



“The Holy Spirit, whom
the Father will send in my
name, ...will remind you of
everything I have said
to you.” John 14:26



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Worship Service

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Welcome! In today’s Gospel lesson, Jesus assures His disciples that he will rise from the dead and show himself to them. If that were not enough, He also promises to send the Helper, the Holy Spirit, so that they may believe and proclaim Christ crucified and risen, and in response to our Lord’s love, live according to God’s commandments.

+ Order of Worship +

Hymn “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice” LSB 556 vv. 1-5

Invocation and Easter Greeting

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

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father:

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P: 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.

Introit

(Psalm 119:89-93; antiphon, v. 105)

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.

C: Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P: Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

C: **By your appointment, they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.**

P: If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction;

C: **I will never forget your precepts,
for by them, you have given me life.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.

Kyrie

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.**

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 are right in Your
sight, and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through
the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821

First Reading

Acts 17:16-31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was
provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he
reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in
the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some
of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And
some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He
seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” because he was preaching
Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the
Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you
are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish
to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and
the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except
telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of
Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I
passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an
altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you
worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the
world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not
live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as
though he needed anything, because he himself gives to all mankind life
and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of
mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted
periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek
God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is
actually not far from each one of us, for
““In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your
own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.”

Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine
being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and
imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now
he commands all people everywhere to repent because he has fixed a
day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom
he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising
him from the dead.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

C: **Christ has risen from the dead. (God the Father) has crowned
Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over
the works of His hands. He has put all things under His feet.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

P: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

C: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

(Jesus said), "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Hymn "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice" LSB 556 vv. 6-10

Sermon

Offertory

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

LSB 783 v. 1-4

Prayer of the Church

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

Brief silence

P: For faithful proclamation of Christ to those who do not know Him, that through hearing the Word of the Lord many may be brought to faith and to the knowledge of the truth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the Church here and everywhere, that all who confess Christ may be united in doctrine and witness, defended against all assaults of the enemy and eager to gather around Your Word and Sacrament in love for one another, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this congregation, for the work of the Kingdom in our community, and for the resources to accomplish all that God desires, that His name may be glorified among us and His purpose fulfilled in our words and works, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the agencies and institutions through which we love our neighbor and provide for those in need, for the destitute and homeless, and for everyone who suffers unemployment and underemployment, that we may aid them in their needs and assist them to find honorable labor to supply all their needs, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the lonely who suffer the burdens of life without friendship or family, for those depressed or weary of pandemic measures, and for the fellowship of the Church, that we may bear one another's burdens and live in community with Christ as our head, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and suffering, especially _____, that God would grant healing to their bodies, peace for their minds, and consolation in their grief and sorrows, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For love of godly things, that we may delight in God's Word and walk in His ways; and for the Spirit who leads into all truth and keeps us from error and false doctrine, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the world and its leaders, for the end of the pandemic, for peace among nations, and for an end to terror and violence, that we may work for the common good so that justice may prevail, life be protected and truth abound, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: *(Other specific petitions)* Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, our God, as we recall the obedient life and life-giving death of Your Son for our salvation, we pray You to strengthen our faith and to make our hearts bold, that we may not fear but address our prayers to You in all humility. Hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who even now stands before You on our behalf, pleading our cause with His own blood, until that day when we are delivered from the changes and chances of this mortal life and stand before You in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Closing Prayer

P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from our ears to our hearts, from our hearts to our lips and from our lips to our lives, that Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction and Easter Proclamation

P: 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.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842

“Truly this man
was the Son
of God!”

