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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Weekend



HE IS RISEN
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

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We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL SONG ~ 'Step by Step'

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days

Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me , and I will follow You all of my days
And I will follow You all of my days, follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

Rich Mullins

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

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

All: Amen.

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

P: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Your great mercy You have promised forgiveness of sins to all those who come to you in true faith looking for forgiveness. Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us into the joyous and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater joy in your faith, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen. I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my prayers. Because He has inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God and everlasting God, You bind together Your faithful people of all times and all places into one holy communion, which is the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to follow Your blessed saints in godly living so that, together with them, we can come to the great joys You have planned for all those who love you.

C: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit on God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING ~ Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. ²⁷God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by man's design and skill. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING ~ 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." ¹⁵But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING ~ John 14:15-21

¹⁵If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE SONG ~ 'He Knows My Name'

1 I have a Father, He calls me His own
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go

Chorus

He knows my name. He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls. And hears me when I call

2 I have a Maker, He formed my heart
Before even time began, My life was in His hands **(Chorus)**

3 I have a Father, He calls me His own
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go **(Chorus)**

He knows my name. He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls. And hears me when I call
He hears me when I call.

Tommy Walker

MESSAGE ~ Reason for Hope

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

OFFERING SONG ~ 'Revelation Song'

1 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

- 2 Clothed in rainbows of living color
 Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
 Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
 To You the only wise King **(Chorus)**

Kari Jobe

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Our confirmands confess the Christian faith in which they have been baptized and instructed, including that of the Apostles' Creed. Parents will also place a stole on each confirmand as they come forward for the blessing from parents, the church, and sponsors or other family.

SONG OF BLESSING ~ 'The Lord Bless' (Solo)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer. *(after final petition: **Amen.**)*

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Guests Please Note: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion; that as we participate in the sacrament we receive His body and blood. If you are confirmed and trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord and accept this understanding of communion you are invited to commune with us. There is a choice of individual or common cup. You may choose a Gluten free wafer from the brass container as the host is served.

WORDS OF INVITATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ.....This do in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught us...

All: 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.

PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION AND SONG

'Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)'

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now I'm found;
Was blind but now I see.

2. The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be.
As long as life endures.

Chorus:

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home. *Chorus*

4. When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun. *Chorus*

Ending

Unending love, amazing grace.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: O Lord, we pray that what we have received with our lips we may keep with joyful hearts, and that through this gift we receive life forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ~ 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heaven'ly host.
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost

Praise to the Father, praise the Son
Praise to the Spirit, three in one.
Praise to the most high God we sing
Praise to our Savior, Lord & King

Praise our God
Praise His name.
Praise our God
For our God saves.

Let every mouth the Lord proclaim
Let earth and heaven sing His praise.
Let every knee before Him bow
For great is our God the Lord of all.

Praise our God
Praise His name.
Praise our God
For our God saves.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heaven'ly host.
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost

THE SENDING

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to the Lord and praise His name.

C: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

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

C: Amen & Amen.

P: Go in peace and serve the Living Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC