

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE SERVICE I **MAY 17, 2020** **9:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE & WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **SERVICE OF PREPARATION** ✠

OPENING HYMN: “Dear Christian One and All Rejoice” vs. 1-3 [LSB: 556]

1. (Pastor)

*Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And Holy Rapture singing,
Proclaim the Wonders God has Done, How His right arm the Vict’ry Won.
What price our ransom cost Him!*

2.

**Fast bound in satan’s chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o’er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell;
My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.**

3.

**My own good works all came to naught,
No Grace or Merit gaining;
Free will against God’s Judgment fought, Dead to
all Good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Please stand) (Page 151)

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

“Dear Christian One and All Rejoice” vs. 4 [LSB: 556]

4.

**But God had seen my wretched state Before the world’s foundation,
And mindful of His Mercies Great, He planned for my Salvation.
He turned to me a Father’s Heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His Dearest Treasure.**

P Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake Forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I therefore Forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

“Dear Christian One and All Rejoice” vs. 5-8 [LSB: 556]

5. (Pastor)

*God said to His Belovèd Son: ‘It’s time to have Compassion.
Then go, Bright Jewel of My Crown, And bring to all Salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them Free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You Forever.’*

6.

**The Son obeyed His Father’s will,
Was born of virgin mother;
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His Royal Pow’r disguised He bore;
A servant’s form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.**

7.

**To me He said: ‘Stay close to Me,
I am your Rock and Castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.**

**‘Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.**

KYRIE ~ LORD, Have Mercy ~ (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 “This is the Feast of Victory” (Page 155)

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,

Whose Blood set us free to be People of God.

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His.

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia.

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY (Page 156)

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, You make the minds of Your Faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may Love what You have Commanded and desire what You Promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where True Joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.

C Amen. (Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 17:16-31

“Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So 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. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, ‘What does this babbler wish to say?’ Others said, ‘He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities’ – because he was preaching Jesus and the Resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, ‘May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?’ ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.’ ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: ‘Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For 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. ²⁴ The God Who made

the world and everything in it, being LORD of Heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And 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, ²⁸ for ‘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.’ ²⁹ Being 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. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He Commands all people everywhere to Repent, ³¹ because 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.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

R Christ has Risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has Crowned Him with Glory and | Honor,
He has given Him Dominion over the Works | of His hands; *
He has put all things un- | der His feet.

EPISTLE READING: *1 Peter 3:13:21*

“Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for Righteousness’ Sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but 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; ¹⁶ yet 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. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s Will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For 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, ¹⁹ in which He went and Proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because 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. ²¹ Baptism, 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, ²² Who has gone into Heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Page 156)

C Alleluia, LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Eternal Life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *John 14:15-21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

“[Jesus said:] ‘If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even 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. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will

see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I Live, you also will Live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“The Day of Resurrection”* [LSB: 478]

1.
The Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of Gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to Life Eternal,
From sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of Victory.

3.
Now let the heav’ns be Joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep Triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the LORD has Risen,
Our Joy that has no end!

2.
Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The LORD in Rays Eternal
Of Resurrection Light
And, list’ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His Own “All hail!” and, hearing,
May raise the Victor strain.

4. ▲
All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the Throne
And Honor, Pow’r, and Glory
Ascribe to God alone!

SERMON: *“I Will Not Leave You”*

POST COMMUNION HYMN: *“Dear Christian One and All Rejoice”* vs. 9-10 [LSB: 556]

9.
‘Now to My Father I depart,

From earth to heav’n ascending,
And, heavn’ly wisdom to impart,

The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will Comfort you
And teach you always to be True
And into Truth shall guide you.

Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the Kingdom's work be wrought And
honored in your preaching. But watch lest foes with
base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final Word I leave you.'

10.

'What I on earth have done and taught

APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand as we confess our faith)* (Page 159)

- L** We confess our Christian Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** 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 Φ Everlasting. Amen. *(Please remain standing)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty Father, Everlasting God, Your Son has Revealed You to us as a Merciful LORD. ...
After each portion of prayers: **P** LORD, in Your Mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
The prayers conclude:
- P** ... Jesus Christ, our LORD, through Whom, with Whom and in Whom, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, all Honor
and Glory is Yours, Almighty Father, both now and Forevermore.
- C** Amen. *(Please be seated)*

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO,
PLEASE DROP YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE OFFERING PLATES
LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX AFTER WORSHIP !!!

Φ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT Φ

PREFACE *(Sung)* [LSB: pg. 160]

- P** The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
- C** We lift them to the LORD.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. *Psalm 136*
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE [LSB: pg. 160]

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... To You alone, O Father, be all
Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son Φ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
- C** Amen.

SANCTUS \approx *Holy, Holy, Holy* [LSB: pg. 161]

- C** Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Power 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. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER [LSB: pg. 162]
Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.**

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD [LSB: pg. 162]
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25

P “Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed ... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the LORD* [LSB: pg. 163]
John 20:19

P The Peace of the LORD be with you always. **C** (*Sung*) Amen.

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God* [LSB: pg. 163]
John 1:29

C (*Sung*) **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 upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “*Draw Near and Take the Body of Our LORD*” [LSB: 637]

1. Draw near and take the Body of the LORD, And drink the Holy Blood for you outpoured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.	2. He Who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields; With heav'nly Bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives Living Waters to the thirsting soul.
3. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here. O LORD, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of Love You bless us now.	

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*” [LSB: 641]

(Refrain) You satisfy the hungry heart With Gift of Finest Wheat. Come give to us, O saving LORD, The Bread of Life to eat.	1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So when You call Your Fam'ly, LORD, We follow and rejoice. Refrain
2. With joyful lips we sing to You Our praise and gratitude That You should count us worthy, LORD, To share this Heav'nly Food. <i>Refrain</i>	3. Is not the Cup we bless and share The Blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one Cup, one Loaf, declare Our oneness in the LORD? Refrain
4. The myst'ry of Your presence, LORD, No mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain	5. You give Yourself to us, O LORD; Then selfless let us be, To serve each other in Your Name In truth and charity. Refrain

THE DISMISSAL [LSB: pg. 164]

P The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life Everlasting.
Depart ☩ in Peace.
C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE [LSB: pg. 165]
Luke 2:29-32

C (*Sung*) **Thank the LORD and sing His praise, tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His Name. He recalls His Promises and leads His People forth in Joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT [LSB: pg. 166]

P O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all Goodness, Who in Loving-Kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His Sake You have given us Pardon and Peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your Children but always to Rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we

may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, ☩ our LORD, Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.

☐ *(Sung)* Amen.

BENEDICTION (Page 166)

☐ The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be Gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you Peace.

☐ Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”* [LSB: 480]

1.

**He’s Risen, He’s Risen, Christ Jesus, the LORD;
He opened death’s prison, the Incarnate, True Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in Jubilant Song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**

2.

**The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The LORD of Creation was nailed to the tree.
In satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, Whom the evil ones fear.**

3.

**But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering LORD lifts His Banner on High;
He Lives, yes, He Lives, and will nevermore die.**

4.

**O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ Rose, and now open is fair Eden’s Door.
For all our transgressions His Blood does Atone;
Redeemed and Forgiven, we now are His own.**

5. ▲

**Then sing your Hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, Honor, and Praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.**

POSTLUDE