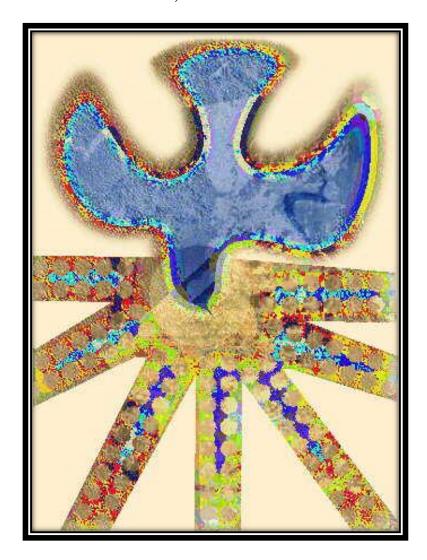
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023 8 & 11:00 am, Livestream 11:00 am



FAITH - DISCIPLESHIP - COMMUNITY THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, hence we do it together! Therefore, words in bold and designated by a "C" are the responses from the community.

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- **P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water is poured into the font as we continue:

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

- C Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
- P Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
- C Amen.



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al le lu ia! Ris en our vic to rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead! through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more; now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day. We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears; death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now, See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground; All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears. an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow. Christ was dead, but now is liv-ing; he was lost, but he is found. hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

- **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.

Canticle of Praise





- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,
- C you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see A how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is 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 too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged 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** The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

- **A** ⁸*Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,*
- C ⁹who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.
- **A** ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
- C ¹¹You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;
- A ¹²you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
- C ¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,
- **A** 14those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
- C ¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
- **A** ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.
- C ¹⁷I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.
- A ¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the LORD would not have listened. ¹⁹But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
- C ²⁰Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

- A reading from first Peter. ¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to A do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, 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 made subject to him.
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the Fourteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

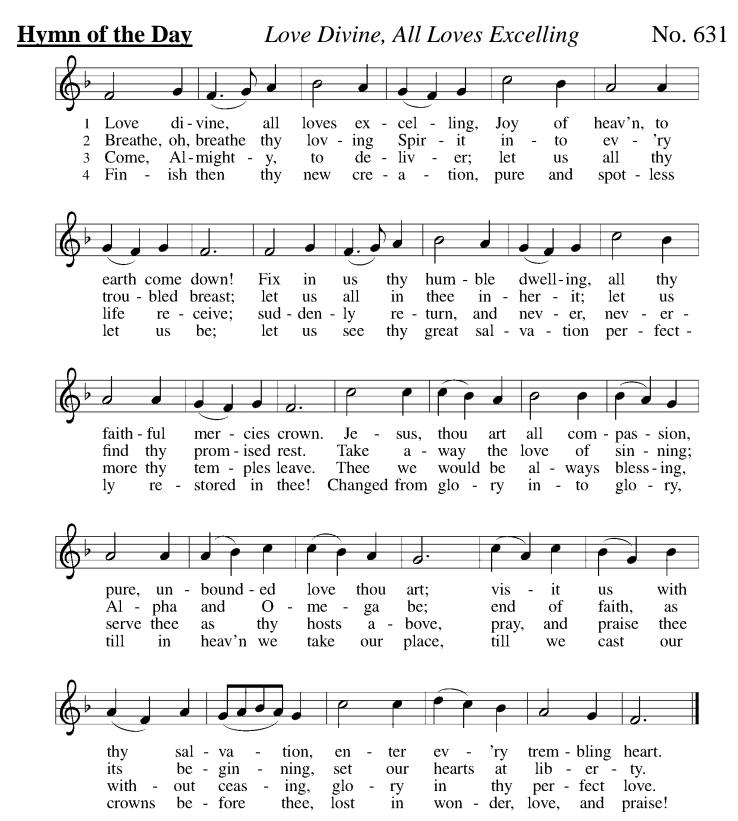
P The Gospel of the Lord. C

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message & Sermon

The Rev. Alejandro Mejia

Please stand as you are able.



- **A** Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.
- 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 him 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 and the Son, 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.

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

- A Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

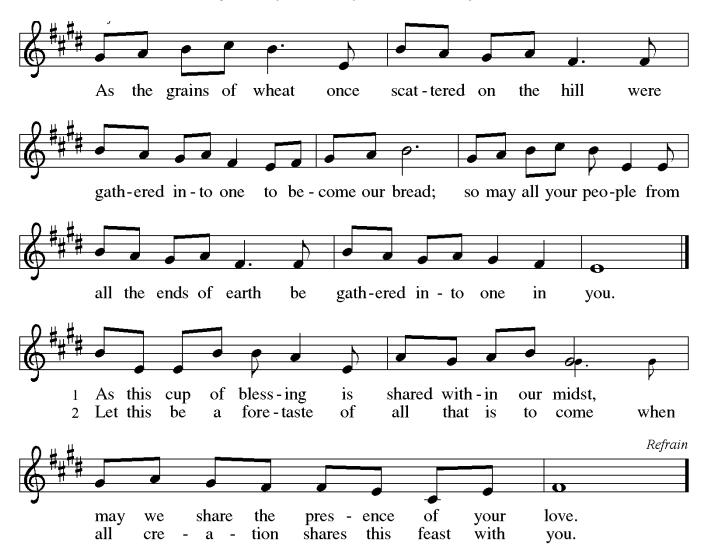
The prayers conclude:

