

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2016

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00 Alleluia Ringers

*Jesus Has Come*

Arr: John A. Behnke

8:00 & 10:30 Alleluia Ringers

*Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus*

Arr: John A. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*Christ is the World's Redeemer*

(Ellacombe) LSB 539

1. **Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,  
The font of heavenly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,  
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.**
2. **Christ has our host surrounded With clouds of martyrs bright,  
Who wave their palms in triumph And fire us for the fight.  
Then Christ the cross ascended To save a world undone  
And, suffering for the sinful, Our full redemption won.**
3. **Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,  
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.  
And now to heaven ascended, He sits upon the throne  
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.**
4. **Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,  
All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.  
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.**

10:30 Green Park Ringers and Singers

*I See You, God*

Mark Burrows

**\*INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (10:30)

L: O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

L: We confess that we have not always said in our hearts, "Thy will be done" when we have been faced with decisions in our lives.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

L: We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, and we admit to being thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, and slow to seek reconciliation as we ought.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

L: We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless—advocates of those not yet born and those in the final stages of life.

C: **Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

L: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours, and too often have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

**C: Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

**\*THE ABSOLUTION**

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**\*THE KYRIE**

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (Taken from LSB pages 187-189)

(8:00, 10:30)

**Glory be to God on high, And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**\*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Amen.**

THE FIRST READING for the sixth Sunday of Easter is from Acts 16:9-15, page 925:

<sup>9</sup>And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING is from Revelation 21:9-11, 22-27, page 1041:

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**\*ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter, verses 1-9, page 890:

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup>In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” <sup>9</sup>And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**(5:00, 8:00, & 9:20)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SONG** (Sung as the children come forward) 8:00 & 10:30

- 1. We will glorify the King of kings We will glorify the Lamb;  
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.**
- 2. Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 8:00 & 10:30

Christina Stackle

**SERMON HYMN**

*In Holy Conversation*

**LSB 772 (Tune: Ich dank' dir)**

- 1. In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,  
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.  
We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs;  
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.**
- 2. These holy conversations Begin in childlike ways;  
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.  
With care our Father listens To ev'ry thought expressed,  
Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.**
- 3. As holy conversation, In silence or by word,  
In ev'ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.  
So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears  
With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.**

**THE SERMON**

“What is the Sabbath For?”

(John 5:1-9)

**THE OFFERING** - During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.

VOLUNTARY 8:00 Alleluia Ringers  
10:30 Green Park Ringers

*Jesus Has Come*  
*Triumphant March*

Arr: John A. Behnke  
Arr: Dennis Robert

**\*THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

**♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L: With thankful hearts, Lord, we bring You our prayers this day. We remember Your many acts of kindness throughout all ages. We bless You for the expansive spread of the Gospel according to Your gracious will and ask that more and more may come to faith in Jesus as Lord around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for all the nations of the world on every continent and for our own country in these days. Bless the rulers of all lands that there may be dedicated leadership striving for abiding peace in our time. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for all people, especially members of our families and our neighbors. Bless, Lord, those who are closest to us that together we may live in peace and contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*GENERAL PRAYER**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** (Found inside back cover of hymnal)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.**

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN**

*Now, The Hour of Worship O'er*

**TLH 45**

**1. Now, the hour of worship o'er, Teaching, hearing, praying, singing,  
Let us gladly God adore, For His Word our praises bringing;  
For the rich repast He gave us Bless the Lord who deigned to save us.**

**2. Now the Blessing cheers our heart, By His grace to us extended.  
Let us joyfully depart; Be our souls to God commended.  
May His Spirit ever guide us And with all good gifts provide us!**

**\*SILENT PRAYER**

POSTLUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Alleluia Ringers

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

Arr: John A. Behnke

**SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:**

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: 5 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler; 8 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM; Debbie Prange, Alexia Arensmeier

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Uthoff/Jeanette Mattingly

**NEWS AND NOTES:**

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**TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR:** 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): I John

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.**

**HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS** are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

**FOOD & DRINK consumption** should be kept inside the Gym.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are from Carl and Dorothy Krause in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary.

