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6th Sunday of Easter

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.)

GATHERING HYMN (VIDEO)

Shine Jesus Shine

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: 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.

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned 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.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

GREETING

L: 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 ELEISON (TIMELINE)

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

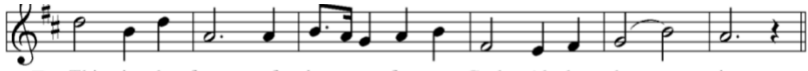
this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

HYMN OF PRAISE (TIMELINE)

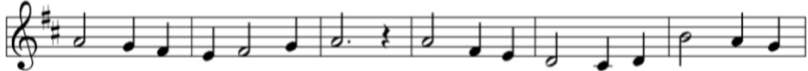
This Is the Feast



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



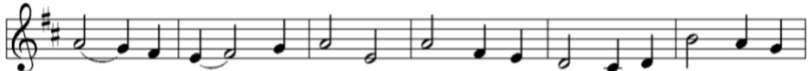
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

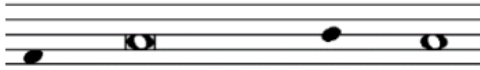


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

GREETING (ACAPELLA)



L: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

C: O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:16-31

L: The First Lesson is from the 17th chapter of Acts.

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18 Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this pretentious babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) 19 So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and

asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." 21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. 22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is 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, too, are his offspring.' 29 "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 66:7-18

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

7 who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah

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

9 who has kept us 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 burdens on our backs;

**12 you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious
place.**

13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows,

**14 those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in
trouble.**

15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

**16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.**

17 I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

L: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of 1 Peter.

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, 16 yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, 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 made subject to him.

L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACAPELLA)

L: Please rise in honor of the Gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glo - ry 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 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"Sing A New Song"

SONGS DURING SERMON

One Day at a Time (VIDEO)

- *Fade out at 2:22*

Take My Hand Precious Lord (VIDEO)

I Love to Tell the Story (VIDEO)

- *Fade out at 1:45*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (VIDEO)

- *-Fade out at 3:06*

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's 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.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come again 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.**

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

C: God, we give in faith, trusting that you will provide for all our needs. Use these offerings to further your work and bring hope to those who need it most. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: 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

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.**

BENEDICTION

L: 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.

CLOSING SONG (TIMELINE)

How Great Thou Art 532(G)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. He is Risen.

C: He is Risen Indeed!

POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art (Play song quietly)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

May 12 - @ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study - Book of Acts

May 13 - @ 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study

@ 9:00-12:00 - Ann's Office Hours

May 14 - @ 1:30 pm - Bible Study at Sunporch

Today is the Last Day for Special Offering:

The Nebraska Farm Bureau has established a Disaster Relief Fund at the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation to gather donations to support farm and ranch families and communities affected by the March 2026 wildfires. 100% of the donations will be distributed to support farmers, ranchers and rural communities affected by the disaster.

Keep those extra Bibles and Christian materials coming! Join our Lenten LOVE packages drive and bring your items to our display! Would you like to be part of a youth/adult mission group trip to help deliver our donations - July 23-25? Let Pastor Ann know if you would like to be a part of this mission experience!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MAY: Cereal, Oatmeal, Hamburger or Tuna "helper meals", Peanut butter, Toilet paper and Soups. Any food you bring will be put to good use and will honor God as an offering gift.

FUTURE EVENTS: Help us Celebrate!

May 17 - Graduation Sunday - Kharson Montgomery & Gavin Hickert

May 17 - VBS Kickoff Picnic in the Park! 5:00 PM

May 18-21 - VBS - American Lutheran Church

June 21 - Father's Day Hymns of Praise

July 17-18 - Heartland LCMC District Gathering

Sign up to attend! St. John will pay for your registration!

Scriptures for Next Week:

1st Reading: Acts 9:19b-31

Psalm 68:1-10

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Sermon Title: "What Is the Ministry That God Has Given You?"

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