



Sixth Sunday of Easter 5/17/20

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Holy Communion Setting Two

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GOD GATHERS US IN EVERY PLACE AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 77) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on chest or forehead.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" LBW Hymn #356

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts,
 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood;
 3 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread,
 4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn,

The fount of life, the light of all:
 You plead with all to call on you;
 And long to feast up - on you still;
 Wher - e'er our chang - ing lot is cast;

From ev - 'ry bliss that earth im - parts
 To those who seek you, you are good;
 We drink of you, the foun - tain - head;
 Glad, when your smile on us you turn,

We turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 To those who find you, life is new.
 Our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 Blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux, 1090 - 1153; trans. Ray Palmer, 1808 - 1887
 Tune: William Gardiner, 1770 - 1853

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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ("Lord..." LBW pp. 78-79) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



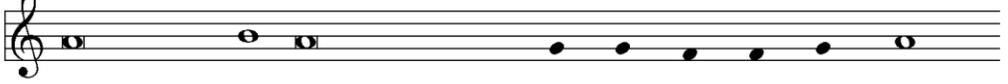
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 79-80)



☐ Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



☑ 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,

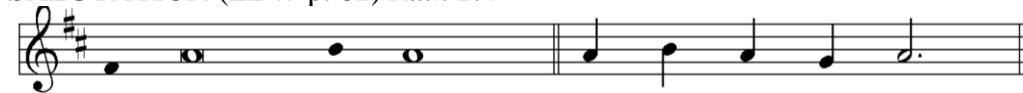


you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Ruth 2:4*



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together: O God, **all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 17:16-31 ¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So 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. ¹⁸Some 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. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. 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, and perhaps 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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.*

7 Bless our | God, you peoples;*

make the voice of his praise | to be heard;

8 Who holds our | souls in life,*

and will not allow our | feet to slip.

9 For you, O | God, have proved us;*

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

10 You brought us in- | to the snare;*

you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water;*

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay | you my vows,*

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;*

I will give you ox- | en and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you | who fear God,*

and I will tell you what he has | done for me.

15 I called out to him | with my mouth,*

and his praise was | on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil | in my heart,*

the Lord would | not have heard me;

17But in truth | God has heard me;*
 he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.
18Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,*
nor withheld his | love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE (LBW p. 83) *John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

READING OF THE GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

¹⁵{Jesus said,} “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. ¹⁸I 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON

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GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (LBW Hymn #315)

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lo - ving Spi - rit in - to e - very trou - bled breast;
3 Come, al - migh - ty to de - li - ver, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwel - ling, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
let us all in thee in - he - rit, let us find the pro - mised rest.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - boun - ded love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bles - sing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vi - sit us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter e - very trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at li - ber - ty.
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Tune: John Zundel (1815-1882)



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NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day
he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS (LBW p. 85)

In the hope of the resurrection,

let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

God Incarnate, we pray for your Church. As we plan to gather again in person, guide us and lead us in the decisions we must make. Grant us your wisdom and help us to move forward in a way that protects and includes everyone. Help us to reach out to the lonely, the fearful, and those who feel judged or unloved, that through our love, we may draw them closer to you.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sovereign Lord, we pray for this and every nation of the world. Give wisdom and strength to those who lead and help them to do so with compassion and humility. We pray for those who are graduating, that you would lead them in the way that they should go so that their life choices may give you glory. We pray especially for medical researchers and manufacturers, for doctors, nurses, and medical support staff, including *Katie, Lashell, Lynn, Leigh, & Brittany*. Keep them safe, and through their care of others, let your love shine even in the darkest of places.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of Love, we pray for those who dwell in the darkness of depression, abuse, or despair. Enlighten their darkness with your grace. Break old habits that hold them captive to fear and hate. Breathe new life and new hope into their hearts. Lift them up into the glorious beauty of your love and fill them with faith in your promises.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who need your healing and peace - for those on our congregational prayer list, especially, *Rick, Tom, Debbie, Pastor Brett, Cathy, Frances, Dusty, Martha, Buddy & Alice, Linda, Jane, Edna, Nellie Lee, Harry, Andrea, Steven, Vickie & Amelia, Lori, friends at Lakeside, Genie, Shelby & June, Dale & family, & Kayla, Caitlin & Daniel.* We pray healing for *Angela's family & Belinda* and for strength for *Aranda & Pastor Dawn.* We now lift to you aloud or in our hearts, any others for whom you would have us to pray...
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we pray for those who grieve for loved ones, especially *the loved ones of Gladys, Pastor George, & Joyce.* Comfort all who mourn with your peace and fill us all with the hope of everlasting life, that we may ever praise you and even in our sorrow, proclaim your glorious victory over death.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with those in our household and on social media platforms.

OFFERTORY HYMN "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise

him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye

heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

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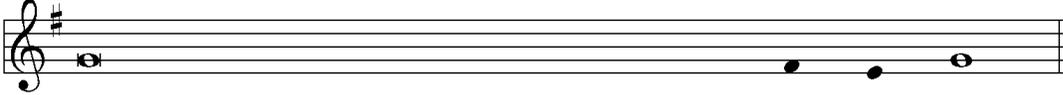
THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

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GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

BLESSING (LBW p. 95) *Numbers 6:24-26*



☐ 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.



A - **men**

SENDING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (LBW Hymn #551)

Text: Henry van Dyke 1852-1933

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven 1770-1827, adapt

G D7 G Bm G D G D G D7

Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee God of glo - ry, Lord of love! Hearts un - fold like
All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels
Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest, Well - spring of the

6 G7 G/C G D D G D G D G

flow'rs be fore thee Op' - ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness,
sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - brok - en praise. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain,
joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fath - er, Christ our broth - er,

11 D B Em D G D G7 G/C G D D7 G

Drive the dark of doubt a - way. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Flow - ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Sing - ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in thee
All who live in love are thine: Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine!

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EASTER PROCLAMATION & DISMISSAL (LBW p. 95)
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God!**



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WELCOME! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!

Love God. Love neighbor.
Serve with joy in Jesus' name.

worship + fellowship + discipleship

Who We Are - As a mission congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we hold these four core values to be: **Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.**



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