

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions. **PRAYER** cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.



AS WE GATHER

At the time that Peter wrote today's Epistle, Rome was in great need for Jesus Christ. Rome needed people who were truly committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord in their hearts, in their minds, and in their daily lifestyles. Our world needs such people today. Jesus has sent His Holy Spirit to teach our hearts and equip us to defend that which we love. Have you set apart your heart for Jesus Christ and Him alone because He first loved you? Ask the Holy Spirit to create a clean heart in you and then prepare that heart by setting it aside, consecrating it for Jesus Christ as your Lord. Spend time in prayer asking for God to prepare you to share the hope that you have in Christ. And then look out, because God will answer that prayer with people and opportunities. So be bold. Be ready. Be prepared. In this hope, you have the forgiveness of your sin, your future secured, and your love unconditionally realized: Because He lives, you live!

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

We will be following the Divine Service as provided beginning on page 203 of the *Lutheran Service Book*, which can be found in the pew racks in front of you. Hymn numbers are provided in our “ORDER of WORSHIP” below. Readings have been inserted below for your convenience. Everything else can be found in the *Lutheran Service Book*.



ORDER of WORSHIP

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

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SERVICE *of the* WORD

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ENTRANCE HYMN: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821

KYRIE (*follow the instructions of the leader*)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: “Glory to God in the Highest”

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 17:16–31

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

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

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. The times of ignorance God

overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20 *Found in front of LSB. Chanted responsively following leader.*

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 3:13–22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but 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; yet 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

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, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, who 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.

C Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA and VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 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.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 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 Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

LSB 671

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(followed by passing of the peace)

SERVICE *of the* **SACRAMENT**

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We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the Worship card, located in each pew rack.

DISTRIBUTION

SONGS: "Once and For All"

- 1. Once and for all the Father's love,
He is the light in the darkness.
Who took on flesh and took our place,
the weight of the world on His shoulders,
The weight of the world on His shoulders.**

Chorus **We believe our God is Jesus, we believe that He is Lord,
We believe that He has saved us from sin and death once and for all!**

- 2. Once and for all our debt is paid,
there on the cross it is finished.
The Lamb of God for us was slain;
up from the grave, He is risen;
Up from the grave He is risen. (to CHORUS)**

Bridge **Jesus, Jesus! God from God, Light from light, You are our salvation.
Jesus, Jesus! God from God, Light from light, Your Kingdom is forever.**

NUNC DIMITTIS: "Song of Simeon"

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

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