

Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Reverend Chad Schopp, Pastor

Divine Service III

Hymn: *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

LSB 490

Confession and Absolution

Exhortation (p.184)

Kneel or stand as you are able

Corporate Confession (p.184)

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie (p.186)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.187)

Collect of the Day

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.

Old Testament 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 (LSB 98) (responsively by whole verse)

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia (p.190)

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 15:9-17

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.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (p.191)

Sit

Office hymn: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

LSB 543

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Announcements

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.194)

Sanctus (p.195)

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

The Words of Institution (p.197)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.198)

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns:

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

LSB 663

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729

Stand

Nunc Dimittus (p.199)

Post Communion Collect (p.201)

Benedicamus & Benediction (p.201)

Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

LSB 700

Announcements

Remember in our Prayers:

- Letta Ebben
- Megan Nuemann

Pastor Schopp has accepted a call to serve Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) as an Admissions Counselor. His last Sunday Service will be May 30th.

We thank Pastor Moldenhauer for serving us today. Pastor Schopp will be back in the office Thursday morning.

Next Sunday, May 16th, will be the last session of Sunday School at St. John until next fall.

Funeral of Ronald Werner will take place on Thursday, May 13th at 11am at St. John.

Ascension Service: We will celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord with a service at St. John on Thursday, May 13 at 7pm.

Thank You: Wyatt and I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls, and visits. Wyatt would also like to thank the Sunday School, and everyone who sent gifts, cards, and get well wishes. A special thank you to Pastor Schopp for prayers and visits. God bless. Elizabeth and Wyatt Kirchner

St. John Lawn Mowing: We are in need of volunteers for lawn mowing!! The sign up sheet with the 2021 lawn mowing schedule is on the library table in the narthex. Be sure to sign up now to get the week you want. If you wish, you can sign up with a group and arrange to have someone else mow. If you choose sign- up together with another person and pay someone else to mow we have a person who will mow at a reasonable price. Contact Pete VanDerLeest or Mike Thompson. Thank You.

St. John would like to enter a float in the Edgar Parade, Sunday, June 20th, we will be needing volunteers to help pass out water. If you are able to help, there is a sign- up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the office 715-352-2888

Thrift Sale: Feel free to shop the thrift sale after church services.

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

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 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 in 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 to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Teaching Points

Ascension: Observed on the 40th day of Easter, always a Thursday, the Ascension commemorates Jesus' final appearance to His disciples before ascending to the Father (Acts 1:1—11).

From the Small Catechism

The Lord's Prayer: The Third Petition

Thy _____ be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and _____ will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and _____ every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our _____ nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.