



"The stone
that the builders rejected
has become the very head
of the corner"

1 Peter 2: 7

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Worship

Scripture is from the NRSV Bible; Hymn is in ELW (Red) and LBW. (Green) hymnals.

Welcome

Announcements (See last page)

Ring of Chimes

Gathering

Call to Worship

Psalm 31: 1 - 5, 15 - 16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen

Hymn

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

ELW # 619, LBW # 352, Verses # 1, 2, 4

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you!**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For your holy church, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
Helps, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

***Prayer of the Day**

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

The Word**New Testament Reading**

1 Peter 2: 2 - 10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ 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.

⁶ 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."

⁷ 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,**" ⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

John 14: 1 - 7

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place 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 know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.**"

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time**Sermon**

Rev. Diane M. Goulson

Blessing

May the peace of God that passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn*"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*

ELW # 619, LBW # 352, Verses # 3, 5

He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

We Respond to the Word**Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Offering Gathered

Prepare your offering to be mailed to church.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

Our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. You feed with your Word for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

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.*

Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united as your spiritual house. Strengthen your church as we proclaim your love. We pray for new congregations, especially Cristo Obrero. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders and organizations caring for the ill, dying, and unemployed. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Heal and give us rest, compassionate God. Help those whose hearts are weighed down by many troubles. Comfort the suffering, and distressed, especially.... Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Nurture us, O God. We pray for those who tend and teach children, for safe pregnancies, and for families struggling with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult, especially Emily, and Vanessa. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Focus us on you, resurrected God. You call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of your promise of eternal life. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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

Sending

Blessing

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. **Amen**

Hymn

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

ELW # 619, LBW # 352, vs # 8

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives.

Dismissal Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Christ is Risen. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Liturgy from Sundays and Seasons, 2019, Year A, Guide to Worship Planning, Augsburg Fortress.
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Thank you . . .

Larry Krentz for taking care of the lawn last weekend and for making the sign with our building # on it! Contact Larry if you are willing to **mow the lawn** some week. Great social distancing activity!

Laurie Flaspeter for organizing the crews for the Le Sueur Food Shelf and the Henderson Food Share.

Amy Fahey for getting Sunday School materials out to our Sunday School children.

Local sewers who have made and shared 1,350 face masks! You rock!

Thank you all for being the church in these unusual times.

God's Work, Our Hands

Le Sueur Food Shelf T & Th. 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm; 2nd T 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
BP Food Shelf Wed. 5 - 7 pm; Sat. 9 - noon
NP Peace Center M, W, & F, 9 am - 12:30 pm; Th. 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Henderson FoodShare May **1st & 3rd Thurs.** 4:30 - 5:30 pm **Redeemer**

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Prayers *Health Issues* Mighty Myles G., Manley W., Baby Boy M., & Cindy K.

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Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, May 10 9:30 am Worship Online Live Facebook
Also available on website after worship.

Wednesday, May 13 6:30 pm Confirmation: *Zoom*

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Sunday, May 17 9:30 am Worship Online Live Facebook
Also available on website after worship.

Tuesday, May 19 **2:00 - 3:30 pm Redeemer: LS Food Shelf**

Thursday, May 21 **9:30 am Henderson Foodshare**

2:00 - 3:30 pm Redeemer: LS Food Shelf

3:30 - 5:30 pm Henderson FoodShare

Contact Laurie Flaspeter to help at Food Shelf & FoodShare

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Sunday, May 24 9:30 am Worship Online Live Facebook
Also available on website after worship.

Tuesday, May 26 **2:00 - 3:30 pm Redeemer: LS Food Shelf**

Thursday, May 28 **2:00 - 3:30 pm Redeemer: LS Food Shelf**

Contact Laurie Flaspeter to help at Food Shelf

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Sunday, May 31 9:30 am Worship Online Live Facebook
Available on website after worship.

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Offerings: **May 3** \$ 2, 335 *Thank you! Thanks be to God!*

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