

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
9:30am Worship & Communion

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are 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.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #848**

“Give To Our God Immortal Praise”

*** Greeting p. 147** *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.***

*** Kyrie p. 147** *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.***

*** This is the Feast p. 149**

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were

amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

L:⁹⁸ Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C:² The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

L:³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C:⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

L:⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C:⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

L:⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

C:⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

ALL:⁹ before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

⁵ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and

at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #744 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

"Lord Be Glorified"

The Sermon

"The Parables of Jesus"

Part 2 - "The Weeds Of The Enemy"

Pastor William Shields

(sermon text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

* Apostle's Creed p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #810

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Offering

* Offering Response #186

Prayers

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer p. 154 **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.**

Communion

*In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who believe Jesus Christ is our Lord & Savior are welcome at the table. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. **(Kneeling)** Come down the center aisle and fill in the communion rail. You may stand if kneeling is difficult. You will be served the bread & wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are available.) Deposit your cup in the baskets at the end of the rail. Return to your seats using the side aisles. During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns # 632, 658, 663, 669.*

* Blessing

* Benediction

* Sending Hymn #765

"Lord Of All Hopefulness"

* Dismissal *P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Weekly Events:

Mon. May 6 **10:00am – Endowment**
 11:30am – Worship Comm.

Tues. May 7 7:00am – Jr. High Study
 1:00pm – Library

Wed. May 8 6:30am – Men’s Bible Study
 7:00am – Jr. High Bible Study
 11:00am – Pastor’s Bible Study
 1:00pm – Prayer Group
 7:00pm – Choir Practice

Thurs. May 9 6:00pm – Pastor’s Bible Study

Sat. May 11 7:00am – Gideon’s Prayer meeting

Sunday, May 12 – 9:30 am Worship
Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship

Baby Bottles Collection

Pick up your baby bottles in the back of church next Sunday.

Altar Flowers

Given by

Brad & JoAnne Kloeping

Blessings of our

Grandchildren

Pictorial Directory!

It’s time to do another one, **it’s our 170th year!**

Consider ways you can volunteer to help with this project.

Photo dates are scheduled for

Tuesday, June 4th & Wednesday, June 5th.

If you need to submit a photo, you may email to the office or bring one in and it can be scanned and will then be submitted before printing.