

## **PARISH CONCERNS**

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- All mothers and women who have ever cared for someone.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- All who are affected by natural and man-made disasters.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially those with complications.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to our worship assistants last week: Jo Boehmer; Burt, Pamela and Claudia Andrews.

This week's worship assistants are: John and Lorene Roser, Jo Boehmer, Burt and Pamela Andrews; Claudia Andrews for special music.

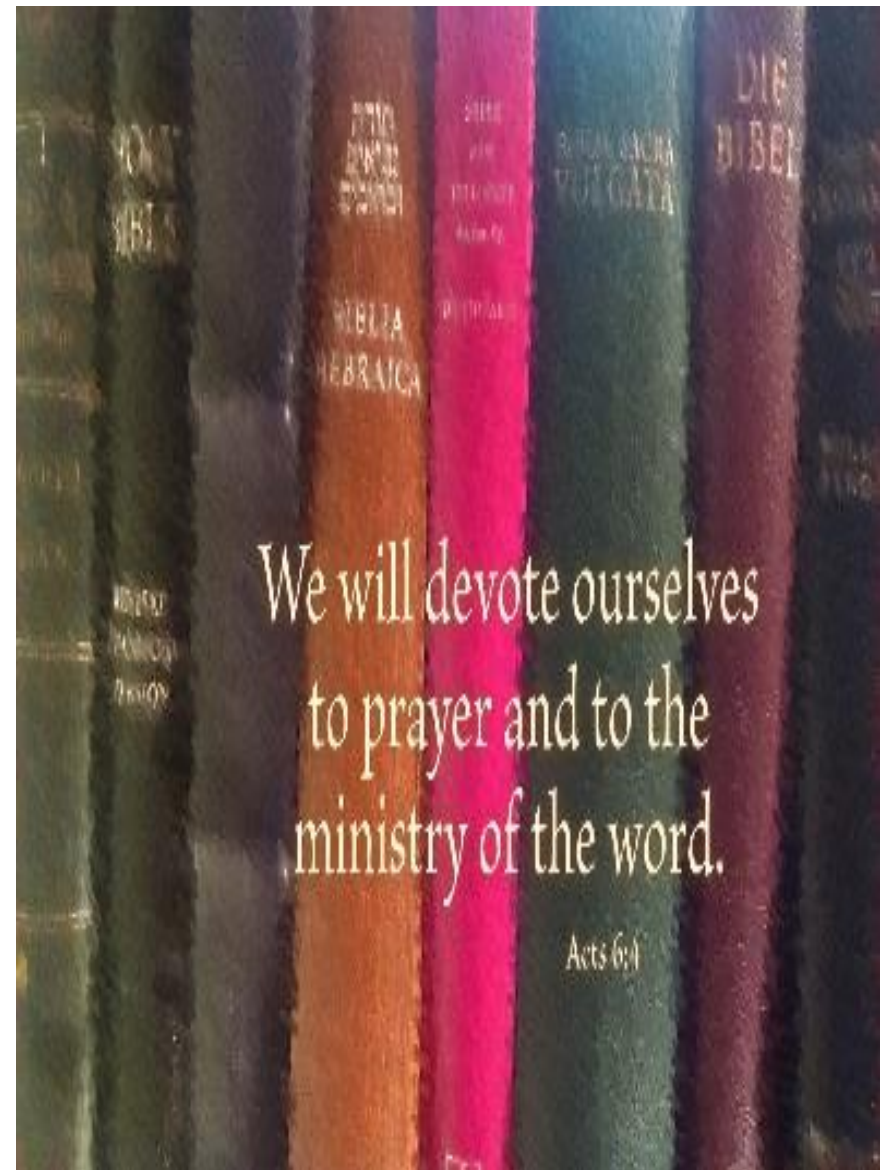
## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Thursday, May 14: Council Meeting, 7pm.

Newsletter Items will be due next Sunday, May 17.

## **PUBLICATION OF BANNES:**

Julia Mothkovich and Kevin Smerko will be married on Friday, May 15, in Rockford. Pastor Rasmussen will perform the ceremony, attended by family only. Julia is the daughter of Russ and Chris Mothkovich.



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
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*Sunday, May 10, 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Happy Mother's Day*

# First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2020

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

Prelude: Mozart's Third Horn Concerto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement –  
Claudia Andrews, French Horn

## Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

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\*Sharing of Peace

\*Opening Hymn: "Our Father, by Whose Name" **LBW 357**

\*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

\*"This Joyful Eastertide" **LBW 149**

\*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

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Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

\*The Alleluia P. 62

\*Gospel John 14:1-14

Pulpit Hymn: "Built on a Rock" **LBW 365**

Sermon: **"GOD'S OWN PEOPLE"** – Second Reading

\*Hymn of the Day: "By All Your Saints" vv. 1, 7, 3 **LBW 177**

\*Apostles' Creed P. 65

Offering

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\*Lord's Prayer P. 76

\*Closing Hymn: "Oh, Blest the House" **LBW 512**

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

**\*Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

\*Postlude

## First Reading: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>2a</sup> And Stephen said:

<sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." <sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>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. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>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. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>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.

**Psalms 146** (Together in unison)

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## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

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

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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." <sup>7</sup>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," <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## **Gospel: John 14:1-14**

<sup>14</sup>'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup>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"?' <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

### **Lessons for Next Week:**

**Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21**