

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 2nd 2021



*Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church is an open,
welcoming and affirming community, fulfilling God's vision of a world
where peace, love, and justice become a reality for all.*

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 well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Pastor : Let us pray:

All : O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Reader : Kevin Clarke

Psalm **read in unison, by All*

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

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For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

Second Reading

John 1:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Pastor : The word of the Lord.

All : Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **spoken*

Pastor : Christ is Risen, Alleluia

All : He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Pastor : The holy gospel according to John.

All : Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Pastor : The gospel of the Lord.

All : Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Penni Walsh

Hymn of the Day

Abide With Me

LOTM Singers

Victor Johnson, arr.

Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
I need Thy presence every passing hour:
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Prayers for the People of God

Pastor : Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All : Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Pastor : The peace of Christ be with you always.

All : And also with you!

Pastor : God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Offering

At this time we are inviting people to share generously from the blessings God gave us all. For the regular LOTM offering, write us a check or simply go to our website: lordofthemountains.org and click on the 'Giving' tab. Thank you!

Offering Prayer

Pastor : 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.

All : Amen.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving and Eucharistic Prayer

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.

The Words of Institution

Pastor : Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Pastor : Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Prayer After Communion

Pastor : Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All : Amen.

Sending Hymn

O Jesus I Have Promised

ELW 810, v.1,3-4

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

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O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

Blessing

Pastor : The Lord bless and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All : Amen.

Dismissal

Pastor : Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

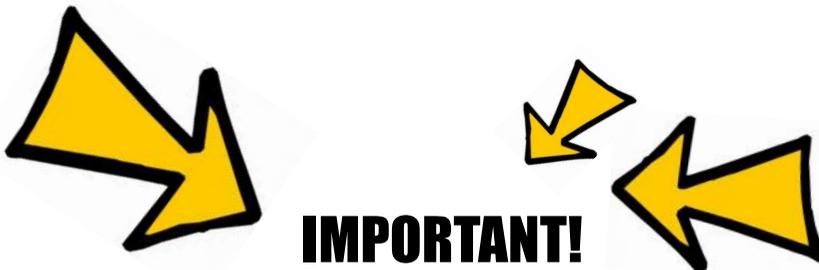
All : Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Join All the Glorious Names
tune : Darwall by John Darwall

by Larry Shackley

Many thanks to Ben & Karen Little for this Sunday's altar flower offering



Before we can issue the call for a new pastor, our church's Constitution and Bylaws, as well as members of the Search Committee, must be approved by the congregation.

After service next week (Sunday, May 9th), we will hold a meeting in which both of these measures are finalized. This meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom, for remote participation.