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Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*** Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **ELW # 834**

*** Greeting**

P: 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.

*** Kyrie** *ELW page 138*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Acts 16:9-15*

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 67

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 67.

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

² **that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁶ **The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5*

L: A reading from the Revelation to John.

¹⁰ And [the angel] carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** Gospel: *John 14:23-29***

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ Jesus answered, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, she will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. *[ESV, modified]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn**

Bind Us Together

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*** Nicene Creed**

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P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Choir Anthem *Sing Them Over Again to Me*

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and Ellie Joy, Hannah, Ray Phillips, and Allison Biddick. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrections for the family and friends of Curt Diddens.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

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.**

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

* Hymn

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

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* Dismissal

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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow



Announcements

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26th

Office Closed

June Newsletter

Please submit news or meeting dates for the newsletter.

Men's Group

Saturday, May 31st at 4:30pm.

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8:00am-11:30am.

Come enjoy a morning of fellowship and quilting, Everyone welcome.

Friendship Club
June 12th, potluck 12:30pm
Steve Sheffey at 1:00pm

Good Shepherd Council Meeting
June 12th, 6:30pm

Sing to the Lord a New Song

June 29th, will be the 5th Sunday in June. Good Shepherd will celebrate with St. Peter and St. Paul folk/rock service at 9:30am. Hope to see you then!

New YouTube Channel

Videos of our Good Shepherd worship services are now at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH_trgc9a0J5HgEJkmu12lw

There is a link to this channel on the Welcome page of our website.

**Attendance May 11th
In-person 34, Online - 49**