



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois
May 5-6, 2018



THE PRELUDE: “Prelude in G Major”

by J. S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 770 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Divine Service Four, page 203ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: page 203 (*please stand if you are able*)

We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another

INTROIT: Psalm 66



Come and hear, all you who | fear God, and I will tell what He has done | for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;

sing the glory of His name; give to Him | glorious praise!

Bless our God, O | peoples; let the sound of His | praise be heard,

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

Blessèd | be God, because He has not removed His steadfast | love from me!

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit

As it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

KYRIE: (*sung*) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: “Glory to God in the Highest” page 204

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. C: **O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 10:34-48

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And 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. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

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 under His feet.**

THE EPISTLE READING:

1 John 5:1-8

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. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 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. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand if able) **ALLELUIA:** (page 205)

(sung) **Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are written that you may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 15:9-17

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter. C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: CREED

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **The Nicene Creed: page 206** (10:30 a.m.) **The Apostles’ Creed: page 207**

(please be seated)

(10:30 a.m.) **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG:**

**God is so good, God is so good, God is so good He’s so good to me.
He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He’s so good to me.
He loves me so, He loves me so, He loves me so, He’s so good to me.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 829 “Christ the Eternal Lord”

SERMON: “God’s Genuine Love” John 15:9-17

P: Most gracious Father: May the words of my mouth,

C: and the meditation of our hearts,

All: be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (please stand if you are able)

(Each petition ends “**Lord, in Your mercy**” and we respond, “**hear our prayer.**”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Alvin Moeller, Wilma Wagner, Wilma Stellhorn, C. John Prigge, Edward Luttman, Pearl Luttman, Fred Wiegand, Jane Donjon, Susie Harms; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Rev. Mike and Melanie Maddick, Dwain Schrader, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Donna Sandersfeld, Dan Krebel, Caleb Oakley, Jeff Theobald, Robin Steinmann, Bobby Wood, Kate Snyder, Jeff Westbrook, Mel Heinemann. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with the names to include in prayer.) Army- Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Tim Healy, Christopher Dupertius, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Casey Vallett, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner; Navy- Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; Air Force- Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Ched Wagner; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Garrett Carnahan, Brent Knop, Thomas Lewis

+the family of St. John’s member C.J. Collins who died in the Lord Sunday morning

+the wedding of Taylor Horrell and Reed Juengling on May 12th in Missouri

+the return of our 8th grade class from its trip to Washington DC

+our 7th grade teacher Michelle Hines has a call to Central Lutheran School, Newhall, Iowa

+favorable weather for farming and safety in the fields this week

(please be seated) **OFFERING:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arranged by *Allan Mahnke*

The 10:30 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer, a Closing Prayer, and Benediction.

(5 p.m. and 8 a.m.) **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff.

PREFACE AND SANCTUS: page 208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER: page 209

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and the PAX DOMINI: page 209

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: “**Amen.**”

THE AGNUS DEI: page 210

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (please be seated)

430 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

556 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

766 “Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” page 211

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: page 212

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: page 212

CLOSING HYMN: 700 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

THE POSTLUDE: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” arr. by *Benjamin M. Culli*

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