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## THE 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14 & 15, 2023

**Welcome to Worship!** Jesus tells His disciples, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Later, He repeats the idea, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word." Love is connected to keeping the commandments. Commandments are kept not because of fear, not because of force, not because of threats, and not because of punishment. No, commandments are kept because of love. Love leads to a delight in the Law. Today we thank God for our mothers and the love they have shown us. May we love them in the Lord as our Lord commands, "Honor your father and your mother."

**Please register your attendance and Communion in the Record of Fellowship.**

A "Wee Wiggle Room" is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

**Children's Sunday School** meets upstairs. **Adult Bible Classes and Adult Information Class** will resume on Sunday, May 21.

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion will be** offered at the 9:00 & 7:00 services. The Common Cup will be offered to those who desire it and will be cleansed and rotated between persons. If you prefer an individual cup, please take one from the tray. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an elder or pastor before communing.

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**THE PRELUDE:** "The Strife is O'er" -Wilbur Held

**THE HYMN:** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" **Hymn 816**

1 From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**THE INVOCATION,** page 203

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



## **THE EXHORTATION:**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## **THE CONFESSION OF SINS:**

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## **THE ABSOLUTION:**

**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.**

**THE KYRIE**, page 204 **C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**:, page 204

**C** **To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;**

**Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!**

**We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—**

**Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;**

**O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,**

**Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.**

**Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;**

**You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,**

**In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

## **THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)**

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. Amen.

## **THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (we speak together)**

**And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3**

## **THE FIRST READING: Acts 17:16-31**

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 hold of 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, since 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, 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, 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."

**L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!**

## **+++ 11:15 THE ANTHEM: "Our Paschal Lamb"**

## **THE 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 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; 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.

**L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE, C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**THE GOSPEL: John 14:15-21 C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[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."

**L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **+++ 11:15 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.

### **+++ 9:00 & 7:00 NICENE CREED**

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.**

**THE HYMN: “The Strife I O’er, the Battle Done”**

**Hymn 464**

- 1 The strife is o’er, the battle done; Now is the victor’s triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death’s dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**THE SERMON: “Do You Love Me?”**

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN: “Now Thank We All Our God”**

**Hymn 895**

- 1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers’ arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
- 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav’n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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**THE PRAYERS**

**+++ 9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION, page 208**

**Preface**

**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 truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus**

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ,... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C      **Amen.**

#### **Agnus Dei**

C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray**

*Anthem: "Our Paschel Lamb"*    **Distribution Hymns: 469, 725, 556, 628, 643**

### **469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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### **725 Children of the Heavenly Father**

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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### **556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.



Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you."

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### **628 Your Table I Approach**

- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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### **Nunc Dimittis**

**C** O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The  
glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel. All glory to the Father, All glory to the  
Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now,  
shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

### **THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

### **THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

**P** Let us bless the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you... **C** **Amen**

### **THE CLOSING HYMN: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"**

**Hymn 477**

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled –  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.
- 3 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

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### **THE POSTLUDE: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" -Kevin Hildebrand**

**Preacher:** Pastor Bloch **Lector:** Vicar Farney

**Liturgists:** Pastor Fredstrom, Pastor Blumenberg, Pastor Rodriguez

**Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

**Special music by Immanuel Lutheran School Students**

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