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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00 a.m. Inside & Drive-In Service May 9, 2021 93.5 FM COWBOY WORSHIP

Thoughts as We Gather

Our text, the *First Reading* for Easter 6, demonstrates the urgency of the firstcentury believers (the apostle Peter, in this case) in proclaiming the crucified and resurrected Christ to all, for repentance and the forgiveness of sins. The *Psalm* is a joyful testimony that God's salvation is for "all the earth" (Ps 98:4). The *Gospel* reminds us that we did not choose Jesus; He chose us. When we "abide" in Jesus, the Vine, we bear fruit, which is identified in John and also in the *Epistle* from 1 John as *agapē*, a love that selflessly serves others.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Because He Lives

Instrumental

God sent His son They called Him Jesus He came to love, heal and forgive He lived and died to buy my pardon An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow Because He lives, all fear is gone Because I know He holds the future And life is worth the living just because He lives

How sweet to hold a newborn baby And feel the pride and joy he gives But greater still the calm assurance This child can face uncertain days because He lives

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to sign the registration book as you drive in. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

WANTED/NEEDED

As many of you know Jackie Berry has moved from the area for personal reasons. This means that the church council is now missing two members. The council is missing a Vice President and a Financial Secretary. A special Voter's Assembly will be required to fill the vacancy. If you would be interested in filling, or you have questions with regard to, one of these positions please contact Mike Benzow.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, May 16 after the cleanup of the church following service.

PANTRY

Carrie Underwood

The following items are needed for the pantry: boxes of thin spaghetti; cake mix and frosting; canned soup; pudding; pickles; oatmeal; and rice. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP: May 9 – Easter 6

I John 5:3 – "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." God's commandments are not burdensome. That's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and to rejoice in the Law of the Lord. The love of God is that we keep His commandments.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK AT A	ASCENSION	Because He lives, all fear is gone Because I know He holds the future	
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0·00 a m	Bible Study	Because He lives, all fear is gone	
9.00 a.m.	Diole Study	And life is worth the living just because He lives	
6:00 p.m.	NAMI Family to Family Support		
9:00 a.m. After Church	Drive-In & Inside Worship Council Meeting	Because He lives, because He lives Because He lives, because He lives Because He lives, because He lives Because He lives, because He lives	
9:00 a.m.	73	Are You Washed in the Blood Instrumental	Alan Jackson
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\$ (794.00)		Are you washed (are you washed), in the blood (in the blood)? In the soul-cleansing blood of the lamb? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?	
		Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin And be washed in the blood of the lamb There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean	
		O, be washed in the blood of the lamb	
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		The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.	
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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

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Let us run before our Lord's throne of grace and confess our sins to Him who is faithful and just and promises to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unright-eousness

We Confess

I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered.
I have not let His love have its way with me,

and so my love for others has failed.

There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.

I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

ABSOLUTION

 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

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.

Oh I'm happy (oh I'm happy) I got the Lord on my side I'm so happy (yeah I'm happy) I got the Lord on my side If you see this big ol' happy grinnin' smile on my face That's 'cause I'm happy I got the Lord on my side

Stomp if you're happy Clap if you're happy Sing if you're happy I got the Lord on my side Stomp if you're happy Clap if you're happy Sing if you're happy I got the Lord on my side

If you're happy you got the Lord on your side If you're happy you got the Lord on your side If I see that big ol' happy grinnin' smile on your face I know you're happy (I know you're happy), you got the Lord on your side Oh you're smilin' you got the Lord on your side Yes you're smilin' you got the Lord on your side When I see that big ol' happy grinnin' smile on your face I know you're smilin' you got the Lord on your side

Instrumental

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER	Ken Porter
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SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, May 16, 2021 are:

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 (antiphon v. 5) Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 Song will ring out Down those golden streets The voices of earth The angels will sing (Hallelujah) Every knee will bow Sin will have no trace In the glory of His amazing grace (amazing grace) Every knee will bow Sin will have no trace In the glory of His amazing grace

There will come a day (There will come a day) There will come a day (There will come a day) Oh, there will come a day (Oh, there will come a day) I know there's coming a day Coming a day Ooh, ooh ooh (ooh ooh)

I Got the Lord on My Side

Instrumental

I'm so happy I got the Lord on my side I'm so happy I got the Lord on my side If you see this big ol' happy grinnin' smile on my face That's 'cause I'm happy I got the Lord on my side Oh I'm smilin' I got the Lord on my side Yeah I'm smilin' I got the Lord on my side When you see this big ol' happy grinnin' smile on my face You know I'm smilin' I got the Lord on my side

Stomp if you're happy Clap if you're happy Sing if you're happy I got the Lord on my side Stomp if you're happy Clap if you're happy Sing if you're happy I got the Lord on my side

Instrumental

(I got the Lord, got the Lord on my side) (I'm so happy, got the Lord on my side)

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Sit

Reba McEntire

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²And 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. ⁴³To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And 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. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 98; antiphon: v. 2

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.
²The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
³He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!
⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
⁸Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together
⁹before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

EPISTLE

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone 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. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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

There Will Come a Day

Instrumental

It's not easy Trying to understand How the world can be so cold Stealing the souls of man Cloudy skies rain down On all your dreams You wrestle with the fear and doubt Sometimes it's hard, but you gotta believe

There's a better place Where our Father waits And every tear He'll wipe away The darkness will be gone The weak shall be strong Hold on to your faith

There will come a day (There will come a day) There will come a day

Wars are raging Lives are scattered Innocence is lost And hopes are shattered (shattered) The old are forgotten The children are forsaken In this world we're living in Is there anything sacred

There's a better place Where our Father waits And every tear He'll wipe away The darkness will be gone The weak shall be strong Hold on to your faith

There will come a day (There will come a day) There will come a day (There will come a day) Ooh, (there will come a day) Oh

Instrumental

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always. P

С Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

THE DISMISSAL

- **P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- Amen. С

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you. [**P**] The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- С Amen.

the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord. С

Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

P С Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved Me, so have I 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. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved

you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are My friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P	This is the Gospel of the Lord.
С	Praise to You, O Christ.

John 15:9-17



May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother; And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother. His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the devil captive.

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

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

 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."

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

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PREFACE

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- **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.
- 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:

SANCTUS

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

- To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle. Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching; So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching. But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

Sit

SERMON TEXT: Acts 10:34-48

SERMON THEME: God Shows No Partiality

ROOM FOR SERVICE NOTES:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray to our God who does not remove His steadfast love from us or reject our prayers for His whole Church and for all people according to their needs.
- For all who come and hear God's Word, that they would rightly fearGod and learn what He has done for their souls, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For our mothers, that with thanksgiving we may honor them aright as Christ honored and obeyed His mother while here on earth; for all women with child, that God would give them safe delivery; and for all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in Christ and His unfailing love, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For our nation's leaders, that God would cause them to serve wisely for our good in accord with His revealed order; though we do not always know what the Master is doing by the authorities He gives, that we would make ample use of the freedom Jesus has given in His name to ask the Father for everything as friends and fellow sons, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, <u>[especially</u>,] that they would receive from God all His good gifts of healing for the body, grace to bear the cross, and finally a blessed end and the gift of eternal life in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who come to the Holy Supper, that having received the testimony of God in the water of Baptism, they may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus and so overcome the world by faith in Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.