**BAPTISM** (10:30) Adriana Marie Spangler, daughter of Brett T. and Nichole C. n e Baldi Spangler. Sponsors: Ryan J. Spangler and Krista S. n e Evans Indelicato.

**GROCERY BAGS** distributed today for Feed My People drive on Mother's Day.

**HOLY COMMUNION on Mother's Day, May 7 and 8, next weekend.**

**LADIES GUILD** Spring Salad Luncheon, this Wednesday at noon. Tickets on sale in the Commons after services until 10:30 a.m. through today. Cost \$10.

**THIS AFTERNOON** at 3:00 p.m. Dr. John Behnke, professor emeritus of Concordia University - Wisconsin will be organist for our Hymn Festival. The Musicians of Peace will also participate in this great time of music. Come. Join us and sing some of your favorite hymns!!!

**JOB OPPORTUNITY** Green Park Lutheran School is filling two positions for the 2016-17 school year—a part-time art teacher for grades 3-8, and a full-time Kindergarten teacher. If interested, please mail a cover letter and resumé to Green Park, Attention: Mr. Stephen Eggold, 4248 Green Park Road, St. Louis, 63125.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the Monarch Jewelry sale! Thanks to your generous support we raised \$5,558 for the St. Louis Refuge Home for trafficked girls.—Peace's Life Ministry Team

**MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT** - We are looking for singers to swell our numbers for the Memorial Day concert at Peace and Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Check our music website [www.peacestlmusic.org](http://www.peacestlmusic.org) for info. Rehearsals begin Thursday, May 5, 2016.

**AUGUSTANA COLLEGE CHOIR** at Peace, Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

**"STAND AND PRAY FOR LIFE"** at Concordia Seminary, May 14, 9:00-11:45 a.m. Sponsored by the Concordia Seminary Life Team. Training beforehand, followed by 45 minutes outside of Planned Parenthood. Debriefing and normal Life Team meeting to follow on the Seminary Campus.

**YOUTH NEWS: New 9th Gr. Scavenger Hunt (Welcome Event)** is **today from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**PARENTAL MEETING** of next year's 7th-8th Grade Confirmation students, Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. to introduce curriculum materials, carpool arrangements, and class sessions, held Wednesdays, beginning August 24. (Sermon notebooks available for 7th/8th graders to begin taking notes May 15.)

**SAFETY PINS NEEDED** - Donate your extra safety pins to help pair items (socks, gloves, etc.) for the Aug. 6 Couples' Club Garage Sale. Thank you!

**COUPLES CLUB** to tour Warm Springs Ranch (Home of the Clydesdales), Sat., June 11. Bus seats still available. If interested or have questions, contact Heather Carlson. RSVP **today**. Everyone welcome!

**BEREAN CARECIPLES** will meet May 9 and May 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons Conference Room, before they break for summer. - W. Brune

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 1, 2016:

Today: 11:45 Life Ministry Team  
3:00 Hymn Festival with Dr. J. Behnke  
6:00 Adult Inquiry  
7:00 Peter Careciples-Schuesslers  
Mon: 6:30 Cub Scout Den Mtg  
6:30 Council  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
10:00 Set up for Spring Luncheon  
Wed: 12:00 Ladies Guild Spring Luncheon  
4:50 Celebration Ringers  
5:30 Glocken Ringers  
7:00 The Augsburg Choir Concert  
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study  
Thu: 6:00 Men's Morning Bible Study  
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study  
5:30 ESL Sports  
6:00 Seay/Schlechte Rehearsal  
6:30 ESL Classes  
7:00 Chancel Choir  
7:30 Memorial Day Choir Rehearsal  
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service w/Comm.  
1:30 Seay/Schlechte Wedding  
Sun:8/9:20/10:30 Worship Services w/Comm.