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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Our mission:

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome! The Athenian philosophers conceived of their gods as distant and aloof, uninterested in human affairs. Do we ever think of God in that way? Our readings for today proclaim a God who desires a relationship with each one of His earthly children. He washes us clean of sin through our baptism into Christ, and makes our hearts and minds His dwelling place through the gift of the Holy Spirit. God is always near!

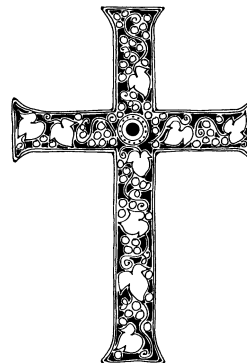
Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon and fill out a green visitor card (in the pewback). The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

Communion Note: We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

Divine Service, Setting One

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The Preparation



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (page 151)

Opening Hymn: 478 The Day of Resurrection

Kyrie (page 152)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis (page 154)

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

O God,

the giver of all that is good,
by Your holy inspiration
grant that we may think those things that are right
and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



First Reading: Acts 17:16-31

Psalm 66:8-20



⁸ Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,

⁹ who has kept our soul among
the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.

¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;*
you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹ You brought us in- | to the net;*
you laid a crushing burden | on our
backs;

¹² you let men ride o- | ver our heads;*
we went through fire and through
water; yet you have brought us out to
a place of a- | bundance.

¹³ I will come into your house with
burnt | offerings;*
I will perform my | vows to you,

¹⁴ that which my lips | uttered*
and my mouth promised when I was
in | trouble.

¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of
fatted animals, with the smoke of the
sacri- | fice of rams;*
I will make an offering of | bulls and
goats.

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for
my soul.

¹⁷ I cried to him | with my mouth,*
and high praise was | on my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity | in my heart,*
the Lord would not have | listened.

¹⁹ But truly God has | listened;*
he has attended to the voice | of my
prayer.

²⁰ Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast | love from
me!

**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.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Alleluia Verse page 156

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse of the Day (Cantor):

*We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never / die again; *
death no longer has dominion / over Him.*

*In the world you will have tribu- / lation **

But take heart; I have over- / come the world. (Rom. 6:9; John 16:33b)

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
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Holy Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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

John 14:15-21

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day: 605 Father Welcomes

Sermon

Prayers After each petition of the prayer P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

For those in need of comfort:

McCann family
Logue family

death of Pat
death of Clyde

Farley
Teschke

For those with health concerns:

Katherine Ecclesten
Susan Miller
Don Hammond
Sandy Hammond
Judy Dito
Pete Seronew

Eric Teschke
John O'Neill
Sue Bridenbough
Lorraine Van Hise
John Tarlo
Rick Wright

Bill Hotaling
Norma Runkle
Jeff Corelli
Pat Dietz
Asta Lynch
Frank Lynch

Rich Mount
Barbara Nixon
Zane
Grant
Noah
Rose
Doug
Claire
Beverly
Sid
Jan
Charlie



Diane Pullen	Kay Compton	Tony Shiron	Susan	Brennan
Jane Schroeder	Alli Watson	Marge Keen	Mara	Penny

For those with cancer:

Isla Brummel	Robert Miller	Gerry Campbell	Howard Zahn	Trudy
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Joe Campbell	Rich Knechel	Lance
Kim McCollough	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Chris Legere	Joe
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Rita Piratsky	Jerry
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Barbara Holzhauer	Frank
Aaron Kline	Brad Hoppe	Judy Bacorn	Hilda Summers	Lynn
Joan Rawls	Arlene Bodholt	Carol Storr	Dana	Dora
Jane Forder	Terry Dunbar	Keith Watson	Jason	Mary Anne
Elvis Rowsey	Debra Mueller	Dave Elison	Doris	Lynn J.

For those serving in the armed forces and their families:

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Emily Arndt	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Mike Bahney	Christopher Ryan Callahan

For those with needs around the world:

Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ	For protection, strength, comfort, spread of Gospel
Government officials and people of our nation	For peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Armed forces, especially those deployed	Safety and protection as they carry out their duties
Those with employment and career needs	For provision of wisdom and jobs
Conflicts throughout the world	For wisdom, guidance, peace, and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	For health, safety, and provision

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families for '25-'26 school year

Birthdays:

Lorenzo Lauricella	May 10	Joseph Wright	May 12	Chrissy Grube	May 13
Lucrezia Kianka	May 15	Susan Miller	May 15	Bob Van Hise	May 15

Anniversaries:

Joe and Bonnie Jean Gallagher May 10

Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Instrumental Offertory

Congregational Offertory: 785 We Praise You, O God (st. 1, 3)

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;

**We bless Your holy name, glad praises
we sing.**

With voices united our praises we offer

and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

**With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will
guide us,**

To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

The Service of the Sacrament

Order of Holy Communion page 160

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising you and singing:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

C: Our Father who art in heaven...

