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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, May 14, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Gracious God, through Baptism, you bless us with the presence of your Son as our advocate, dwelling in us as the Spirit of truth. Grant that we may treasure this gift above all else, following Christ in obedience and humility; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Our Father, by Whose Name* (see back of the bulletin)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, drawing near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find help in times of need. Christ, the light of the world, has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You, who were lost, are found. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system is for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices, with the lyrics: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of". The second system continues the vocal line with: "hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third system is for piano accompaniment, marked "div." and "unis.", with the lyrics: "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes". The fourth system continues the piano accompaniment with: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The fifth system concludes the piece with: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment with occasional chords and melodic lines.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 17:16-17; 22-31

As Paul continues his missionary journey in the city of Athens, he is confronted with idol worshippers who wonder what his message is really about. Paul proclaims the Good News of the living God.

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷He reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 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, and perhaps 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."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 66:8-19

God's people undergo suffering at the hands of their enemies. Like silver is refined in fire, so God has refined his people through the fire of suffering. The psalmist praised God for his gracious rescue.

R: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

C: who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

R: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

C: You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

R: you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

C: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,

R: that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

C: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

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

C: I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

R: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

C: But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Peter continues his teaching by encouraging the faithful not to fear if they should encounter suffering for the sake of their faith. He urges them to be ready to give a sure defense of their faith when anyone questions them. Even though they suffered for Christ, they will be blessed.

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 honor 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; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁵"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."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: A Home with The Father

HYMN: Have Thine Own Way, Lord.....RECLAIM No. 244

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words "Lord, in your mercy." Respond by saying, "Hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Jesus, Still Lead On.....RECLAIM No. 237

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Reader: Tony Miller

Greeters: Tony and Becky Miller

Keyboardist: Wendy LaFavor

Ushers: Ron Brooks and Don Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Today, we remember with thanksgiving the role of mothers in our society. God has established family as the basic, fundamental foundation stone of his created order. We thank God for the love of moms and mother-like figures.

South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will be hosting a pancake breakfast for veterans, as well as active military members and families here at RLC this Saturday, May 20th from 8:30am to 11:30am. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this outreach event. If you are interested in helping, see the volunteer sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center desk.

Resurrection Lutheran's **Women of the Word (WOW)** will meet on Saturday, May 27th at 10:00am. Our meeting will have a plant theme and you will enjoy the thoughts of green as we share and learn about the plants we love. Join us!

Delores Fast has moved to Oak Terrace Senior Living in North Mankato. If you are interested in visiting, her room number is 255.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	May 14	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	May 15	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	May 17	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	May 18	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	May 21	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

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Our Father, by Whose Name



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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