

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 5, 2024 ~ 8:30

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

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GREETING:

P: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This Joyful Eastertide*

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

ANTHEM: *Antiphonal Praise*

*~ Choir
Lily Brubaker, pianist*

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

A: The First Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

God’s children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping His commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of 1 John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

Pastor Jim Neal

HYMN: *What Feast of Love*

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APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Blessed are you

C: O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

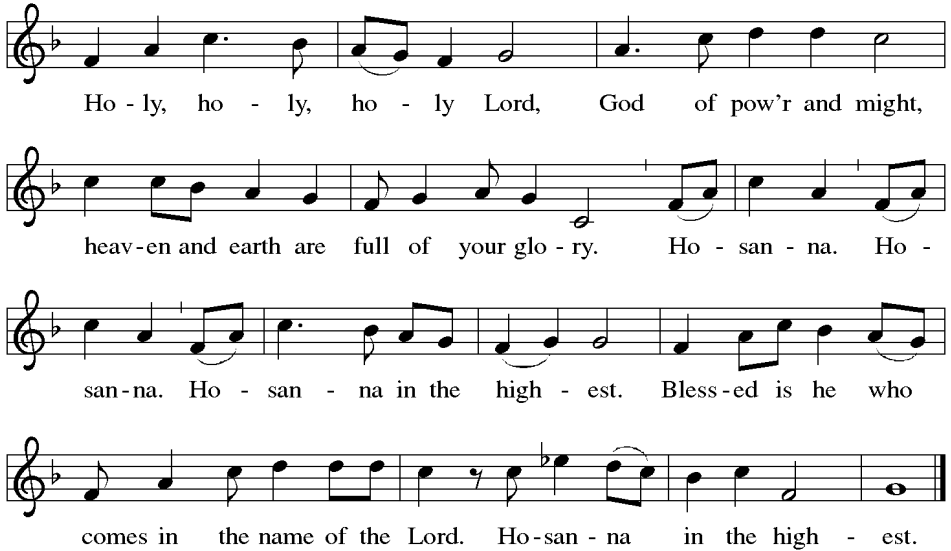
The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to' and 'the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right' and 'to give our thanks and praise.'. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses
of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER:

**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**

LAMB OF GOD:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION:

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING:

♪ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God*

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

9:45-Sunday School

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-May 13-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

6:00-Property

Tues-May 14-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thurs-May 16-6:00-Traditional Choir Practice & Picnic

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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Attendance last week:

Sunday Worship: 8:30-43; 9:45-87; 11:00-27

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Risen Lord and in loving memory of Linda Barazanski by Ron & Betsy Clinger.

We welcome Pastor Jim Neal as our worship leader. Thank you for your presence among us today.

Worship Note: Throughout the Easter season, our Pascal Candle is next to the altar and lit during each service as a sign of the risen Christ's presence among us.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Trip Participant Preparations! The group will gather **Sunday evening May 19** from 6:30-8 PM to get ready for our mission trip. Please sign up by emailing Pastor Amy.

Pentecost is **Sunday, May 19**. The liturgical color of the day is red, so you are invited to wear red to worship.

Graduate recognition . . . We will recognize our high school graduates and present them with a gift from the congregation **Sunday June 2**. We would like to know about our grads' future plans, so please email (christlutheran@penn.com) or call the church office with that info ASAP. *College Graduates* – we want to recognize your accomplishment too! Parents/families please contact the church office and let us know about your college graduate (school, degree, employment). Thank you!

Attention Students pursuing post-high school education or training: It is time to apply for consideration for the Sandra Dunlap Scholarship. Applications with detailed requirements are available in the narthex or by calling the church office and are due no later than **Friday May 31, 2024**.

Easter Season Devotions are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Now's the time to sign up for the In-Tents Lutheran Summer Church Camp, *Monday, July 15 – Wednesday, July 17* for current 4th through 6th graders. The camp is at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Hooversville, PA. Registration forms and more information are available now from Pastor Amy or in the Sunday School area. Deadline to register is **Sunday May 19**.

Mission of the Month: Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Response. On June 15 our mission trip participants will travel to NALC'S National Disaster Response Warehouse & Retreat Center in Caldwell, Ohio for their summer 2024 Mission Trip. They will take *Flood Buckets* with them, to support disaster relief across the country. We invite your donations toward Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Response. A list of supplies needed can be found in the narthex. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to this effort, please use the pew envelopes, and write "*Flood Buckets*" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry Items for May are BLACK GROUND PEPPER and/or GARLIC POWDER.