

The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, A+D 2023



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DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1 – Page 151 Lutheran Service Book

The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection

"The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:24-25) wants all people to seek Him that they might "feel their way toward him and find him" (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols "formed by the art and imagination of man" (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and "has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us "as orphans" (John 14:18), but He gives "another Helper," the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of "lesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18). Because He "suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous" (1 Peter 3:18), we "honor Christ the Lord as holy" and are always "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks" for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism "now saves" us "as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 3:21).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

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

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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 punishment. 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.

Absolution

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- 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 +I+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105

- P Your word is a lamp to my feet
- **G** and a light to my path.
- **P** Forever, O LORD, your word
- **G** is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
- **G** you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- **P** By your appointment they stand this day,
- **G** for all things are your servants.
- P If your law had not been my delight,
- **G** I would have perished in my affliction.
- P I will never forget your precepts,
- **G** for by them you have given me life.
- **G** 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
- **G** and a light to my path.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



A 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.



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

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







Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

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.



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First Reading

Acts 17:16-31

A The First Reading for The Sixth Sunday of Easter is from the seventeenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them 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 babbler 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 hold of 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, 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."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

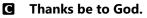
1 Peter 3:13-22

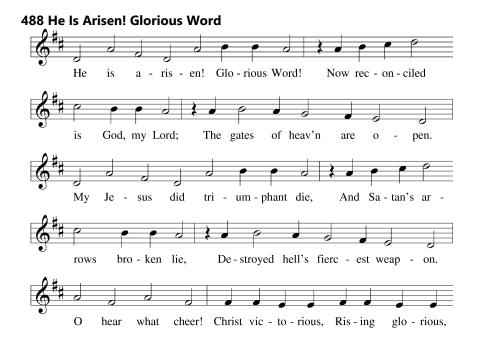
A The Second Reading is from the third chapter of the First Epistle of Peter.

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 regard 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; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having 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.

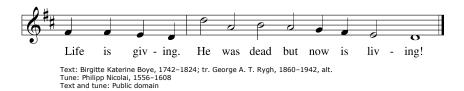
¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.





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Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



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.

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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Text: TLH 236, Tune: LSB 500

 Creator Spirit, by whose aid The world's foundations first were laid, Come, visit ev'ry humble mind; Come, pour Thy joys on humankind; From sin and sorrow set us free; And make Thy temples worthy Thee.

- O Source of uncreated light, The Father's promised Paraclete, Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire, Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire; Come and Thy sacred unction bring To sanctify us while we sing.
- Plentous of grace, descend from high Rich in Thy sevenfold energy; Make us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe; Give us Thyself that we may see The Father and the Son by Thee.
- △ 4 Immortal honor, endless fame Attend the_almighty Father's name; The Savior-Son be glorified, Who for lost man's redemption died; And equal adoration be Eternal Paraclete, to Thee.

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon Text: John 14:15–21 Sermon Title: A Paraclete

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Apostles' Creed

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- 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.

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Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

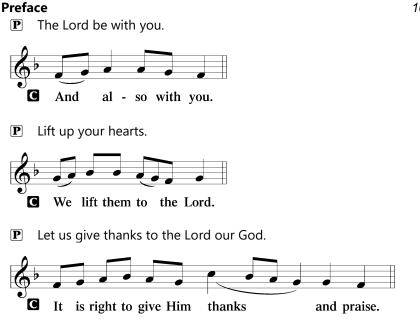
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Prayer of the Church

- **P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

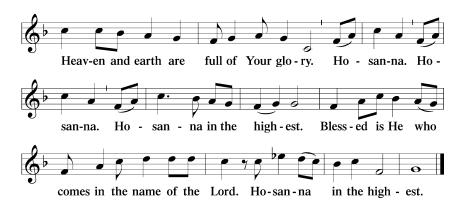


Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** 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

The Words of Our Lord

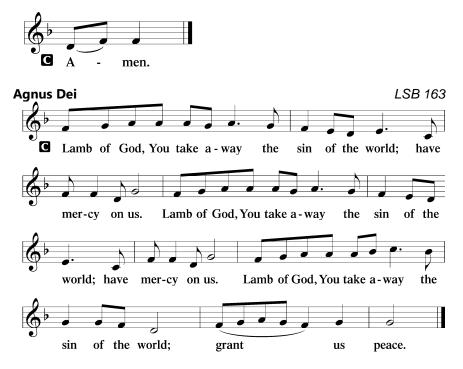
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My +I+ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

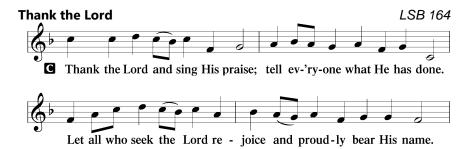
610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

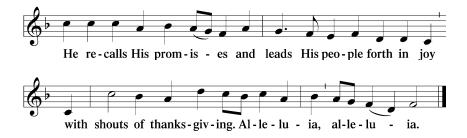
655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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The Communion Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

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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.



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Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Remember In Prayer

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Erik & Teresa Schassburger, Family Alec, Aaron, Ethan, Tara Laura Schassburger Tara Schultz Dominique Sella Henry & Mary Sella

BIRTHDAYS

Norma Allen, 5/17

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Emily Hoeksema, 5/14 Brianne Giba, 5/16 Nicole Reichert, 5/16 Genevieve DeJesus, 5/16 Brian Orth, 5/16

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Austin Brandy, 5/15 Taylor VanDommelen, 5/15 Chris Baker, 5/16 Kristi Hudson, 5/18 Heather Reichert, 5/18 Melanie Wiltjer, 5/18 Dominique Sella, 5/19 Alexis McGrath, 5/20 David Capodagli, 5/15 Jenna Wiltjer, 5/15 Bob Brandy, 5/18 Steven Michels, 5/18 Aaron Schassburger, 5/18 Nicole Reichert, 5/19 Melanie Shadley, 5/19

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Judy Diekleman, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

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NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club is taking a summer hiatus. We will begin again in the fall to review *Safe Haven* by Nicholus Sparks.

St. John's Loving Hands Committee will hold its annual "SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON" on May 17th, Wednesday, at 11:30-1:00 pm in the church basement. Tickets are \$10.00. Working people will be given priority so they can get in and out on time. For tickets call: Susan @ 219 365-8441, Eileen @ 708 370-0947. Tickets can be held at the door for pick-up

Christ For You this week on KFUO.org: Study Revelation 2-3 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Samuel 13-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and questions surrounding the Augsburg Confession's authority on Concord Matters (5/20 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

The Light of God's Word in A World of Darkness... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Ascension of Christ, The Movie "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3," The Hymn "Christ Is the World's Redeemer," Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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We'd love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at https://www.splcms.org/worship.

"This, dear friends, is why Christ's ascension is a good goodbye. Jesus leaves you with everything! He has done it all. The grave is empty. Death

is defeated. Life is yours. So, people of God, 'Why do you stand here looking into the sky?' You have an ascension victory to celebrate and an ascended Savior to proclaim!" Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

May 7th Attendance 25, 20 Communed, 7 Online

Basket	\$104.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Envelopes	1,156.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Organist		Church Maint	35.00
-		Social Ministry	25.00
Budgeted Total	1,260.00	Non-budgeted Total	
Offering Needed	1,233.00		

\$27.00



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

9:30 am	Worship Service
10:30 am	Coffee &

Today

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE Sun, May 14, 9:30 AM Sun, May 21, 9:30 AM Pastor Fluechtling Dave Bloom Aaron Schassburger

Lay Reader

Pastor Usher

Tracy Middleton

Norma Allen

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