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**Sunday, May 21, 2017**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**PRELUDE**    *Gloria -- W. A. Mozart*

*(When the music of the prelude begins, please lower your voice;  
but, after worship raise your voice with joy!)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

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

**C:        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.

*Please kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.*

L:        Most merciful God,

**C:** we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

## **GATHERING SONG**

*All People That On Earth Do Dwell (ELW 883)*

## **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.

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW 858)*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **FIRST READING: Acts 17: 22-31**

**L:** A reading from chapter 17 of the book of Acts.

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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, <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>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.’

<sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>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:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3: 13-22**

**L:** A reading from chapter three of First Peter.

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>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; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

<sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>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 persons, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup>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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## 10:45 CHILDREN'S SERMON

### KING'S KIDZ (JR. CHURCH AGES 5 TO 4TH GRADE)

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

L: The holy gospel according to Saint John, chapter 14.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>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.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word (ELW 517)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

## **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF OUR LORD**

### **OFFERTORY**

8:15 *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her*

*(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come) -- Johann Pachelbel*

10:45 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above - Robert Lau*

## OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L; Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of  
the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join the everlasting praise:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Prepared for you, all is ready.

C: Amen

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## SONG DURING COMMUNION

*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (ELW 594)*



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**L:** Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## **BLESSING**

**L:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son ✝ and the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **SENDING SONG**

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (ELW 504)***

*For the season of Easter, the candles will be extinguished during the postlude. Our service during the Easter season ends, rather than with silent meditation, with movement outward toward our neighbor in the pew and out into the day the Lord has given us.*

## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude on "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*

*-- Matthew McConnell*

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK:** *(Acts 1: 12-26, Psalm 68:1-10, 1 Peter 4: 12-19; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11)*

## **WELCOME!**

*Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day.  
Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and  
place of your choosing to answer questions about membership.  
Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an  
appointment.*

### **THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:**

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
ACOLYTES	Dylan Plutyk and Trace Trempus	Maddie Crytzer and Payne Crouch
ALTAR GUILD	Shannon Miller and Ruth Richards	Helen and Jim McLafferty
LECTOR/ASST. MIN	David Fugate	Travis Yates
GREETERS	Beryl Mottern and Ruth Markwell	Gayle and John Gundlach
USHERS	Kathy McRandal and Ruth Markwell	Richard and Sue Smith
OFFER. COUNTERS	Jeff Hartzell and Bill Gordon	

#### Attendance on Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:15	47	St. Luke's Lutheran Church
9:30	10	310 West Main Street
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