

## First Reading: Acts 10:34–48

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

## Epistle: 1 John 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone

who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

## Holy Gospel: John 15:9–17

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

# I Have CALLED YOU FRIENDS



## JOHN 15:15



Easter

**About the Cover:** Jesus does not treat us as servants but as friends. He does not withhold from us what the Father is doing but openly shares His loving intention. The Father’s love is this: “That He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). That love spills over into doing what Jesus has commanded and loving one another, especially all fellow friends of Jesus.

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**DIVINE WORSHIP - 10AM**

**MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**91<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary**  
**May 5, 2024**

Hymn . . . . “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB #457  
Divine Service Five . . . . . LSB p. 213.  
Confession & Absolution . . . . . LSB p. 213 - 214.

Introit

I will speak of Your statutes before kings, [O Lord]  
**And will not be put to shame.**  
God is our refuge and strength,  
**An ever present help in trouble.**  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
**And the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**  
Though its waters roar and foam  
**And the mountains quake with their surging.**  
The Lord Almighty is with us;  
**The God of Jacob is our fortress. Glory be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is  
now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Hymn . . . “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” #488  
Salutation & Collect . . . . . p. 214

Old Testament

Epistle

Hymn . . . “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” #461 (1-4)

Gospel (responses p. 215).  
Nicene Creed . . . . . (back inside cover of the hymnal).

Hymn . . . “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” “^” #465

Sermon

Offering

\*\*\*A Brief History of Mount Olivet\*\*\*

Prayers of the Church . . . . . p. 215-216

Service of the Sacrament . . . . . LSB p. 216+

**The Lord’s Prayer**  
**The Words of Institution**

Sanctus (spoken)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are  
full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**AMEN.**

Agnus Dei . . . "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God" page 198.  
The People of God Commune

Post Communion Hymn . . . . .

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB #617 (v.1)

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Hymn . . . "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #733 (all)

Announcements

\* Pentecost Sunday; Voters' meeting 5/19

\* Holy Trinity Sunday 5/26

**SERMON NOTES**

**Sermon Title** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Texts** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Main Ideas / Thoughts** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I Want to Remember** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What Response Does God Want?** \_\_\_\_\_

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