

# *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**May 14, 2023    10:30 a.m.**



**Come to Chapel or watch on Channel 105**

# Order of Worship

## Gathering

**Prelude**

*Borning Cry*

Lisa D.  
Rhonda R.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

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.

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 new creation.

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

ELW 521

O day of rest and gladness,  
 O day of joy and light,  
 O balm for care and sadness,  
 Most beautiful, most bright:  
 On you the high and lowly,  
 Through ages joined in tune,  
 Sing "Holy, holy, holy,"  
 To the great God Triune.

On you, at earth's creation,  
 The light first had its birth;  
 On you, for our salvation,  
 Christ rose from depths of earth;

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On you, our Lord victorious  
The Spirit sent from heav'n;  
And thus on you, most glorious,  
A three-fold light was giv'n.

Today on weary nations  
The heav'nly manna falls;  
To holy convocations  
The silver trumpet calls,  
Where gospel light is glowing  
With pure and radiant beams  
And living water flowing  
With soul refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining  
From this our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining  
To spirits of the blest.  
We sing to you our praises,  
O Father, Spirit, Son;  
The church its voice upraises  
To you, blest Three in One.



**Text:** Christopher Wordsworth, alt; **Music:** German melody; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*.

## Greeting

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

**Response:** *And also with you.*

## Canticle of Praise

ELW, pages 149-150

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
And honor and blessing and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**



## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, 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.**

## **Word**

### **First Reading – Acts 17:22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For 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. The 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, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From 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, so 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. For ‘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.’ Since 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. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because 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.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

### **Psalm 66:8-20**

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

**who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

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For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;**

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

**I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,**

those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**I 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.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

**I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

### **Second Reading – I Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but 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; yet 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former

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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. And 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

**Gospel Acclamation**

ELW, page 151

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Gospel – John 14:15-21**

**Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This 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.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response:** *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Sermon**

*Walking Alongside*

Pastor Mandsager

*This Joyful Eastertide*

ELW 391

This joyful Eastertide,  
 Away with sin and sorrow!  
 My love, the Crucified,  
 Has sprung to life this morrow.  
 Had Christ, who once was slain,  
 Not burst his three-day prison,  
 Our faith had been in vain.  
 But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen.  
 But now has Christ arisen!

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My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number.  
Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen.  
But now has Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill  
Since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen.  
But now has Christ arisen!

Text: George R. Woodward; Music: Dutch folk tune; arr. hymnal version. Arr. © 2007 Augsburg Fortress.

## **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 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.**

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**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**Response: And also with you.**

**Offertory**     *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Lisa D.  
Rhonda R.

**Meal**



**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**Response: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: It is right to give our thanks and  
and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and  
might: heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Invitation**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray.

**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  
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**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.**

### **Communion Distribution**

**Communion Song**     *Lamb of God*     ELW, page 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**Communion Music**

Rhonda R.

### **Prayer**

Gracious God, 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.**

## Sending

### Blessing

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

### *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

ELW 398

Holy Spirit, truth divine,  
Dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Breath of God, and inward Light,  
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, peace divine,  
Still this restless heart of mine.  
Speak to calm this tossing sea,  
Stayed in your tranquility.

Holy Spirit, right divine,  
King within my conscience reign;  
Be my guide, and I shall be  
Firmly bound, forever free.



**Text:** Samuel Longfellow; **Music:** Orlando Gibbons.

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Rhonda R.

Blessèd  
Mother's  
Day!



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