



# CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May  $13^{\rm th}\,and\,14^{\rm th},\,2023$ 

# The Season

This season of Easter is a 50- day-long celebration of the fact that we have a Savior who rose from the grave. We believe this life-changing truth. Christ is risen! He lives! Throughout this season, we explore what that means for us.

## The Sunday

Love for God involves obedience. Jesus did not simply say he loved his heavenly Father. He proved it by obeying his Father, even when that obedience meant dying on a cross for our sake. Love for God who lives in us leads us to a life of obedience. The God who lives in us calls us to live for him. It is as simple as that. Love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands.

# The Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ's body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament we also give public confession of our complete unity in the Christian faith. We invite communicant members of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) to commune. If you are a guest visiting with us today, please refrain from communing until you have spoken with our pastor. The congregation reads the potions in bold print.

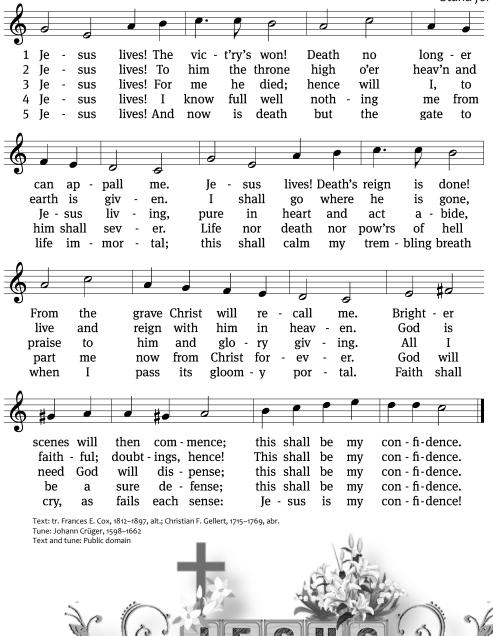
# **Prayer before Worship**

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. strength to live a life pleasing to you.

### Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning Organist: Laura Schulz Ushers: David Butzke (6pm Saturday) Kevin Kempf (8 am Sunday) Jonathan Koch (10:30 am Sunday) Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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Stand

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

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Lord, Have Mercy CW 174 е 0 peace let us pray to the Lord. In Lord, have mer - cy. O O peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. For the Lord, have mer cy. ο Ο For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of Ο ο and for the unity of all, God, let us to the Lord. pray Lord, have mer cy. 0 O O holy house and for all who offer here their worship and For this 0 ο 0 praise, let us pray to the Lord. have mer - cy. Lord, Θ Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ο A men.

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# The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

Be seated

# **First Reading**

Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup>And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup>From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup>God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup>'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup>In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup>For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## Let All the Earth Sing Out

Psalm 66C Sung responsively with minister



Shout for joy to God, / all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise / glorious.

Praise our God, all / peoples,

let the sound of his / praise be heard;

he has pre- / served our lives

and kept our feet from / slipping. Refrain

Come and hear, all you who / fear God;

**let me tell you what he has / done for me.** If I had cherished sin / in my heart,

**the Lord would not have / listened;** but God has surely / listened

and has / heard my prayer.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain* 



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## **Second Reading**

#### 1 Peter 3:13–22

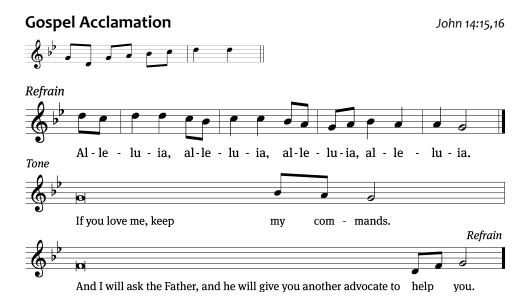
<sup>13</sup>Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." <sup>15</sup>But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

<sup>16</sup>keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup>After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup>to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup>and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Stand



### Gospel

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

Be seated

# **Children's Sermon**

Children may come forward to the front pew



O Christians, Haste



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#### Sermon

#### Stand

### **Nicene Creed**

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 in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

# Prayer of the Church

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom. Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

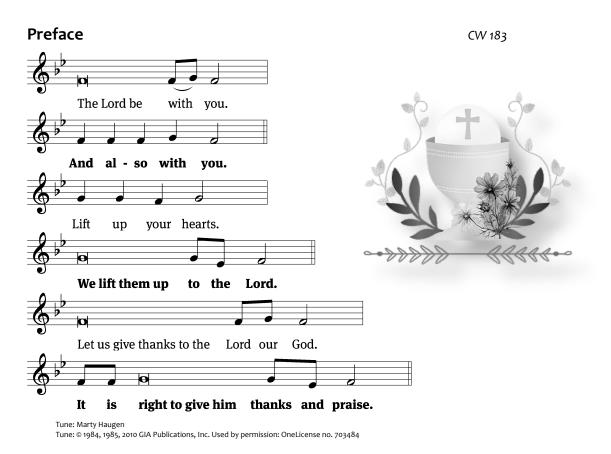
**Offering** God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access www.stlucaswels.org/donate.





