

# **ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 2, 2021**

Drive-in Worship Bulletin

**ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL ARE LOVED. ALL SAINTS**

Welcome to All Saints! We warmly greet you in the name of Christ and give thanks for your participation in worship with us. We hope this drive-in worship service will allow you to experience relationship with God and others. Please take seriously health officials' instructions by practicing social distancing and wearing masks when near others. A set of double-doors around the corner from the pastor will remain unlocked for access to the front restrooms. The radio frequency is 89.7 FM.

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## +GATHERING+

### PRELUDES

<i>I'm Goin' Up a Yonder</i>	Cardinal Chorale
<i>God's Not Done with You</i>	Tauren Wells
<i>Come as You Are</i>	The Many
<i>Live Christ</i>	Peter Mayer & ELCA House Band
<i>Dare You to Move</i>	Switchfoot
<i>O Sleeper</i>	emissaryband
<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>	St. Olaf Choir
<i>Branch &amp; the Vine</i>	Chanika McLelland

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

**We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

**Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.**



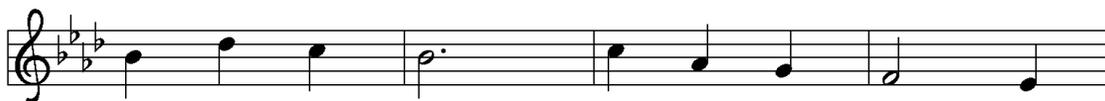
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## 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. [flash headlights]**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### +WORD+

#### FIRST READING – Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

## GOSPEL READING – John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ. [flash headlights]**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

ELW 403



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each prayer petition concludes with...* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you. *[flash headlights]*

## +SENDING+

## 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW 452



- 1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

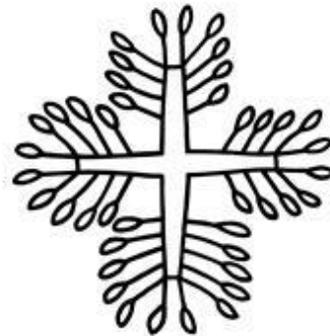
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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! *[flash headlights]***

### POSTLUDE

*Drink from Me* Urban Doxology





# Parish Notes

May 2, 2021

## Congratulations to Those Celebrating this Week

### Birthdays

May 3	Doug Gosnell	May 6	Cheryl Paul	May 8	Belinda Wierschem
May 4	Landon Harlan	May 7	Marilyn Roggow	May 8	Caroline Bowers
May 5	Tina Agee				

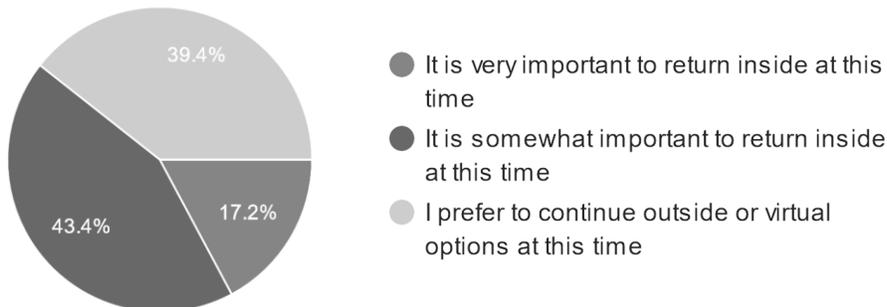
### 50+ Anniversaries

Brian and Judy Young      May 9, 1970    51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

## Council Takes Steps toward Indoor Worship

Thanks to all who filled out the Congregational Survey that was sent out before Easter. The responses we received are very helpful for Council, pastors and our Ministry Teams as they make plans for the coming months. While there is now significant interest in beginning the transition to indoor worship services, the survey also indicated that many are still best served by the drive-in and online offerings. For this reason, Council voted to add an indoor evening service to our current Sunday schedule, to be led by one pastor and the Music Director. The plans will be finalized at the May Council meeting for June implementation, so please stay tuned.

All Saints Sunday Worship services at this time  
99 responses



The Sunday evening indoor worship service will be a brief Service of the Word. Masks and social distancing will be required and space will be limited, so that attendees will need to make reservations in advance. Once the worship plans are finalized and approved by Council, a communication will be sent out to the congregation with all the details. We hope that the Sunday evening offering will be the first step as we transition back inside for all services. Even once all services are inside, we intend to have our worship available weekly on YouTube, as many of you requested through the survey. Thanks again for your feedback and for your prayerful support of our leaders!

## **Newcomer Gathering**

**TODAY, May 2 3:00-4:00 pm**

The Pastors will offer a newcomer gathering for those new to All Saints who wish to find out more about our congregation, its mission and ministry. The gathering will be held at the Kesner Center pavilion at the rear of the church parking lot. Please bring your mask. We look forward to getting our newcomers together to become acquainted with each other and learn more about All Saints. See you this afternoon!

## **Calling All Graduates**

If you or someone in your family is graduating this spring or has graduated during the past year, please let us know so that we may recognize them in our upcoming list of graduates (high school, college, technical or professional school). We will acknowledge our All Saints high school graduates during worship on May 16, and will list other family graduates in the Parish Notes that day as well. Email, call or mail the following information to the church office: graduate's name, relationship (self, son, daughter, grandchild, etc), name of school, degree or certificate. If high school grad, what are next plans – work, military, college, etc.

## **2021 Talent Share Postponed**

We look forward to seeing everyone's talents in the fall when conditions may allow for us to be *together* for this fun annual evening of gifts, fellowship and fundraising for our youth ministries. Stay tuned for the new date to be announced soon.

## **Save the Dates for Summer Fun!**

### **Vacation Bible School – Held in the evening this year**

**June 6, 3:00-5:00 pm Beach Day kick-off**

**June 7, 9 & 11, 5:30-7:30 pm, with family dinner**

For 3K-5th graders, and their families

Theme: ***Brave Believers***

We are planning an outdoor, socially-distanced program, divided into smaller age-groupings, with families. Youth and adult volunteers are needed.

Team Set-up June 6, 12:30 pm

### **Coastal Conference *Graceworks* Youth Service Week**

**June 20-25 Lutheran Retreat Center on Isle of Palms**

For Middle and High school youth

### **Music Camp – Held in the evening this year**

**June 28, 30 & July 2, 5:30-7:30 pm, with family dinner**

For Kindergarten-8th graders, and their families

We are planning an outdoor, socially-distanced program, divided into smaller age-groupings, with families. Youth and adult volunteers are needed.

Team Set-up June 27, 12:30 pm