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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

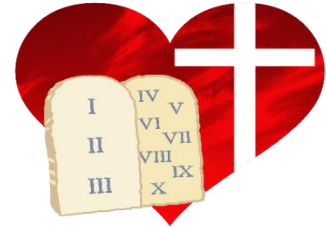
May 5, 2024

OPENING HYMN (video) “There Is a Redeemer”

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Ho- - - -ly One.**

Chorus:

**Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.**



**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners, slain (Chorus)**

**When I stand in glory I will see His face
And there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place. (Chorus)**

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

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

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination)

P: Let us then 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 upon 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.**

SHARING THE PEACE

KYRIE (*Spoken by all*)

All: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord, because you have promised to give what we ask in the name of your only begotten Son, teach us to rightly pray and with all your saints to offer you our adoration and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34-48*

So Peter opened his mouth and said: *Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, *Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?* And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 John 5:1-8*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his

commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world* our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood* Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sung. Please rise)*

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9-17*

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

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

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

(After the reading)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB #700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.**

Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

SERMON "Lessons on Love from Jesus," John 15:12-14 Rev. Tony Troup

CREED *The Nicene Creed. (Please rise.)*

ALL: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

(Please be seated for the offering.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SELF-EXAMINATION

The Apostle Paul encourages us to examine ourselves in the light of God's law so that we may see our sin and recognize our need of a Savior. We take a moment to reflect on this need and then to ask ourselves the following questions:

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
4. Do you believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
5. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is good and right that we should at all times and all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy," LSB P: 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not spare Your only Son but gave Him into death that we might have life. Though we cannot understand Your love or comprehend eternity, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and pray for You to strengthen us through this Sacrament to serve as Your witnesses.

C: **May everyone who hears and sees our daily living and our love for You and the people around us recognize the difference in our lives due to Jesus' victory over death and the grave.**

P: Gathered in Jesus' name, we pray that You would forgive, renew, and strengthen us. Gather us with all who are faithful so that together we may join the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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;
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God,” LSB P. 161

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us. ‘Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Video

LSB #636 “Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”

**Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the day-light’s splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

**Hasten as a bride to meet him,
And with loving rev’rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal;
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.**

**He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ’s true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.**

**Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ’s own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!**

**Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,**

Peace beyond all understanding.
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

Jesus, bread of Life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
By Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise," LSB P. 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.** (*Please rise for our closing hymn.*)

CLOSING HYMN LSB #738, “Lord of All Hopefulness”

**Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
No cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and
Give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at
The plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and
Give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness,
Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and
Give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness,
Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and
Give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.**

SENDING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**