P: The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ ... This do, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of Me.

Pax Domini P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace (Please share the peace with one another with the words:
"The peace of the Lord be with you.", "And also with you.")

Agnus Dei

C: 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.

Distribution Hymns: 629 What Is This Bread

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction (p. 166)

Closing Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word (st. 1-3)

Postlude





Announcements – Week of May 10, 2026
Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week
MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are Jim Steimle (Communion Assistant and Reader), Nicholas Wilhelm (acolyte), Tyson and Nathan Wilhelm (Ushers), Tyson Wilhelm (Live-streaming), Amy Van Hise and Jeanne Hoppe (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up)

Today's service will be live streamed at this link <https://youtube.com/live/p3IJO5O6R7A>
If you miss the service live, watch it on YouTube! The services are also posted to the church's website.

Sunday 8:15 Bible Study This Sunday we will be discussing **James 2:14ff**. We will talk about what it means that faith without works is dead. Join us!

Discussion Group today – come dig deeper into today's readings after the service.

Wednesday 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study This Wednesday we will study **1 Corinthians 7:1-11**. We will talk about Paul's principles for marriage, as well as guidance for those who are unmarried. All are welcome!

Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry

Weekly Schedule:

TODAY (5/10)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group
TUESDAY (5/12)	6:00a Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
WEDNESDAY (5/13)	7:30p Zoom Bible Study
SUNDAY (5/17)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group; 3:00p NOAH Seniors @ Blawenberg Band Concert; 6:30p IMPACT Youth Group @ St. Paul, Flemington

Saturday Outdoor Vespers Service. On **Saturday, May 23rd at 7pm** we'll have an outdoor vespers service on the parsonage lawn. Bring your own chair and a flashlight (or phone). Join us as we set aside this special time of worship and fellowship to dedicate the spring season into God's hands with His beautiful creation. After the service we will enjoy ice cream!



Seminary Workshop at St. Peter. Coming up this summer, we are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky from the St. Louis Seminary. Dr. Elowsky, a Professor of Historical Theology, will lead a 3-day workshop on June 1-3, on the topic of *The Apostolic Fathers*. This event is intended for pastors, other church workers, and interested lay people. Register at sls.edu/resources/continuing-education/workshop-series/. Cost is \$160. See our bulletin board for more info, or talk to Pastor Dunbar.

The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry. Join us in making special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event! Please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

Operation Christmas Child. On Sunday, July 26 we will hold our annual Operation Christmas Child “Christmas in July” event. We look forward to meeting after the service and filling shoeboxes for children around the world. They will be able to hear the Good News of Jesus as they receive a special Christmas gift from our congregation. We are especially looking for donations of toddler socks and toys (e.g. squeeze bath toys), costume jewelry, girls’ hair bands and barrettes.

Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

Service and Other

Faithfulness Report : 5/3 Attendance: 52 / 6 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$6085
From Nursery School for parking lot rocks: \$450 Debt Reduction: \$25 Flowers: \$35
Weekly giving needed for budget: \$6890

Flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God’s grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

**Flowers are placed on the altar today in honor Joe and Bonnie Jean Gallagher’s
34th wedding anniversary!**

Food Pantry. We support the Lambertville Food Pantry with donations of food and other needs. May’s collection is **Personal Products** – soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, liquid hand soap, sanitary supplies etc. You can sign up on the bulletin board to deliver items by month as well. Any questions, please see Leslie Klesat.

Other Important web links:

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| The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod | lcms.org |
| NJ District LCMS | njdistrict.org |
| LCMS World Relief and Human Care | lcms.org/ca/worldrelief |
| The “Lutheran Hour” Broadcast | lhm.org |

Happy Mother’s Day!



*"...I am reminded of your sincere faith,
a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois
and your mother Eunice..." - 2 Timothy 1:5*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

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, ²⁷that 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."

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard 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; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having 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.

Holy Gospel: John 14:15–21

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "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.

¹⁸"I 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."