

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 29, 2011

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* **821 (v. 1-4)**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (Sung)

BAPTISM (10:30)

L: O Jesus, King of Glory, who ascended into heaven in the sight of Your Apostles;

C: O Jesus, who is seated in glory at the right hand of the Father;

L: O Jesus, to whom all power is given in heaven and on earth and whose kingdom is forever;

C: O Jesus, who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers, we gather to worship You.

L: O Jesus, who has gone to prepare a place for us and who will come again in glory.

C: Hear our prayer and confession, as we confess our sins unto You.

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have not been obedient to You. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We often have broken the bonds which bind us together as brothers and sisters. Because of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew us. Restore us to a right relationship with You and with one another. Hear our confession for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: Amen. (Sung)

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Sung)

***THE KYRIE**

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. (Sung)

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit. (Sung)

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

THE FIRST READING for the sixth Sunday of Easter is from Acts 17:22-31, pages 926-927: (5:00, 8:00)

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,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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

THE EPISTLE is from 1 Peter 3:15-22, page 1016:

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,¹⁶ 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (LSB page 190)

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Sung)

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter, verses 15-21, page 901:

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

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. 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (Sung)

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

(5:00, 8:00, 9:20)

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 everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SONG (Sung as the children come forward) (8:00 & 10:30)

- 1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in perfect love,
Died to be my Savior, Sent from heaven above.**
- 2. Glory be to Jesus, Risen Lord and King;
When on happy Easter, Alleluias ring.**
- 3. Glory be to Jesus, now ascended high;
Our eternal Savior, lives no more to die.**
- 4. Glory be to Jesus, Helping us to love;
Who, at last, receives us, to His home above.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00 & 10:30)

Marilyn Wiesehan

SERMON HYMN

Come, My Soul, with Every Care

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THE SERMON

Rev. Todd Wilken

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY

***THE OFFERTORY** (LSB pg 192)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen, amen, amen. (Sung)**

***THE CLOSING HYMN** *Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word*

- 1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Your Son
And set at naught all He has done.**
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your power make known,
For Thou are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.**
- 3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

***SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE** + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Rev. Todd Wilken
Liturgist Pastors Jon C. Furgeson and Dennis A. Kastens
Organist: Anna Horton
Sat. KFYO Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Roger Volk

NEWS AND NOTES:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 29, 2011

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Smalcald Articles

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

BAPTISM (10:30) Carter Alan Dean Cundiff, son of Quintin M.A.J. and Lindsay A. nee Thomas Cundiff.
Sponsors: Kyle J. and Kristen A. nee Bernhardt.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Ron and Shirley Duckworth in memory of Shirley's mother, Catherine Bode; and from Ray Bishop in honor of Ray and Karen Bishop's 49th wedding anniversary on June 3rd.

REV. TODD WILKEN of "Issues, Etc." heard Monday - Friday, 4:00 - 5:00 over KSIV, 1320 AM radio, is with us today in the pulpit. Welcome!

BON VOYAGE today (9:00-9:15) in the Commons to Kenneth and Gail Horvath departing to assist in launching Hanoi International Lutheran School in Vietnam on a 3-year assignment. TO THE HORVATH'S our gratitude for 30 years of instruction at Green Park Lutheran School, Careciples, Children's Messages, Banner Ministry, Chancel Choir, Handbells, Early Childhood Ministry, Keyboard Accompaniment, Coaching, and instruction at Abiding Savior Lutheran School. For their 30 years of ministry we are most thankful.

SUMMER CAMP FOR SCHOOL-AGERS begins June 1, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., for ages 5-13. Youth will enjoy sports, crafts and field trips. All meals included. For information and a tour, call Sue Velten, 892-8844.

THRIVENT presentation on "10 Financial Mistakes" will be June 8 at Blessed Savior - Florissant, at 1:00 p.m. Call 877-593-1195.

LUTHERAN HOUR GOLF CLASSIC, June 13, 11:00 a.m., Westborough Country Club. Contact www.lhm.org or 877-333-1963. Posted.

SUMMER ARTS CAMP Join us on July 11-15 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for our Summer Arts Camp. See Registration Forms on the table in the Commons for more information or call Sherry Bierwagen, DMM at 314-892-5610. Registration Deadline: June 27, 2011.

SIGN UP FOR VBS - "Journey to the Cross" June 6-10, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. \$10.00 per child. Sign up by May 29. Registration forms are available in the Commons.

MANDATORY VBS MEETING for ALL Vacation Bible School volunteers will be held next Sunday, June 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Commons.

YOUTH NEWS: Sr. Youth: Sign up to go to Kirkwood Park on June 7th for our Ultimate Frisbee Tournament against Glendale Lutheran. Lunch provided. Meet at church at 12:15 and we will return by 3:30. Jr. Youth: Sign up to help at Orphan Grain Train on June 14. Meet at church at 8:30 a.m. We will sort food and clothing that will be sent around the world to people in need. Bring \$6 for lunch. We will return to church by 2:00 p.m.

PEACE QUILTERS meet in the Lower Commons every Tuesday. Anyone interested in having a quilt quilted please contact Jeanette Smith.

MEMORIAL DAY

This weekend our nation honors the memory of those who have departed this life, especially American men and women who gave their lives fighting for their country. And it is fitting that we should do this. Most states observe this holiday at the end of May, though some celebrate it at other times. Actually, the day originated during the Civil War. A Virginia woman of French descent, accompanied by others, decorated the soldiers' graves, both Union and Confederate. Some think she chose May 30 because on that date Napoleon's body was returned to France from the island of St. Helena.

The Christian remembers another important death, one that is not associated with a quiet spot in some cemetery but with a triumphal resurrection. It is the crucifixion of Jesus. No warrior ever fought a fiercer battle. No soldier ever passed through a more difficult conflict. In dying, our Lord felt the full force of divine judgment as He bore our sins in His own body on the cross. He destroyed "him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14). Prior to Calvary, Christ left instructions for keeping that event alive in our memories. He said, "For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till He comes." The Lord's Supper is a vivid memorial of His atoning death endured for our salvation.

We do not recall some beautiful gravesite in Jerusalem. Our Savior is risen and seated in Glory. His nail-scarred hands and feet tell of a battle fought and won. We remember His death with joy, because He is the Captain of our salvation who lives forever!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 29, 2011:

Today: 5:00 Simpson/Smith Wedding

Mon: Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED
9:30 Berean Careciples

Tue: 9:00 Quilters
7:00 Adult Inquiry

Wed: 7:00 Wednesday Bible Study

Sat: 5:00 DS III with Communion

Sun: 11:30 VBS Mandatory Meeting for Volunteers
6:00 Young Adult Bible Study