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Sixth Sunday of Easter



Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting 3, page 138
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art* ELW # 863

* Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Kyrie *ELW page 138*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

* Prayer of the Day

P: 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 .

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Acts 17:22-31*

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 hands, 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." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *66:8-20*

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 66.

[8] Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,

[9] **who has kept our soul among the living**
and has not let our feet slip.

[10] For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

[11] **You brought us into the net;**
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

[12] you let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

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

[14] that which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

[15] **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,**
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
17 **I cried to him with my mouth,**
and high praise was on my tongue.
18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
19 **But truly God has listened;**
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *I Peter 3:13-22*

L: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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 whom he went and preached 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. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem *Consider the Lilies*

* Gospel: *John 14:15-21*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[15] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. [16] And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever, [17] even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees her nor knows her. You know her, for she 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." *[ESV, modified]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***Come Down, O Love Divine*** **ELW # 804**

*** Nicene Creed** *ELW page 104*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Chime Anthem ***Trumpet Tune***

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Jamie Maier and Amy.

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 143*

L: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Merciful God,
C: Receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 145*

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

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.

Blessing *ELW page 146*

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,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn ***O Zion, Haste*** **ELW # 668**

* Dismissal *ELW page 146*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Bible Study on First Peter

What does it mean when good people suffer?

Join us on Wednesdays from 11:30am at Good Shepherd through May 20th.

Everyone welcome.

Piece Corps Quilters

Stitching together friendships every Wednesday

Friendship Club

Thursday, May 14th

12:30pm Potluck, 1:00pm Entertainment by Zimmerman Family

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

May 14th at 6:30pm

Join Hannah Circle on in Sunday, June 28th.

For a book discussion about Adventures in Faith, Faith in Adventures,
(Time and Lunch to be determined)

Adventures in Faith, Faith in Adventures, is an inspiring collection of true stories blending thrilling outdoor adventures with profound moments of spiritual insight. From Mountain peaks and icy lakes to the heart of Mexico City's poverty. Kent Terry takes readers on a journey where every experience is a reflection of God's grace and presence. Whether narrowly escaping death, witnessing answered prayers , or discovering divine purpose in the most unexpected places, each story affirms the enduring power of faith. This book is perfect for readers seeking encouragement, deeper connection with God, and the courage to embrace life's journey with trust and joy.

Sign up today for Sheila to pick up a book. Sign-up sheets by Fellowship Hall.
If signing up after May 10th the books will be mailed.

Books are $20. Each and proceeds benefit ELCA World Hunger.

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