

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter Yr B



PRELUDE *Beautiful One – Fairest Lord Jesus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & GRACE

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us acknowledge our brokenness to the
one who welcomes us with an open heart.

A brief silence is kept for reflection

P: God our comforter,

**C: All of humanity has fallen short of the
glory of God. We gaze upon abundance
and see scarcity. We turn our faces
away from injustice and oppression.
We have not cared for your creation.
Free us from our failures, gracious God,
and turn us again to you. Lead us by
your love to love our neighbors as
ourselves.**

P: By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus,
God makes your joy complete. Receive
with glad hearts the joy of restoration.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Beautiful Savior* No. 838

1 **Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of
God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy,
my crown.**

2 **Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is
fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our
sorrowing spirit sing.**

3 **Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparking stars on high; Jesus
shine brighter, Jesus shine purer than all the
angels in the sky.**

4 **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of
God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
praise, adoration, now and forevermore be
thine!**

KYRIE *Spoken*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Now the Feast* No. 167

REFRAIN **Now the feast and celebration, all of
creation sings for joy to the God of life and love
and freedom: praise and glory forevermore!**

1 **Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us to be one
great people of God. REFRAIN**

2 **Power and riches, wisdom and might, all
honor and glory to Christ forever. REFRAIN**

3 **For God has come to dwell with us, to make
us people of God; to make all things new.
REFRAIN**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**O God, you have prepared for those who love
you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our
hearts such love for you that, loving you above
all things, we may obtain your promises, which
exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:44-48

The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles

⁴⁴While 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. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 98 *We read responsively*

- L: Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- C: O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- L: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- C: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- L: Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
- L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**
- L: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

The victory of faith

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. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

p. 205

Stg 10, S205a



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Savior o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un-til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Love One Another

[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.” Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

CHILDREN’S WORD

MESSAGE *Pastor Kris D.H. Ferkin*

HYMN *Awake O Sleeper* vss 1,3,4,5 No. 452

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light; so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth and height.

3 **There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.**

4 **Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save; with kind and gentle hearts forgive, as God in Christ forgave.**

5 **For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife. Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

APOSTLES 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 to the dead. 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 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: God of grace

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING—OFFERTORY--GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

C: **May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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 our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

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HYMN *O God of Mercy* No. 714

- 1 **O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives in you.**
- 2 **You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.**
- 3 **Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those his blood has bought, that ev'ry deed and word and thought may work a work for you.**
- 4 **For all are kindred, far and wide, since Jesus Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and grace provide, to love them all in you.**
- 5 **In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.**
- 6 **And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.

C: **Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *To Be Your Presence* No. 546

- 1 **To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!**
- 2 **To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice right uphold, alleluia!**
- 3 **To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!**
- 4 **We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

PRESIDER—Pastor Kris D.H.Ferkin WORSH ASST—
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WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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Calendar - This Week

Sun 5/5	9 AM WORSHIP 10 AM Coffee & FAITH+ LEAD Video 11 AM to 2 PM -- Year End Sun/School Party at Flaherty's in Northfield. ALL ARE INVITED. Bowling, shoe rental & pizza included. 2-4 PM Open Hs- Church Basement – Come Celebrate Colleen Estrem's 90th Birthday. No gifts please. Your presence is your gift. FLOWERS are in honor of Colleen.
Thu 5/9	1 PM LOVE DAY 7 PM AA
Sat 5/11	9 AM TO 1 PM WELCA Cannon Rvr Spring Conference at St. John's – Northfield. \$15 Lunch Included.
Sat 5/11	Southeastern MN Synod Assembly in Mankato
Sat 5/11	2 – 4 PM Pickup Caramel Roll Orders
Sun 5/12	9 AM MOTHER'S DAY and SENIOR RECOGNITION WORSHIP -- Pickup caramel roll orders before 11 am

Calendar - Future Events

Wed 5/15	7:30 AT VANG. BACCALAUREATE
Sat 5/18	9 AM – 12 NOON - LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF MISSION MORNING INVITATIONAL. All are invited for coffee, fellowship, & assembly of Mission Kits. For Kit Items needed – go to LWR.ORG
Sun 5/19	9 AM PENTECOST WORSHIP – Bring red geraniums and wear red. <i>*also, New Member Sunday</i>

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