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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

C = Congregation

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

O Christ, Our Hope

LSB 553

1. **O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, Creation's mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured.**
2. **How vast Your mercy to accept The burden of our sin
And bow Your head in cruel death To make us clean within.**
3. **But now the bonds of death are burst, The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father's throne In robes of light arrayed.**
4. **O let Your mighty love prevail To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before Your throne By mercy purified.**
5. **Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!**
6. **All praise to You, ascended Lord; All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Through all eternity!**

INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: We wait in hope for the Lord.

C: **He is our help and our shield.**

L: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him. On those whose hope is in His unfailing love.

C: **I will extol the Lord at all times, His praise will continually be on my lips.**

L: My soul will boast in the Lord. Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

C: **Glorify the Lord with me. Let us exalt His name together.**

L: Most gracious Heavenly Father,

C: **We pray for pardon, peace, and forgiveness for all we have done in word, thought, and deed. Because of the person and work of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died to pay the penalty of eternal death for our sins, grant us pardon and remission. Forgive us and release us from guilt for His name's sake. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE GLORIA PATRI (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE KYRIE

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.
C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.
C: **✠ Amen.**

THE FIRST READING for the sixth Sunday of Easter is from Acts 17:22-31, pages 926-927:

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For 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. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And 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, ²⁷ 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, ²⁸for "'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.' ²⁹Being 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. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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.**

THE EPISTLE is from 1 Peter 3:15-22, page 1016:

¹⁵But in your hearts honor 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, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because 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. ²¹Baptism, 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, ²²who 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.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL - The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter, verses 15-21, page 901:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even 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. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

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.

CHILDREN'S SONG

Let Me Learn of Jesus

1. Let me learn of Jesus, He is kind to me.
Once He died to save me, Nailed upon a tree.
2. When I go to Jesus, He will hear me pray,
Make me pure and holy, Take my sins away.
3. Let me think of Jesus, He is full of love,
Looking down upon me, From his home above.
4. Oh, how good is Jesus, May He hold my hand,
And at last receive me To a better land.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christina Stackle

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come My Soul, With Every Care

LSB 779

1. Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.
2. Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ever ask too much.
3. With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.
4. Lord, Thy rest to me impart, Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.
5. While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.
6. Show me what is mine to do Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.

THE SERMON

"Brought to God"

(1 Peter 3:15-22)

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THE OFFERTORY LSB page 192

♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER LITANY

L: God our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your name be hallowed by us and all the world through the teaching of Your holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

- L: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.
 L: Strengthen us by Your Spirit in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own will may be crucified daily and given to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.
 L: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.
 L: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.
 L: O Lord, help us to overcome the devil with his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.
 L: And finally, heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BENEDICTION

- L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

1. **Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
 Curb those who by deceit or sword
 Would wrest the Kingdom from Your Son
 And bring to naught all He has done.**

2. **Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
 For You are Lord of lords alone;
 Defend Your holy church that we
 May sing Your praise eternally.**

SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
 Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
 Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM
 Cantor: (Sat.) Alex Arensmeier; (8:00 Broadcast) Anna Renner; (Sun.) Kathryn Reinitz
 Children's Message: Christina Stackle
 KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster / Engineer: Janice McCreary/Alan Hopfer

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NEWS AND NOTES:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

ALTAR FLOWERS are from the Roenfeldt family in remembrance of what would have been Grace and Harold's anniversary on May 16.

OUTDOOR BACCALAUREATE SERVICE - Peace will host an outdoor Baccalaureate Service for our 8th Grade, High School, and College graduates **this afternoon**, Sunday, May 17th, at 2:00 p.m.

MOTHER'S DAY ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE has tentatively been shifted to Father's Day weekend.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS have been delayed until October. More details will be coming out later. Thank you for your understanding.

SHOES OF HOPE collection to be scheduled soon. Questions? Call Julia Petrovic, Guild Chairperson, 636-464-9607.

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