

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer  
Pastor Liliana Stahlberg

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER .....MAY 21, 2023

WORSHIP

PRELUDE..... Diane Nicklas

+GATHERING+

WELCOME and IMPRESSIONS FROM THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

GATHERING HYMN: “*Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty*” (vs. 1&4) ..... #413

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: 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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God our Life and our salvation whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Dear God, we confess our faults and our blindness. We confess that we are self-focused and self-preoccupied and not interested in the well being of our neighbors near and far. With wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see Your face in the faces of people in Fort Morgan and around the world. Through Jesus Christ, who showed compassion to all. Amen.**

P: God forgives and invites us to ask for help in growing our consciousness until we see with God’s eyes and feel with God’s heart. God is patient, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus you are forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER

P: Please join with me in the prayer of the day:

C: **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and is still suffering in the Spirit world when we fail to be as loving as he is. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into the goodness of your presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF SILENT SAINTS—WANDA ROSTEN

PIE JESUS –AGNUS DEI (*Recorded music*)

+WORD+

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will

restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

Let God arise, and let God's adversaries be scattered;

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;**

**I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

In your holy habitation, O God, you are a parent to orphans, defender of widows;

**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;**

**but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,**

You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

**Your people found their home in it;**

**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;**

**you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,**

**giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "*CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD*" .....#801

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 4:1-11  
P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on His Way.

P: The gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON ..... *Crossing Barriers- Cruzando Fronteras* Pastor Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY "*In Christ There Is No East or West*" .....#650

STATEMENT OF FAITH

**C: We believe God, a divine presence, gentle and loving, the ground of our being. We believe Jesus, who embodied the love of God, and who urged his followers to express that same love in their daily lives. We believe the Holy Spirit, as God's continuing presence in our world, surrounding us with compassion. We believe the church is the Body of Christ where people gather to praise and learn about Christ, to share our concern for one another, and to bring justice and healing to all of God's Creation. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, into a new life and in a new world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

P: Hear us, O God.  
C: **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERING *We are now invited to praise God with our offering!*

*Please stand to receive the Holy Gifts of God for the people of God!*

OFFERTORY SONG "GIVE THANKS"

**C: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy one, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son. And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say, I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

**C: Dear God we worship you with our giving, so that our hearts grow generous and are willing to share Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us into your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

BENEDICTION

P: The God of all, who raised +Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "*May the Hope of God Go with US*"

WATCH THE RECORDING AND SING ALONG

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF PEACE (*You may join hands.*)

**C: My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand. Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.**

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