Trinity Lutheran Church – Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2020



Prelude

"At The Lamb's High Feast"

Charles Ore

Opening Processional <u>HYMN LSB 816</u> "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"



Invocation – Confession - Absolution

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

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

(Vicar) Your word is a lamp to my feet*	
and a light to my path.	
Forever, O LORD, your word*	
is firmly fixed in the heavens.	
Your faithfulness endures to all gener- ations;*	
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.	
By your appointment they stand this day,*	
for all things are your servants.	
If your law had not been my delight,*	
I would have perished in my af- fliction.	
I will never forget your precepts,*	
for by them you have giv- en me life.	
Glory be to the Father and to the Son*	
and to the Holy Spirit;	
as it was in the be- ginning,*	
is now, and will be forever. Amen.	
(Vicar) Your word is a lamp to my feet*	

(Vicar) Your word is a lamp | to my feet* and a light | to my path. Ps. 119:89-93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also 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.

C Amen.

Sit First Reading

¹⁶Now while 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.

Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, O | peoples;* let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living* and has not let our | feet slip.

For you, O God, have | tested us;* you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.

You brought us in- | to the net;* you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;

you let men ride o- | ver our heads;*

we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.

I will come into your house with burnt | offerings;* I will perform my | vows to you,

that which my lips | uttered* and my mouth promised when I was in | trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacri- | fice of rams;* I will make an offering of | bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

I cried to him | with my mouth,* and high praise was | on my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity | in my heart,* the Lord would not have | listened.

But truly God has | listened;* he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle 1 Peter 3:13–22

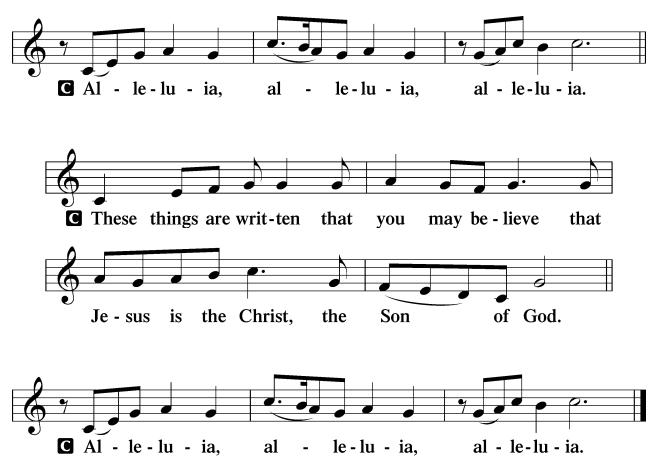
¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you 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.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel John 14:15-21

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen. HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"



Bestowed on you forever!

<u>Sermon</u>

TITLE OF TODAY'S SERMON:

"ANOTHER HELPER – SENT BY JESUS"

TEXT: John 14:15-21 DATE: 5-17-20 **LITURGICAL DAY:** 6th Sunday of Easter

Theme: Jesus does not leave us as orphans, the Father sends the Holy Spirit to us as the Spirit of truth - our Helper!

I. THE WORLD CANNOT ACCEPT THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT - THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH - OUR HELPER

III. WE BELIEVERS HAVE THE LOVE OF GOD THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

CONCLUSION: We live in Jesus Christ in our Baptismal reality and in the preached Gospel, the heard word of Absolution and the Communion meal. We now have Jesus' commands and we show we love him by keeping them!

Stand

Prayer of the Church

For the Church of God here and everywhere, that all who confess Jesus Christ may be united in doctrine and witness, defended against all the assaults of the enemy, and eager to gather together around Your Word and Sacrament in love for one another, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Kandie Darmody, Claire Gorman, Claudia Hall, Steve Favors,

Arleen Otte, Willie Clagg, Johnny Jones, Virginia Herout, Erma Jupe, Jean Burleson, Dave Jones, Ellen Lighton, Sue Ebey

TLC Early Learning Center - Summer Session

An End to the Coronavirus

For the agencies and institutions through which we love our neighbor and provide for those in need, for the destitute and homeless, and for everyone who suffers unemployment and underemployment, that we may aid them in their needs and assist them to find honorable labor to supply all their needs, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

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For the lonely who suffer the burdens of life without friendship or family, for those depressed or weary of pandemic measures, and for the fellowship of the Church, that we may bear one another's burdens and live in community with Christ as our head, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

Military Service Members & their Families

Doug Jupe, Mike Gobble, Charles Gather, Emily Shelton Ricardo Betanga, Keven Stevenson, Danny Greene, Courtney Tate

For love of godly things, that we may delight in God's Word and walk in His ways; and for the Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and kept from error and false doctrine,

For the nation, for those who lead our nation, for the end of the pandemic, for peace among nations, and for an end to terror and violence, that we may work for the common good so that justice may prevail, life be protected and truth abound, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

<u>Birthdays</u>				
Pastor Paul Beisel	5/19	Brenda Stehr	5/21	
Ally Maurer	5/21	Natasha Richartz	5/22	
Carol V	Noodham	5/23		

<u>Anniversaries</u>	Years	
David & Judith Mathison	5/17/2008	12
Gregory & Julie Laffin	5/19/2001	19
Melanie & Brian Clagg	5/22/1993	27

Missions

Remember God's work in His Church as you pray for LCMS partner churches in Asia, that God would guide and strengthen Lutheran Christians in this region, especially in areas where it is difficult or dangerous to do His work.

