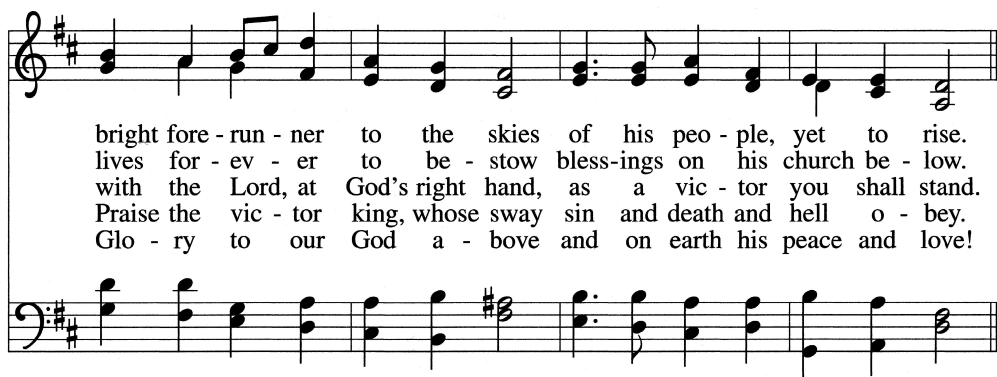
Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



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-ble song, cher-u-bim of heav'n-ly birth.
 Let your cho-rus swell the strain which our fee-ble voice 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!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

L: Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

SHARING THE PEACE

**L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE 361 (st. 3)

"The Day of Resurrection!"



3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,



the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;



for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!

SENDING

BLESSING

L: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life,
fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 619 (st. 1-4)

See next page for music

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Guilmant

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

619

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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