- **P** Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C Amen.
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

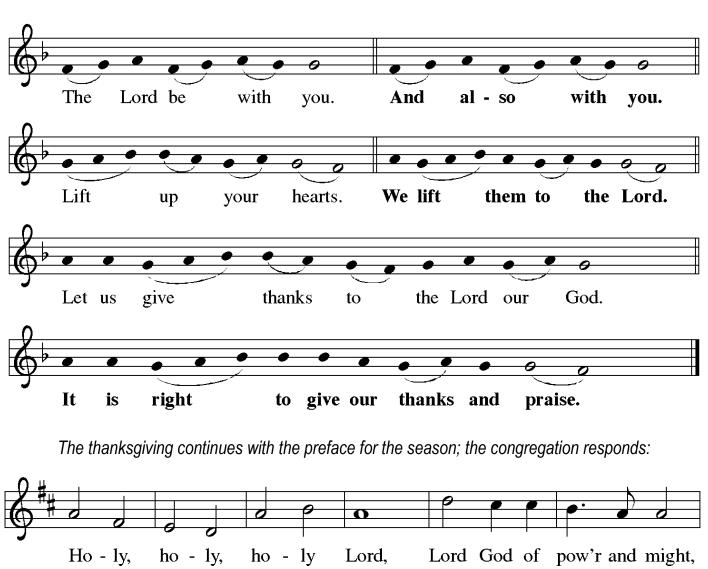
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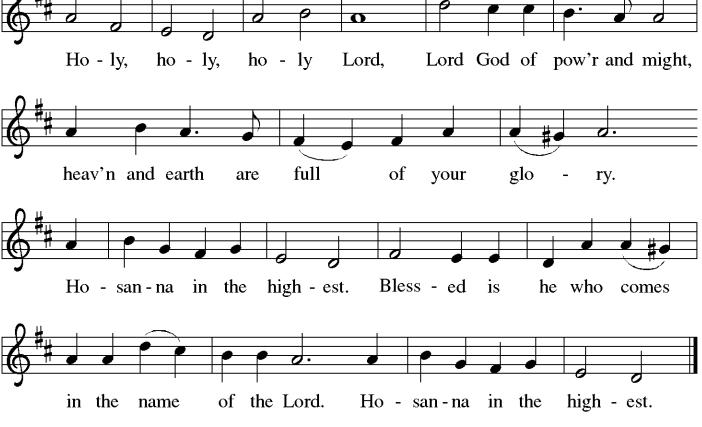
Offering and Anthem

As the gifts are presented, please stand, as you are able.



- **A** Let us pray. Generous God,
- C in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.





P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- **P** O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.

- **P** Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- **P** With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior 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.

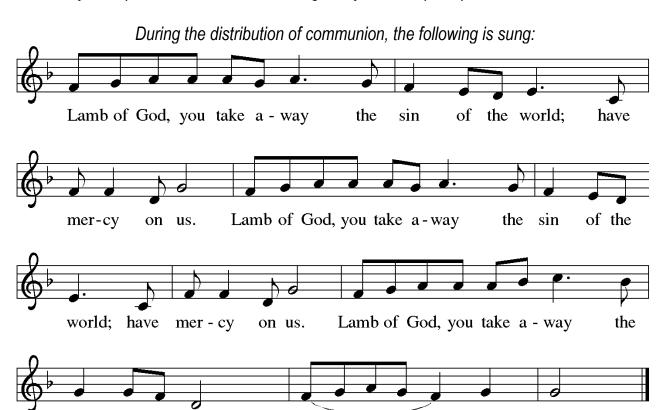
- **P** Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

We welcome to the table all who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.

Just let the Pastor or Assistants know.)

If you require communion to be brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher.



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peace.

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of the world;





- 1 Now we join in cel e bra tion at our Sav ior's in vi ta tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath er, fill our hearts with ho ly rap ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com-mu-nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil-dren,



dressed no more in spir-it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won - der; For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess - ing rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex-is-tence, put-ting off di-vine tran-scen-dence, of your lov-ing deed on Cal-v'ry, of your liv-ing self, our vic-t'ry, Give us grace to live for oth-ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us. pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness. seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

- **P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

- A Let us pray. Gracious God,
- C in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.

 Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

- **P** The God of all, who raised 4 Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- C Amen.



A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

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