O Lord, our God, as we recall the obedient life and life-giving death of Your Son for our salvation, we pray You to strengthen our faith and to make our hearts bold, that we may not fear but address our prayers to You in all humility. Hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who even now stands before You on our behalf, pleading our cause with His own blood, until that day when we are delivered from the changes and chances of this mortal life and stand before You in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit Offerings:

We thank you for sending in your weekly offerings to the church in one of three ways:

a. Mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office

 b. Bring your Offerings to the Church Office
 – you can place your offering in the wooden box on the bench by the glass doors. The code for members to enter is**73071***

c. Use the "Simply Giving" service to give your offerings digitally online. Thank you to everyone for faithfully supporting our ministry here.

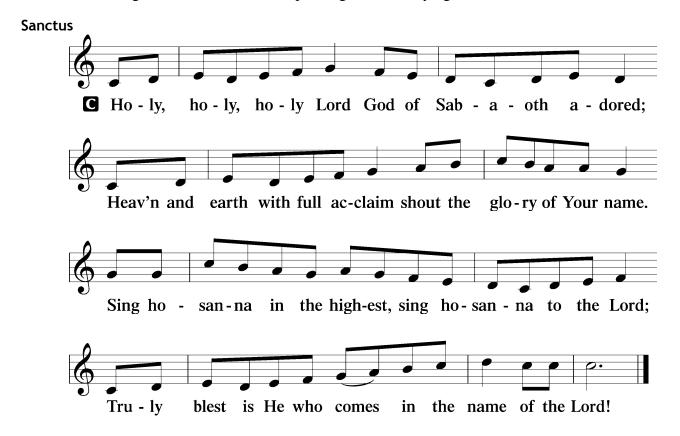
Voluntary

"I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

Charles Challahan

Service of the Sacrament

- Stand
- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

С

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.

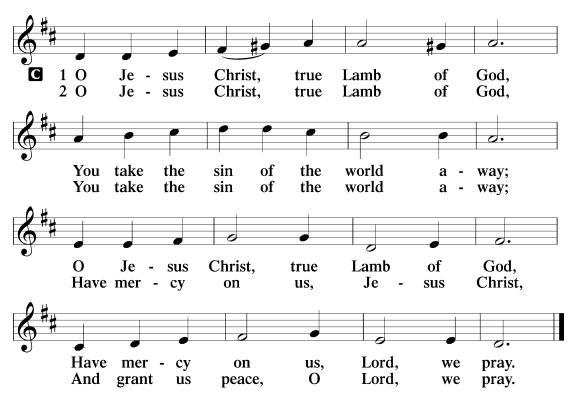
The Words of Our Lord

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 + 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

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- 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.

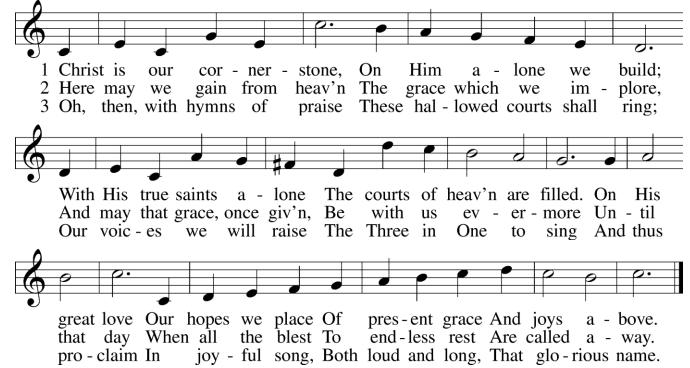


Alleluia!

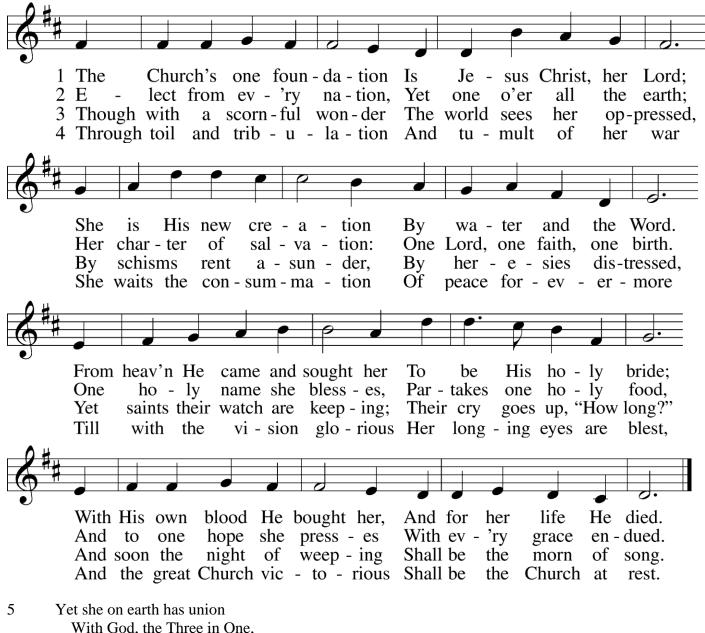
Sit

- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

HYMN LSB 912 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"



HYMN LSB 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

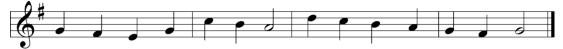


Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

HYMN LSB 687 "Thine Forever, God of Love"



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove; 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest! 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife. 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep; 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty! Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n-ly friend, O de - fend to the end! us Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us the realms of to day. us be - neath Thy care, Let Safe a - lone all Thy good-ness share. Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n. All our sins by

Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- 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.

HYMN LSB 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



Postlude

"Postlude"

William Mathais