

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE

The Sixth Sunday Of Easter – May 17, 2020

HYMN “*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*” LSB 609 (v. 1, 4, 6, 7)

The organ will play an introduction; you are then invited to listen or sing along with the lead voice.

The organ music is thanks to the technology of Lutheran Service Builder!

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev’ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,

I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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WELCOME / INVOCATION - OPENING PRAYER

OPENING PSALM: 66:1-7

- P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
- P Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
C So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
- P All the earth worships you
C and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”
- P Come and see what God has done:
C he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
- P He turned the sea into dry land;
C they passed through the river on foot.
- P There did we rejoice in him,
C who rules by his might forever,
- P whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
C let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

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.

P Let us confess our sin to our Lord and Savior:

C Almighty God, our creator and Savior, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, we have sinned against you by our thought, word, and action. Therefore, we beg you to be merciful and grant us forgiveness of our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

PSALM OF PRAISE: 67

P May God be gracious to us and bless us

C and make his face to shine upon us,

P that your way may be known on earth,

C your saving power among all nations.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C let all the peoples praise you!

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C let all the peoples praise you!

P The earth has yielded its increase;

C God, our God, shall bless us.

P God shall bless us;

C let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 17:16–31 (ESV)

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So 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. ¹⁸Some 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. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For 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. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And 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, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“‘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.’

²⁹Being 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. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM: 66:8–20

P Bless our God, O peoples;

C let the sound of his praise be heard,

P who has kept our soul among the living

C and has not let our feet slip.

P For you, O God, have tested us;

C you have tried us as silver is tried.

P You brought us into the net;

C you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

P you let men ride over our heads;

**C we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

P I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

C I will perform my vows to you,

P that which my lips uttered

C and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

P I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,

**C with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

P Come and hear, all you who fear God,

C and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

P I cried to him with my mouth,
C and high praise was on my tongue.

P If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
C the Lord would not have listened.

P But truly God has listened;
C he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

P Blessèd be God,
**C because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 3:13–22 (ESV)

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because 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. ²¹Baptism, 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15–21 (ESV)

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even 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.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Lord.

MESSAGE

"Fallen But Not Forgotten"

Rev. Dennis Wenholz

1 Peter 3:13–22

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE 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.

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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 PSALM: 148

P Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

C praise him in the heights!

P Praise him, all his angels;

C praise him, all his hosts!

P Praise him, sun and moon,

C praise him, all you shining stars!

P Praise him, you highest heavens,

C and you waters above the heavens!

P Let them praise the name of the LORD!

C For he commanded and they were created.

P And he established them forever and ever;

C he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

P Praise the LORD from the earth,

C you great sea creatures and all deeps,

P fire and hail, snow and mist,

C stormy wind fulfilling his word!

P Mountains and all hills,

C fruit trees and all cedars!

P Beasts and all livestock,

C creeping things and flying birds!

P Kings of the earth and all peoples,

C princes and all rulers of the earth!

P Young men and maidens together,

C old men and children!

P Let them praise the name of the LORD,

**C for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

P He has raised up a horn for his people,

**C praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.**

P Praise the LORD!

BENEDICAMUS

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.