

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Traditional Worship

May 5, 2024

OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

LSB

912

1 Christ is our cornerstone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone  
The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n  
The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n,  
Be with us evermore  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away.

△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim  
In joyful song,  
Both loud and long,  
That glorious name.

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt.

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

LSB 167

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**P** If we say that 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 then 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.**

**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 of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** **Amen.**

## **KYRIE**

**LSB 168**

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C** **Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE "Gloria in Excelsis "**

**LSB 170**

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION and COLLECT**

**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 **C** **and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them;** **P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Acts 10:34-48 (*Gentiles are baptized.*)

**L** So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**L** This is the word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** 1 John 5:1-8 (*We show God's love as we keep His commandments.*)

**L** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. **L** This is the word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM VERSE**

**LSB 173**

**C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 15:9-17 (*Jesus' words are to fill us with joy.*)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fifteenth chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Sit*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**LSB 803**

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt.

## SERMON

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed (*Stand*)

**LSB 174**

**C** 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:* **P** Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:* **P** . . . for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C**  
**Amen.** *(Sit)*

## **OFFERTORY** *(Stand.)*

**LSB 176**

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## **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.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** Amen.

## **HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**LSB 700**

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit;

Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## POSTLUDE

### **Children's Ministry & Christian Education**

All preschool-elementary aged children are invited to participate in Sunday School from 9:45am-10:45am. Children will meet with volunteer Sunday School teachers in front of the grand piano in the Sanctuary for a brief music time before moving to the Sunday School classroom in the preschool wing for the remainder of their lesson. Children may participate in a Bible lesson from the Enduring Faith Curriculum and participate in a related craft. Children will be released to parents prior to the start of the 11:00am worship service. Middle Schoolers are invited to participate in Confirmation Class during this time, which is held in the Fellowship Hall, and led by Rev. Mark Nieting.