



Sixth Sunday of Easter

We gather to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

P = Pastor **A** = Assisting Pastor **C** = Congregation
L = Leader **S** = High School Seniors

Throughout the 50 days of Easter, paraments in the chancel point us to the good news of Christ's resurrection. The lectern fall during this season announces our Lord's victory over sin and death with a symbol of his death and resurrection. By the cross, our Lord grants forgiveness, and through the empty tomb, Jesus is raised for our justification. This is God's glory and victory, for Christ now reigns over all things.

Gathering Song

"Messiah"

Some - one's shout - ing from the des - ert.
 Some - one's shout - ing from the cit - y,
 Some - one's shout - ing I am brok - en.

Some - one's shout - ing from the sea. Some - one's shout - ing from the
 I am young I am cold. Some - one's shout - ing from the
 Some - one's shout - ing make me whole. Some - one's shout - ing come and

moun - tain. Some - one's shout - ing from the
 coun - try, I am lone - ly I am
 change me. Some - one's shout - ing save my

val - ley. Mes - si - ah,
 old.
 soul.

come and be our King. Mes - si - ah,

come and be our King.

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand.

Invocation

- A** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Song**"Oceans"**

Verse 1: You call me out upon the waters
 The great unknown where feet may fail
 And there I find You in the mystery
 In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus: And I will call upon Your name
 And keep my eyes above the waves
 When oceans rise
 My soul will rest in Your embrace
 For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2: Your grace abounds in deepest waters
 Your sovereign hand will be my guide
 Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
 You've never failed and You won't start now (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
 (2x) Let me walk upon the waters
 Wherever You would call me
 Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
 And my faith will be made stronger
 In the presence of my Savior (*Chorus*)

Confession and Forgiveness

A 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.

Silence for reflection.

A Let us confess our sin to God our Father. Most merciful God,

C 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. 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.

A 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 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.

Prayer of the Day

A Let us 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Senior Recognition Milestone: This milestone highlights our high school seniors as they move into the next phase of life. Each senior is given a quilt and a blessing as we continue to wrap them in the loving arms of Jesus, who has called them by name and claimed them as his own.

Seniors will come forward as their name is read and receive their quilt and a blessing from one of our First Lutheran Quilters.

Senior Recognition Milestone *(see insert)*

Seniors, please stand and face the congregation.

P It is the joy of First Lutheran Church to name and bless the milestone moments of our youth. This Senior Recognition Milestone is a big moment for you seniors, parents, and families, as well as for us—your faith community. Many of you grew up here and others of you stepped in along the way. Whether it was at Baptism, Sunday School, Milestones, Confirmation, Bible Camps and mission trips, Youth Group, serving in worship, or worshiping with us, you have been joined to us as the body of Christ. So, congratulations, graduates! We join with you in celebrating your accomplishments! We are proud of you. A great investment of time, money, prayers, faith, guidance, and food has been poured into you. And, of course, we know that you parents deserve plenty of congratulations as well.

So now we turn to God's Word to bless this moment: Palm 121 is known as the traveler's psalm, a beautiful psalm that claims God's promised presence no matter where we go. The psalmist is fully aware that there will be trials ahead but quickly claims the faithfulness of our God who created all things, does not change, protects, guards, and preserves us from all evil. This is our God of promises who we now ask to watch over you as you discover the path our Lord has for you.

Parents and guardians, grandparents, friends and family of First Lutheran, will you continue to pray for these young people?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

P Heavenly Father,

S we thank you for your gifts and the goodness we have received from you.

P Gracious Lord,

S we thank you for the care and encouragement of this congregation.

P Almighty God,

S we praise you for friends who have supported us, teachers who have shaped us, and this congregation who has nurtured us in faith.

P Faithful Lord,

S we thank you for the love, care, and forgiveness of our families.

P Indeed, God has greatly blessed and gifted each of you in Jesus Christ. As a thanks to God and a blessing for you, come forward and receive your quilt.

Each senior's name is read as they come forward to receive their quilt.

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithfulness to these seniors. For all the service of their parents and teachers through these years, we praise you. Grant each one a living faith so that wherever you lead them, they would always trust in your promised presence through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

NT page 123, pew Bible

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

First Reading: While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 98 *(read responsively)*

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

**The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

Second Reading: God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

NT page 231, pew Bible

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Jason Burggraff

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

Gospel John 15:9-17 †

NT page 104, pew Bible

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jason Burggraff

† Today's preaching text.

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day 836**"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

HYMN TO JOY

Nicene Creed: Early in its history, the Nicene Creed was spoken in worship when Holy Communion was celebrated. As weekly communion became the practice in Christian congregations, we now reserve this Creed for festival days and seasons—of which the Easter season is primary.

Nicene Creed

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** 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.

Prayers of the Church

- A** Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Following each petition:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- A** Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- C** Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

- A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- C** And also with you.

Please be seated.

Offering

Special Music

"Build My Life"

Barrett

Please stand.

Words of Institution: Hear Christ's words of promise spoken again "for you, for the forgiveness of your sin."

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

- A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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.
- A** Our risen Lord comes to us in the breaking of the bread with his body and blood, promising forgiveness and new life. Let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.
- C** **This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!**

Please be seated.

Communion: All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion

Song

"Hold On To Me"

Verse 1 When the best of me is barely breathin'
When I'm not somebody I believe in
Hold on to me
When I miss the light the night has stolen
When I'm slammin' all the doors You've opened
Hold on to me, Hold on to me

Chorus Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You
When I am sure I have reached the end
Hold on to me when I forget I need You
When I let go, hold me again

Verse 2 When I don't feel like I'm worth defending
When I'm tired of all my pretending
Hold on to me
When I start to break in desperation
Underneath the weight of expectation
Hold on to me, Hold on to me (*Chorus*)

Verse 3 I could rest here in Your arms forever
'Cause I know nobody loves me better
Hold on to me
Hold on to me (*Chorus*)

Repeat Verse 3

Song

"Blessings on the Road"

Everyone's traveling, everyone's going somewhere
 Everyone's searching, trying to find a way there
 Every new breath, every next step keeps us moving along into the wild and the
 wonder of this living sacred song (*Chorus*)

Chorus:

May you find blessings on the road
 May you find loving hearts to hold
 May you find peace and shelter through every storm
 May you find blessings on the road
 May you share wherever you go
 all of the blessings, blessings on the road

Everyone's journey, everyone's story is new
 Everyone's yearning for a love that is true
 Every child, every family, everyone that I know
 we are wandering in the mystery that is dancing in our souls (*Chorus*)

Every new breath, every next step keeps us moving along into the wild and the
 wonder of this living sacred song (*Chorus*)

Please stand.

Blessing

- Ⓐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☩ Amen.

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray. Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven, the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, keep us steadfast in the promise and life-giving hope of your resurrection, that by the Holy Spirit we might testify to the power and grace of your work for us and all people.
- ☩ Amen.

Benediction

- Ⓐ May God who has brought us from death to life grant you faith to trust in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- ☩ Amen.

Sending Hymn 413

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

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Dismissal

- Ⓐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☩ Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- Ⓐ Go in peace in the freedom of the risen Lord.
- ☩ Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Welcome to Worship

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