

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

(Masks should always be worn when singing and/or entering or leaving the church building. Wearing a mask is optional at all other times.)

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Pause for self examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbor as ourselves. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Opening Hymn

"Abide With Me"

Insert

Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

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.

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.

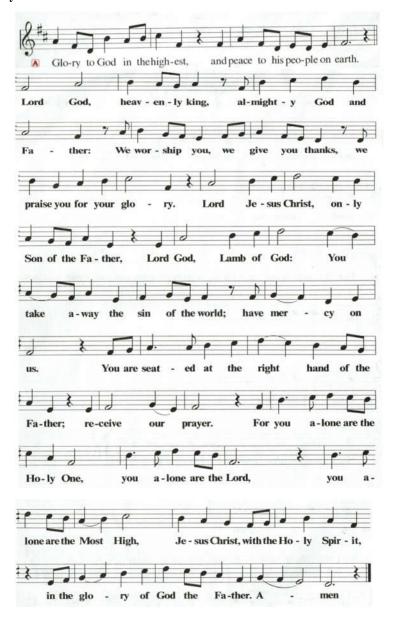
C: Lord have mercy.

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

Hymn of Praise



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Acts 10:34-48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹And 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, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²And 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. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." 44While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And 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. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Psalm 98

¹Sing to the Lord a new song,*

for he has done marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his holy arm*

has he won for himself the victory.

³The Lord has made known his victory;*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁵Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶Sing to the Lord with the harp,*

with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn*

shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,*

the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands,*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world* and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-8

¹Everyone 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. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This 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. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Gospel Acclamation—Alleluia Lord

P: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John 15:9-17

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

⁹{Jesus said,} "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Song

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Insert

Apostles' Creed

P: Please stand as we recite together the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Offertory Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

We continue to pray for the following:

Domestic Mission Partners; Church Sub-Committees: Women's Ministry, Quilters

Chuck Cederman	Harold Haseley	Lester Walck	Carol Harbart
Britt Gamache	Mark Lendway	Alice Lange	Shane
Lori Haseley (St. James)		Nancy Thorstad	Cassie Stumpf
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Jacob Birchfield

Serving in the Military

Nate Allen	James Garavaglia	Jillian Kelkenberg	Phillip Messina
Seth Spitler	Ben Thorstad	Justin DeVantier	N.F. Air Base

Those in nursing homes and shut-ins

Edna Walck Paul Greinert Nora Hingle Marge Kordzikowski

The Lord's Prayer

P: We pray as Jesus taught us, Our Father,

C: 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

Benediction and Dismissal

P: And now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" Insert

Postlude

GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD

WELCOME to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you join us to worship today. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. If you would like to request a meeting or arrange a visit from Pastor Tom, please call his office at 731-4433 or his cell phone 990-6244.

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