

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

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The Order of Worship

Sunday, May 17, 2020

2:00 pm

Prelude

Opening Hymn

LSB 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe
To our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C  Amen.

Litany

P Let us give thanks to the LORD who guides us to face the challenges and opportunities of life.

C **We thank you, LORD, for your leading, your encouragement, your gifts of educators and teachers, of friends and neighbors who have helped and continually encouraged us in the opportunities of life.**

P LORD, your ways are beyond our understanding. Yet you have breathed your spirit into our lives, making us curious; you have given us minds, which seek to uncover the mysteries of the universe and powers of discovery and creativity not unlike your own.

C **We give you humble thanks, O LORD.**

P Preserve and enlarge, O LORD, the opportunities for persons everywhere to develop their talent and their insight. Endow those who teach with the zeal to impart knowledge coupled with wisdom, that those who learn may grow in understanding and faithful action.

C **Lift our souls to give you thanks, O LORD.**

P Let us give thanks to the LORD for the families and homes into which these graduates were born and have been nurtured.

C **We are grateful, LORD, for our children, our parents, for our homes and families where we learn, grow, and experience all the wonders of this life.**

P LORD, this is a time of joy for us as we watch these graduating gather before us to celebrate the completion of this phase of their education. We ask that you would be with them as they go and strengthen them as they take on new responsibilities in this world. Give them, and us, faith and encouragement as we try to be your servants who live in joy and thankfulness for all we have received.

C **We praise you, LORD, for all your gifts, and for the opportunity to come together to celebrate this day with these graduates.**

Prayer

P Gracious Heavenly Father, you create life from the earth on which we dwell and breathe into it life and meaning. You sent Jesus to save us from our sins, to give us eternal life with you. You empower us with knowledge and skills to aid one another during life on this earth. Bless our gathering this afternoon as we recall your grace and kindness to these persons and celebrate the endings and beginnings of the opportunities you provide. Empower us all to live lives worthy

of the callings you offer, that we may strengthen one another and your creation as we walk together through this life. In Christ Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

Gloria Patri

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:5-9

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks Be To God

Second Reading

Ecclesiastes 3

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
²a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
³a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
⁵a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory Be To Thee, O Lord

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Sermon Hymn

LSB 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.

Message

Voluntary

Recognition of Graduates

PASTOR: This afternoon we have assembled as a body to recognize those who will be receiving recognition of their academic achievements. They have grown among us through the years, worshiped with us and joined us as young members of our community and congregation. We congratulate them on their accomplishment, and more importantly, recognize them as God's men and women taking their place among us in the world.

ADULTS: **We have seen you grow and develop into young men and women with skills and abilities that we have proudly watched you acquire. We rejoice that you have been a part of us and are with us now as we recognize you this day.**

PASTOR: Some of you, as parents and teachers, have been instrumental in their growing, some in teaching and sharing with them your beliefs and knowledge, moments that encouraged them to grow and experience the responsibilities of life.

TEACHERS & PARENTS: **We have shared with them what God has shared with us, the hope for life, the blessing and knowledge we have in this world where we live. We have tried to share with them the love of our Savior Jesus Christ and the wisdom the Almighty gives.**

PASTOR: You, our graduates, have learned and grown. Soon you will celebrate your accomplishments as a class of young men and women. We pray that you will remember our witness and sharing, that you will develop your skills for the betterment of this world, that you will witness with us what you have received from the LORD.

GRADUATES: **We have learned, yet we know there is more of life to be discovered. We have grown and we will continue to grow until our life comes to its end. With God's wisdom and Spirit, we pray that we can use our abilities to serve faithfully in the care of our communities and for all humankind.**

PASTOR: There is a promise God has given, that He will be with us "to the close of the age," that He will be our God and we His people, that nothing, can keep us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: **It is a promise we have been given, a promise we pray that we will honor and remember, as we grow and develop the skills given by the God who gives us life.**

GRADUATES: **We dedicate ourselves to the responsibilities and the duties of our station in life. We pledge to you and to each other support and respect as we attempt to realize the full personhood and mature relationships into which God is calling us.**

PASTOR: May the LORD be with you as we walk together through this life.

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Closing Hymn

LSB 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:

I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

Postlude

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Graduates

These names were provided to the church office as of May 14, 2020

College/University

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Master of Arts in Education
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Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
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Chamberlain College of Nursing

Kevin Yaeger
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences:
Pre-Physical Therapy
Southeast Missouri State University

Benjamin Zaretsky
Applied Mathematics
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Mehlville High School

Grayson Eggers
Mehlville High School

Jessica Gabel
Lutheran High School South

Joshua Hammon
Lutheran High School South

Alyssa Kreidler
Oakville Senior High School

Jacqueline Rakers
Lutheran High School South

Dylan Summerfield
Oakville High School

Blake Werner
Lutheran High School South

Eighth Grade

Ella Arbeiter
Green Park Lutheran School

Kameran Bluette
Hixson Middle School

Karson Bluette
Hixson Middle School

Ryan Guebert
Westminster Christian Academy

Lyra Hanewinkel

Haley Hinton
Green Park Lutheran School

True Howard
Seckman Middle School

Annika Johnson
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Leah McRoy

Cecilia Palma
Green Park Lutheran School

Chloe Powell
Oakville Middle School

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Tyler White
Fox Middle School

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