

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 16, 17. 2020 – Light of Christ Lutheran Church

Prelude Hymn Sings: #449 - We Know That Christ Is Raised

We Know That Christ Is Raised

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - - le - lu - - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924
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Hymn #398 - Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
 by your will I strong-ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892
 Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

Hymn #631 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Hymn #595 - Jesus Loves Me!

Jesus Loves Me!



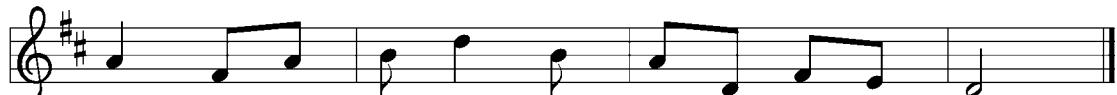
1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Hymn #638 - Blessed Assurance

Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

#452 - Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
 to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
 one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
 with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
 A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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A: Christ is Risen!
 C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome

Introduction to the day:

Jesus does not abandon His followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with His disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Word the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world

Prayer to help prepare for worship:

God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Our worship continues with our prelude music.

PRELUDE (*Music utilized to prepare yourself for worship*)

Awake, My Heart with Gladness - arr. Hobby

INVOCATION (*A call to "invoke" God's presence into our midst*)

P: We gather in the name of the Father, Who created all things, the +Son, Who redeems creation, and the Spirit, Who calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS (*Public statement of our wrong doings followed by the promise that God forgives us. Authorized by Christ!*)

A: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)
 Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

(Invitation by worship leader to welcome ALL in the name of our God)

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

A: A reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For 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. ²⁴The 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, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From 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, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸For ‘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.’

²⁹Since 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. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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.”

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 66:8-20 (Please read responsively)

P: ⁸Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

**⁹Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A: A reading from 1st Peter

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former 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. ²¹And 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERMON

Pastor Suzanne Trump

GOSPEL: (*Found in the New Testament, the Gospels provide first-hand accounts of the life of Jesus Christ*)

John 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter beginning with the 15th verse.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask

the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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.

¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They 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."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jerry Kulp

HYMN # 581 "You Are Mine"

You Are Mine

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see.
 healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give. (2) In the

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. To stanza 2
 Come and rest in me. To refrain
 all will know my name. To refrain
 up, now walk and live! To refrain

Refrain

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

love you and you are mine." To stanzas 3 and 4

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Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas

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APOSTLES CREED (*A summary of our core beliefs*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need (*A brief silence*). Abiding God, You have revealed Yourself to us in the form of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden Your church, as Your followers, to reveal Your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to Your creatures. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: You call all people of the world Your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to those who are in power through Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: You share Your gifts in special ways with Your children. Walk with all who are gifted to care for others during this time of pandemic and give them peace. For those who are working in the medical fields and attempting to bring comfort and healing to those who are sick. For those who are working to help find a cure for this disease. For those who are distributing goods and delivering those goods to the marketplace. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: You come near to us when we are lost. You come near to us in our time of loss. You come near to us in times of great sorrow and you hear our distress. Come near to us now and hear our prayers for those who suffer in any way (*Silence for reflection*). Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: You come among us and walk beside us. We thank You and praise you for bringing us together through Your great love. We thank you for those who have come among us during this time offering their support and prayers. We thank You for making us partners in sharing Your great love for this world. Lord in Your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

A: You draw near to help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens. Uplift those who are sick, lonely, suffering, or near death. Bring Your children the peace and comfort we long for. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We lift up our individual prayers to You (silence for reflection). Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: With bold confidence in Your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into Your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Sharing of the peace

A: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Our Offerings

Communion

A: Today we celebrate The act of spiritual communion. This practice has been used in previous times when God's children have not been able to physically receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It's an act of devotion of love affirming our faith in Christ and His real presence. In the moment as each person prays our voices join with others in community expressing our desire to receive Christ into our lives.

Let us now walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God. Please share in a moment of silent reflection.

P: Let us pray: My Jesus,

C: I believe that You are truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I always desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim Your resurrection. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot receive You in the sacrament of Your Body and Blood, I implore You to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with Your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from You. May I live in You and You in me, in this life and in the life that is to come. Amen.

Based on a prayer from: *The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This time will be reserved for any comments or questions from the gathered community.

BLESSING

P: God, Who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, Who spreads His arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, Who draws ever near to us, +bless us and bring us to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace! Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Postlude: Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death - arr. Lanky

LITURGY NOTES:

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