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10:00 a.m.

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8:45 a.m. - Sunday
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8:45 a.m.



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“Forward in Faith and Mission”

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

May 17, 2020

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

“Chorale from the Easter Cantata”

“Christ Lay in Death’s Dark Prison”

J.S. Bach

GREETING

P: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -



like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o’er, Shall our hearts for -
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

✠ THE INVOCATION/CALLING

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

C: Amen.

✠ THE CONFESSION/ADMISSION OF SINS

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.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father,

C: **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.

✠ THE FORGIVENESS/PARDON

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. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Now the Feast and Celebration”*

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and u - nit - ed us
to be one great peo - ple of God. **D.C.**

Verse 2

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. **D.C.**

Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us
peo - ple of God; to make all things new. **D.C.**

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THE INTROIT

“Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.”
Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing to the glory of His name; offer Him glory and praise!

Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard; He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me!

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.

“Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me.”

(Ps. 66:1-2, 8-9, 16, 20)

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

L: Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, You hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In Your great mercy receive the prayers of all Your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of Your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:16-31

(Paul shares with the people of Athens the true God, His resurrection, repentance and judgment.)

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Some 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. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ 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. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ 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, ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ 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.’

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ 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.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

(Be ready to answer for your hope and faith in Christ and His resurrection.)

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

(Truth, love and obedience go together through the Holy Spirit.)

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even 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. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise the Almighty”

#797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the

an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful

He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren

all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Rev. Kevin Barron

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED/PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

† THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Because He Lives”

God sent His Son,
They called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain

Because He lives

I can face tomorrow,

Because He lives

All fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future.

And life is worth living just because He lives.

† THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen, just as He said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THE CLOSING HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” “#469 st. 1, 2, 5,



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun’s e - clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll’wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

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THE POSTLUDE “Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him” P. Manz

TODAY’S SERVANTS

Proclaimer: Rev. Kevin Barron
Organist: Barbara Sommer
Cantor: Scott Ruhl
IT Assistants: Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, May 17, 2020****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Prayers for healing: Claire McDerby, Rev. Roy Axel Coats, Sue Bobo (Gina's friend), Robin Klein (friend of the Sommer family), Amanda Richter, Walter Eline and Bev Brown, Bill Romberger (father of Cara Lucas), Tessa Willen (Segal family member), Mary Richter (Amanda's sister-in-law), Linda Watts (Bryan Mackey's mother-in-law), Debbie Middendorf (Heather Mackey's cousin), Deborah Bell (Cheryl Reek's sister), Al Booth (father of Garrett Booth), Joan Colliflower, Alison Baptiste, Kevin Burns, Pastor Bob Kretzschmar, Helen Abrecht (Betty Hucke's sister), Rachel Negley, Paul Schildwachter, Lavenia White (Rosa White's daughter), Dale & Chris Amendt, Carolyn Underwood, Frances Dunker, Jean Plitt, Drew Wallace (Olive Abt's cousin), Thelma Lucas (Ameous Lucas' mother), Ed Seufert, Alasaro Lucas, and prayers for all the victims of severe weather, and families of gun violence and senseless acts of terror in our world. We also pray for members and relatives of Calvary Lutheran Church whose families are serving in the Armed Forces and First Responders. Call the office for prayer requests, where they will remain for four weeks.

If pastoral assistance is needed, please email Pastor Kevin @ pastorkbarron@gmail.com.

SPECIAL PRAYERS NEEDED

Many people are struggling during this extended period of isolation: those living with fear for their health, those whose only out is a trip to the food store or pharmacy; those whose living space is a small room or apartment; those who are working from home or not at all; those who care for children and worry about their losing ground on their education. We pray for them and especially those who are gravely ill from the virus, the overextended medical professionals, those who live with domestic abuse, and those with the extra burden of stress on mental and physical health. Jesus said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

Grace Place is closed for regular classes for the duration of the COVID 19 virus problem. Plans for **Grief Share** are postponed until further notice. Behind the scenes we have submitted a grant application to begin a Career Planning and Mentoring Program for Adults with our computer lab facilities.

Calvary's Biennial Coat Drive! What does that even mean?? Calvary holds a Coat Drive & Giveaway every two years (on even years) by gathering and collecting coats, hats, gloves, etc., anything which could a man, woman or child could use to keep warm during the winter. Since its 2020, it's now again time! The event will be held in the early Fall, date TBD, but we wanted to get ahead of the curve for those folks who are doing Spring cleaning and clearing out their closets - please consider saving your coats and jackets for a time (hopefully, very soon) when you can once again bring them to church for collection. We're also looking for ladies purses, blankets, sweaters, etc. Items can be gently worn, but should be clean and in good condition. See Sunnie Bell or Bridget Jones for more information.

ASCENSION DAY

This Thursday, May 21st, the church observes the Ascension of the Risen Christ into Heaven, thus ending His physical presence on earth. In the creeds we say each week, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father" As He was lifted up into the clouds with the disciples watching, He left them with a commission, "Go and make disciples of all nations"-- spreading His word throughout the world, starting in Jerusalem. He gives them a blessing, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." and promises them the Holy Spirit to give them power to be witnesses and missionaries. We are left with the same Holy Spirit to enliven our faith and to make our ministries alive and far reaching. When Christ lives in us, we become changed and are agents of change in our world as we share the Easter story. Read more about the Ascension in Acts 1: 1-11 and Luke 24: 44-53.

The beautiful red maple in front of Grace Place died was cut down this past week. We are looking for a shade tree to put back on that hill. If anyone would like to donate a **tree** in honor or in memory of someone special, please contact Barb Sommer.