

*Welcome to*

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"In Nomine Iesu"

## ***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

### ***Happy Mother's Day!***

May 14, 2023

***Welcome!*** Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us.

The love of Christ comfort you and the love of His people encourage you. We pray you know Christ's love through us.

So that we may all celebrate your presence and give thanks to God for you, ***members and guests*** alike are asked to please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Please place them in the basket on the table as you leave the sanctuary.

We pray you have been blessed through this worship and will join us again soon.

**Prelude** “*Lasst uns Erfreuen*” Thomas Pavlechko

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell**

## **The Order of Worship**

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting One

### **Entrance Hymn**

*“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

LSB #816

### **Invocation** *(please remain standing)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the  
truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful  
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word  
and for self-examination*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by  
nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned  
against You in thought, word, and deed, by what  
we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We  
justly deserve Your present and eternal punish-  
ment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have  
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so  
that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your  
ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for  
you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a  
called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His  
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the  
name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy  
Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 119:89-93; antiphon: Ps 119:105*

P Your word is a lamp to my feet

C **and a light to my path.**

P Forever, O LORD, your word

C **is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

C **you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

P By your appointment they stand this day,

C **for all things are your servants.**

P If your law had not been my delight,

C **I would have perished in my affliction.**

P I will never forget your precepts,

C **for by them you have given me life.**

All **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.**

P Your word is a lamp to my feet

C **and a light to my path.**

### Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship  
and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise ~ Gloria in Excelsis

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The music is a hymn of praise, featuring a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: [A] Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. [C] Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

[A] Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

[C] Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:  
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.  
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You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Salutation

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

## Collect of the Day

P O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

**Holy Baptism** (10:30 a.m.~ refer to baptism bulletin)

**Choir Anthem**      *"Let Them Come"*      Valerie MacKenzie

## First Reading

*Acts 17:16-31*

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the

foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For 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. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And 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, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

“‘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.’

<sup>29</sup> Being 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. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because 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.**

## Epistle

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being

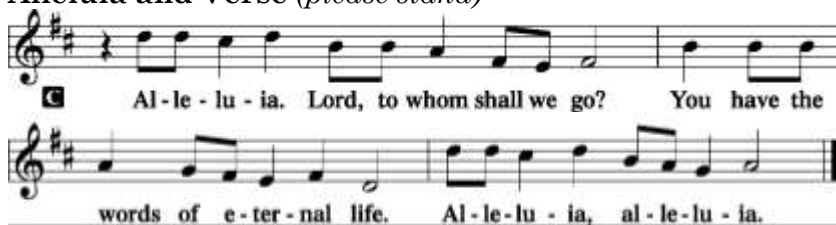
prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> For 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, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because 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. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, 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, <sup>22</sup> who 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.

C Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)



### Holy Gospel

*John 15:9–17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed (8:00 a.m.)**

**All 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.**

*(be seated)*

### **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day** *“Come, My Soul, Cast Every Care”* LSB #779

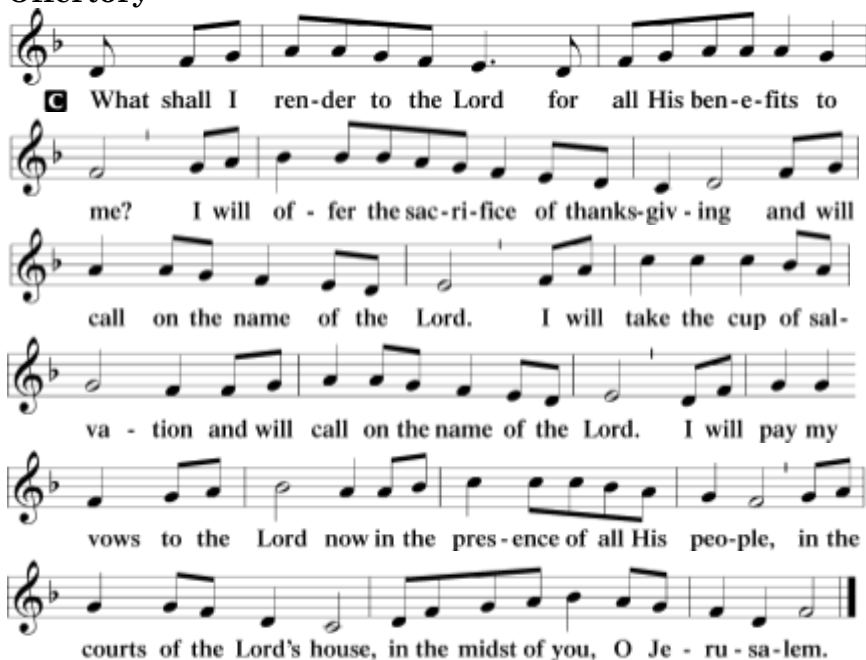
**Sermon**

*“Chosen”*

Text: John 15:9-17

## Presentation of the Offering

### Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

### Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we  
need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died  
and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (8:00 a.m.)**

**All** 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.

## **Benedicamus** *(please stand)*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor  
and (+) give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **Closing Hymn**

*"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"*

LSB #492

## **Silent Prayer**

*(be seated)*

## **Postlude**

**"Soli Deo Gloria"**

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