

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

O Christ, Our Hope

LSB 553

1. **O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, Creation's mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured.**
2. **How vast Your mercy to accept The burden of our sin
And bow Your head in cruel death To make us clean within.**
3. **But not the bonds of death are burst, The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father's throne In robes of light arrayed.**
4. **O let Your mighty love prevail To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before Your throne By mercy purified.**
5. **Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!**
6. **All praise to You, ascended Lord; All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Through all eternity!**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (5:00)

L: We wait in hope for the Lord.

C: **He is our help and our shield.**

L: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him. On those whose hope is in His unfailing love.

C: **I will extol the Lord at all times, His praise will continually be on my lips.**

L: My soul will boast in the Lord. Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

C: **Glorify the Lord with me. Let us exalt His name together.**

L: Most gracious Heavenly Father,

C: **We pray for pardon, peace, and forgiveness for all we have done in word, thought, and deed. Because of the person and work of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died to pay the penalty of eternal death for our sins, grant us pardon and remission. Forgive us and release us from guilt for His name sake. Amen.**

***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 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 17:22-31, pages 926-927:

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: 🎶 Thanks be to God.

10:30 Chancel Choir

Come and Be Joyful

THE EPISTLE is from 1 Peter 3:15-22, page 1016:

¹⁵But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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 fourteenth chapter, verses 15-21, page 901:

C: 🎶 Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 🎶 Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(8:00, 9:20, 10:30)

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. **Glory be to Jesus, Who in perfect love,
Died to be my Savior, Sent from heaven above.**
2. **Glory be to Jesus, Risen Lord and King;
When on happy Easter, Alleluias ring.**
3. **Glory be to Jesus, now ascended high;
Our eternal Savior, Lives no more to die.**
4. **Glory be to Jesus, Helping us to love;
Who, at last, receives us, To His home above.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00 & 10:30)

Marilyn Wiesehan

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come My Soul, With Every Care

LSB 779

1. **Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.**
2. **Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ever ask too much.**
3. **With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.**
4. **Lord, They rest to me impart, Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.**
5. **While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.**
6. **Show me what is mine to do Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.**

THE SERMON

"Brought to God"

(1 Peter 3:15-22)

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

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***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.

LORD'S PRAYER LITANY

L: God our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your name be hallowed by us and all the world through the teaching of Your holy Word, Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Strengthen us by Your Spirit in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own sill may be crucified daily and given to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: O Lord, help us to overcome the devil with his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: And finally, heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found inside the back cover of the 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

Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

1. **Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.**

2. **Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8:00: Kendra Ruesler; 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choir Dir.: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Janice McCreary/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2017

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Augsburg Confession

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room):

Discussions led by group members with mentors present.

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

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner

7th Grade: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

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 Linda & Allen Wentzel in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary; from Jim & Linda Ralston in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary; from Helen Breitenfeld in loving remembrance of what would have been her and Marvin's 60th wedding anniversary.

BAPTISM (5:00): Sophia Sabra Mazzaferro, daughter of Alexander J. and Katie M. n^{èe} Krus Mazzaferro. Sponsors: Edward O. Mazzaferro and Kacey L. n^{èe} Krus Christian.

HOLY COMMUNION to be observed next weekend, Memorial Day observance May 27/28.

BOY SCOUT MEMORIAL FLAG CEREMONY Thursday, May 25, 7:00 p.m. at St. Trinity Cemetery. All members of the congregation, and especially our veterans, are invited to attend.

PEACE'S MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE plays every Thursday starting at 6:00 p.m. at Clydesdale Park. Contact Joe Western if you are interested in playing. If you do not want to play, come and cheer on your team!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Sun., June 4th following 10:30 service to visit Peace shut-ins. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Sandi Akers for more info.—Life Ministry Team

ALASKA MISSIONS FINAL SAUSAGE SALE The final Stoney's sausage sale for the year is this weekend in the Gym. So stop by and stock up. Prices are reduced!!! As always, thank you for ALL your support of Alaska missions.

JOB OPENING EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM—Preschool Teacher for 2017/2018 school year. Contact Sue Velten, 892-8844.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 10-14, 9a.m. - 12p.m. We are looking forward to Mighty Fortress adventures this year as we explore our faith in Christ! Registration is now open for children age 3 through going into 4th grade. Early registration is appreciated as we move forward with preparations. Go to www.peacelutheranstl.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

VBS STAFF MEETING June 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SUMMER CAMP FOR SCHOOL-AGERS begins May 30, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., for ages 5-13. Youth will enjoy sports, crafts, and field trips. All meals included. For information and a tour, call Sue Velten, 892-8844.

MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE bags still welcome. If you forgot yours, you may bring it in yet tomorrow (6a.m. - 10a.m.) for late inclusion.

SAVE THE DATE! Green Park Lutheran School's 3rd annual Golf Fore Education is Sun., Sept. 17, 2017, at the Acorns Golf Links in Waterloo, IL.

YOUTH NEWS Check your mail slots for summer activities. Sr. Youth North Carolina Servant Event Meeting is Sunday, June 4, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 21, 2017:

Today: 6:00 Adult Inquiry
Mon: 6:30 Elders
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:00 Men's Club
Wed: 7:00 Bells of Peace
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service w/Comm
Sun: 8/9:20/10:30 Worship Service w/Comm
Mon: MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED