

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist \* = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

*Unending Praise  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Michael Helman  
arr: Cynthia Dobrinski

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Beautiful Savior*

LSB 537

1. **Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**
2. **Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**
3. **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

**\*INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISMS (5:00, 10:30)

L: Jesus, King of Glory, who ascended into heaven while before the Apostles;

C: **Jesus, seated in glory at the right hand of the Father;**

L: Jesus, to whom all power is given in heaven and on earth and whose kingdom is forever;

C: **Jesus, who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

L: Jesus, who has gone to prepare a place for us and who will come again in glory.

C: **Hear our prayer and confession, as unto You we confess our sins.**

L: Ascended Lord and Savior,

C: **I have sinned against You by what I have done and by what I have not done. I have loved myself more than you, and I have not loved others as I ought. For Your sake, forgive my sins. Reconcile me to You. Deliver my soul in safety. Make me ever one with Your body, the Church. We pray this to You, Jesus, as You reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God. 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 10:34-48, page 919:

<sup>34</sup>So 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

8:00 & 10:30 Chancel Choir and Bells of Peace

*Let All Creation Praise*

Patti Drennen

Flute: Jacqui Gathman, Cello: Jonathan Gathman

THE EPISTLE READING is from I John 5:1-8, page 1023:

<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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

\***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\*THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter, verses 9-17, page 902:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>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 lay 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**(8, 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. Glory be to Jesus, Who in perfect love,  
Died to be my Savior, Sent from heav'n above.**
- 2. Glory be to Jesus, Risen Lord and King;  
When on happy Easter, Alleluias ring.**
- 3. Glory be to Jesus, Helping us to love;  
Who, at last, receives us, To His home above.**

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

**Christina Stackle**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ the Eternal Lord*

**LSB 829**

- 1. Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.**
- 2. Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.**
- 3. Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.**
- 4. Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.**

**THE SERMON**

**"Overcoming the World"**

**(I John 5:1-8)**

**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 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

*Abide With Me*

**Kathy Moklebus**

\*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

\*LORD'S PRAYER (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal.) (8, 9:20)

\*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

*Draw Us to You*

LSB 701

1. Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.
2. Draw us to Thee, Lord lovingly; Let us depart with gladness  
That we may be Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness.
3. Draw us to Thee Unceasingly, Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

\*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Rick Goodman/Jeanette Mattingly

NEWS AND NOTES:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Hebrews

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

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 and Mike Renner

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel and Louise Oster

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Ron and Bette Hoffman in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on May 3 and Ron's birthday on May 6; also from Dave and Heather Carlson in honor of their niece, Riley Elizabeth Ratka's baptism.

BAPTISMS (5:00) Riley Elizabeth Ratka, daughter of Kevin M. and Elizabeth M. née Bohn Ratka. Sponsors: Gabriel Kolesa and Amanda M. Ratka. (10:30) Trevor Paul Wiesehan, son of Robert J. and Nathasha Yoke Chun née Tam Wiesehan. Sponsor: Christopher J. Wiesehan.

MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE Today the bags are being distributed for the annual Feed My People pantry drive. Please return food items Mother's Day weekend to the Commons.

ALASKA MISSIONS TEAM BAKE SALE May 12 and 13. Pre-order your gooey butter cake and apple and cherry pies through today, May 6. Place your orders at the Welcome Center. Pre-ordered baked goods will be available for pickup at the Bake Sale. Thank you for your support!

FULFILLING HIS VISION A brochure was recently placed in your mail slot concerning this campaign on behalf of Green Park Lutheran School. Please consider supporting Green Park as we work together toward *Fulfilling His Vision* and providing superior Christian education to students today and tomorrow.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST at 9:00a.m. this Thursday at Denny's. Contact Joyce Schutte for more information.

YOUTH NEWS: High School Servant Event Meeting for Beaumont, TX is **today**. Youth need to be here from 11:30-2:00. Parents need to come from 1:30-2:00.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS: 3rd-5th Graders and families join us on Wednesday, May 30 from 6-8 p.m. for an evening of fun at Rock Roll-O-Rena Roller Rink in Arnold. The event is free. Families with children in Parent's and Me, Preschool and Kindergarten are invited to stay after church on Sunday, June 3 from 11:30-1:00 for lunch and outside play on the playground. To assure we have enough food please register your family by May 27. Sign up for these events on our church website under Children's Ministry.

HOLY COMMUNION next Sunday, Mother's Day, May 12/13.

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for children ages 3 to 5th Gr. Go to [peacelutheranstl.org](http://peacelutheranstl.org) and click below the Journey to the Cross icon to register.

PARENTAL MEETING of next year's 7th-8th Grade Confirmation students is this Tuesday, May 8, 6:30p.m. Youth and parents will be introduced to curriculum materials, carpool arrangements, and class sessions, held Wednesdays, beginning August 22. (Sermon notebooks will be handed out enabling the 7th and 8th graders to begin taking notes effective presently.)

COUPLES CLUB will be taking a tour of Tiger Sanctuary in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri today, Sunday, May 6. Tour time is 3:00p.m. RSVP to Tammy Goodman.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual Veterans' Memorial Service led by Boy Scout Troop 584 to be held on May 24 at 7:00p.m. at St. Trinity Cemetery. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. All veterans present will be honored at the ceremony.

ALASKA MISSIONS LAST SAUSAGE SALE THIS SEASON May 5 & 6 will be our last sausage and cheese sale until next fall!!! So stop by the gym this weekend and stock up on all your favorite cheeses, sausages and sticks. We will have a new supply coming in the fall. Thank you for all your support for the Alaska Mission work.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 6, 2018:

Sun: 11:45 Life Ministry Team  
6:00 Adult Inquiry  
Mon: 9:30 Berean Careciples  
6:30 Council  
7:15 Memorial Day Brass Rehearsal  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
6:30 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Parents Meeting  
7:00 Eagle Board of Review  
Wed. 11:15 Preschool Chapel  
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study

Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study  
6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board  
5:30 ESL Sports  
6:30 ESL Classes  
Fri: 6:00 Bayer/Higgenbotham Rehearsal  
Sat: 1:00 Bayer/Higgenbotham Wedding  
5:00 Worship Service w/Comm  
Sun: 6:00 Adult Inquiry