
St. Philip Lutheran Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: *“Pastoral Poem from Three Expressive Pieces”* [George Frederick McKay]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God’s work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

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.

We give you thanks, O God.

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 give you thanks, O God.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water of baptism, 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.

We give you thanks, O God.

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

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*”

[HYMN TO JOY]



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of all,

In Jesus, you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any from fellowship in Christ's community. Blind us to our differences so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace.

Amen.

We sit.

LESSON: Acts 15:1-18

A reading from Acts.

¹Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. ³So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers.

⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. ⁷After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. ⁸And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; ⁹and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. ¹⁰Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."¹²The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles.

¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. ¹⁵This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, ¹⁶'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, ¹⁷so that all other peoples may seek the Lord — even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things ¹⁸known from long ago.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:29-32

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ^{32a}light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

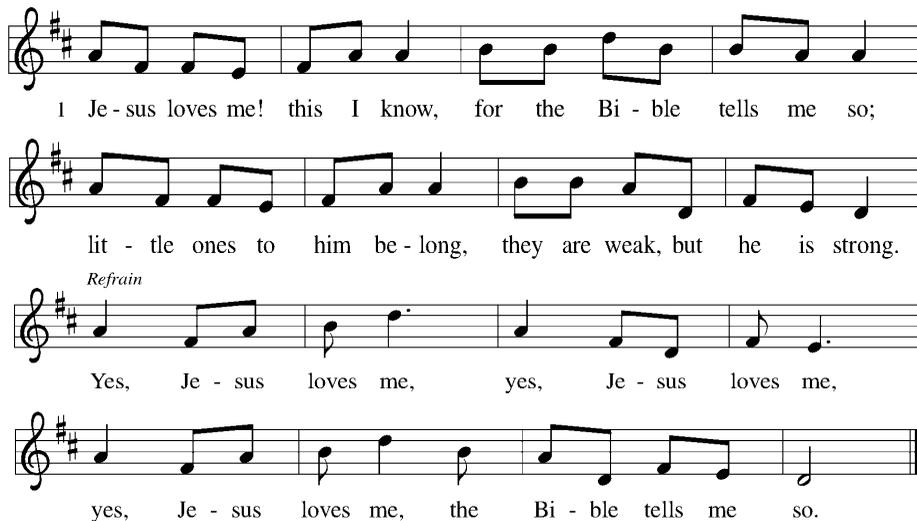
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

(10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & SONG: ELW #595 - "Jesus Loves Me!"

[JESUS LOVES ME]

At this point in time, we will not excuse the children to Children's Church in the nursery. Rather, they will return to their parents in their seats.



I Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
Refrain
Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

SERMON

MUSIC MEDITATION

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

[Lowell Mason]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

The pastor leads the prayers, each petition concluding:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
- Ephesians 5:2

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary. You can easily give to St. Philip through our website; please go to www.stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com and click “Give to St. Philip” or you can use your phone’s camera to scan the code to the right which will take you right there!



OFFERING MEDITATION

“Hearts Unfold Like Flowers”

[Ludwig van Beethoven; arr. Alfred V. Fedak]

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We stand.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us with Christ from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Jesus.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

We sit.

During this time of sanitation and physical distancing, our communion practices have changed. On your way into worship, you will find a pre-packaged wafer and grape juice for you. If you do not have a packet, please notify an usher. As the pastor says the words, “The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you” you may eat the bread and drink the grape juice.

**Today is our last drive-through communion for those who worship with us online. Please drive through our parking lot behind the church building and a communion packet will be given to you. This will immediately follow the 10:30 service until 12:15 p.m.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Aria from Liturgical Suite”

[Gordon Young]

At the invitation of the pastor, we stand.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. As we rise to new life in you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

SENDING HYMN: *“The Church’s One Foundation” - verses 1 & 5*

[AURELIA]



1 The church’s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, yet one o’er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav’n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: “How long?”
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav’n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *“Recessional and Fanfare”*

[Walker Baylor]

Church News:

Happy belated Birthday to Jackie Orcutt, May 1. This week, we wish a *Happy Birthday* to Odell Madeja, May 3; Susan McClelland, May 8; and Glenn Stef, May 8.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip or would like to know more about the history of St. Philip or the Lutheran faith, we will have a new members class this morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested but unable to make today's class, contact the Church Office, 843-449-5345, or email Pastor Jason directly, prjlee@aol.com. We will receive new members during both worship services on Sunday, May 16.

WELCA Esther Circle which will meet this Thursday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room and on Zoom. Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. All ladies are welcome to join in the Circle that best fits their schedule!

Volunteer Opportunities to help with Worship: As we slowly move back to the ways of worship we remember, we have some opportunities to help. Whether you are resuming an old role or taking up a new one, we would welcome new people to join in serving either as a Streaming Camera Operator (not as hard as it sounds) at our 10:30 a.m. worship service. We would like to incorporate some new Assisting Ministers to help lead us in worship and prayer at both services. If you are interested in helping to lead worship through prayers and other means, please speak to Pastor Jason.

Community Outreach: Throughout the month of May, we will be collecting non-perishables for Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach. *Suggested items: Instant mashed potatoes, grits, oatmeal, boxed cereals, fruit cups and pudding cups, canned veggies and soups, canned meats, pastas of all kinds, rice, peanut butter and jelly, mac-n-cheese, and pasta sauces.* Non-food items needed are *baby diapers, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and bath soap (no strong scents please).* All donations should be placed in or next to the blue bin in the hallway across from the offices.

Revelation Bible Study: Many people today regard Revelation as the hardest book in the New Testament. It is full of strange, lurid, and sometimes bizarre and violent imagery. Yet, Revelation offers one of the clearest and sharpest visions of God's ultimate purpose for the whole creation. It shows the way in which the powerful forces of evil, at work in a thousand ways, are being overthrown through the victory of Jesus the Messiah. Our 8-week study will help us begin to unpack some of the themes found in this book.

We will conduct our study online through the Facebook Group "*St. Philip Revelation Bible Study.*" It will be shared on our St. Philip Facebook page or you can search for the group on Facebook. With a Facebook group, we are able to have discussion throughout the week about difficult passages, questions we have, or have general comments and conversation about Revelation. In the group, there will be Guides to introduce the week's topics. Each member can work through the study material guides on their own time. We will also meet each week on Wednesday nights at 6:30 via Facebook's video conferencing tool. There is nothing new to download or sign up for. One must be part of the group on Facebook to participate. The group will be a Private group so we can maintain a small group feel. This means not everyone on the internet can see what we are discussing. If you are interested, please join us!

Prayers requested:

For those in the hospital and for all front-line workers in the medical field. For all First Responders and all Police Officers. Pray for all victims of war and violence in our nation.

For those who endure the effects of disasters throughout the world.

For our Community and Nation: Pray for our President, our Vice-president, our Government, and our local and state officials. Pray for all our United States service men and women.

For our church & homebound members, and members far away: *Karen McIlrath, Rachel Angstadt, Marty Poloni, June Holshouser, Patsy Moose, Betty Herring, Don Williams, Barbara Stemler, Beth Letts, Maxine Robinson, and Carol Michaels.*

For family and/or friends of members (requested by):

Dave & Sue Merrick; Rob & Deb McCulloch; Kris Kauffman; Jay Poloni; Tommy Cook; McFerrin family (Marty & Barb Poloni)

Doug Craig; Libby Hunter (Tom & Roz Hanlon)

Alicia Longley; Gayle Legner (Susan McClelland)

Paula Baxter; Grace Nappi; Chuck Higgins; Richard Giampetro; Lucy Elder; Dr. Gary Givagnoli (Joe Baxter)

Ginger Williams; Jackie Freeman; John Chamblin; Billy & Phyllis Milburth (Patsy Moose)

Anne Iredell (Marianne Tetreault)

Kerri Woodward (Sherri and David Crawford)

Justin, Emily, Lucas, Leo, & Luciana Muscio (Kathy Buckley)

Mallory and Camden Wiker (Jonah Lee)

Helen Gombert; Marie Plantz; Corbin family; Jim Giles (Bob & Betti Taggart)

Donna Morris (Jessica Lowe)

Grant Dettmering; Kathleen Snyder; Kim Barkes (Will Dettmering)

Dottie Lafferty; Tom Boyle (Jim & Connie Lafferty)

Larry Young and family (Jackie Orcutt)

Lorene Lynn (Adam & Ashley Chamberlain)

Judy and Calvin Rauch (Carol Washington)

Sara; Lindsey; Joe & Pam (Alesa Pelote)

Lynne Supernaugh; Betty & Monty Gardner (Carol Renne and Joan DiLorenzo)

Bob Morgan (Chuck & Donna Krohn)

Carmel Wright (Walter Wright, Jr.)

Darlene Swaim (Martha Sosebee)

Jeff Turczynski (Sherry Turczynski)

Elliott Jollans; Andrew Ramsey (Paulette Miller)

John Brugler; Jack Jamieson; Tracey Ambrosino (Marilyn Brugler)

Mike Lynn (Gail Kane)

Harvey Gluckin; Allison Grzan (Dave & Cynthia McClellan)

Joe Janus (Dave and Lottie Witmer)

Mother Superior Stella; Ann Schley (Skip Barth)

Lora Dugard (Audrey McVean)

Henry Carlson (Millie Wolf)

Virginia Grant; Francis Hendricks; Scott Kubic (Gene & Linda Hendricks)

Serving this morning:

Pastor: Rev. Jason M. Lee
Director of Music & Organist: Arthur Ghere
Lector: (8:30) Shanna Cisson
Lector (10:30) James McIlrath
Usher: (8:30) Shanna Cisson
Usher: (10:30) Jack Ledford
Camera Operator: Joe Baxter

St. Philip's Directory of Ministry:

Ministers: The People of Saint Philip
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Lee
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Director of Music & Organist: Arthur Ghere
Sexton: Haddie Richardson
Nursery Assistant: Roz Hanlon
Preschool Director: Jenn Loeswick

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