# The Sacrament

Stand



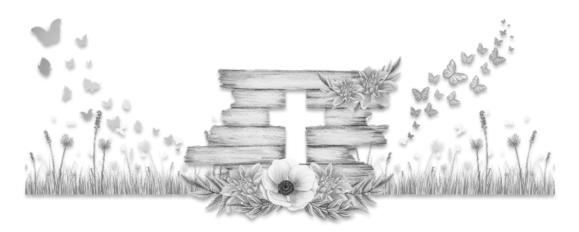
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

# Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



# Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

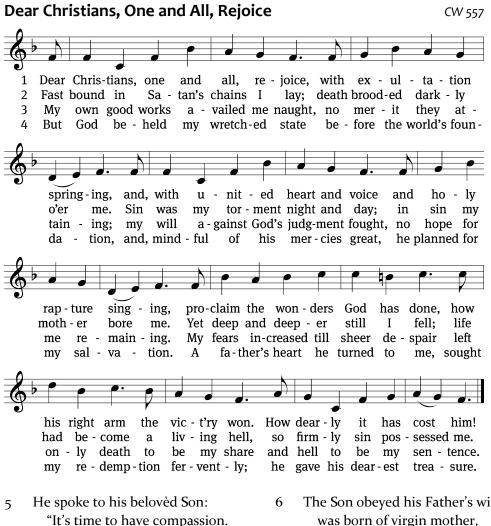
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



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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. 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.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
a servant's form like mine he bore to lead the devil captive.

- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and castle.
  Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.
  For I am yours, your friend divine, and evermore you shall be mine; the foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe will shed my precious blood, 10 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.

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"What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and teaching; so shall my kingdom's work be wrought and honored in your preaching. Take care that no one's man-made laws should e'er destroy the gospel's cause; this final word I leave you."

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.

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#### Amen.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.** 

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**  Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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# Announcements

## Camp Phillip Day Camp – Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls

Camp Philip is for grades 1-6 and costs just \$30 per camper. To register, you can use this QR code:



#### Upcoming Concerts at KML

Please join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for one or more of our upcoming concerts:

- Jazz and Echoes Concert: Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 PM Featuring KML jazz bands and Echoes show choir
- *A Night of Percussion*: Saturday, May 13, 6:30 PM Featuring the percussion ensembles of KML and KML Federation Elementary Schools
- Spring Concert: Saturday, May 20, 6:30 PM Featuring KML bands and choirs

For those unable to attend in person, all concerts will be livestreamed at <u>kmlhs.org/stream</u>.

#### KML Job Opening: Part-Time Accountant

Due to the retirement of Bob Heider, KML is looking for a part-time accountant.

View a detailed job description at <u>kmlhs.org/accountant23</u>.Please submit resumes by <u>May 22</u>, <u>2023</u>, to Mr. Jody Hansen, Director of Operations, at <u>jody.hansen@kmlhs.org</u>.Questions? Call Mr. Hansen at 262.677.4051 x4004.

# **Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:**

#### Birthdays:

Silas Schill – 5/17 David Stern – 5/17 Benjamin Marquardt 5/18

Pat Moye – 5/19 Angel Ruhnke – 5/20 Jaxson Voit – 5/20

# Calendar

Readings for May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
14 Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48 Numbers 4:1-8:4 Luke 14:25-15:10 *Worship w/Communion 8am Sunday School & Bible Hour 9:15am *Worship w/Communion 10:30am	15 Numbers 8:5-26 Luke 15:11-32	Numbers 9:1-23       Luke 16:1-18       Bible hour 6:30pm
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17 Numbers 10:11-36 Luke 16:19-31	18 Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35 Luke 17:1-19 Bible hour 10am Ladies Guild 6:30pm	<u>19</u> Numbers 11:24-29, 12:1-16 Luke 17:20-37 School Chapel Service 7:45am
SATURDAY 20	SUNDAY 21	USHERS
Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33 Luke 18:1-17 *Worship 6pm	Numbers 14:1-25 Luke 18:18-34 *Worship 8am Sunday School & Bible Hour 9:15am *Worship 10:30am	Saturday 5/13:Butzke6pmSunday 5/14:Kempf Koch8am 10:30amSaturday 5/20:Peters6pmSunday 5/21:Stoltz Wolter8am 10:30am

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