

# ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter** **May 14, 2023**

## CHRIST IS RISEN!

We joyfully welcome all who gather here this morning to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. A special welcome to all guests and visitors. From our sin we expected judgment, from the cross we expected death, but on this morning we celebrate the empty tomb, the risen Lord, and the gift of God's grace - forgiveness, salvation, and life everlasting.

**HALLELUJAH!**

## End-of-Year Sunday School Program

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements

Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth Grade Class

Song      *"God Is Watching Over You"*

Choir  
3 Year olds – Third Grade

### Disciples Class

Jonah & Big Fish

Jonah 2:2

*"In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me"*

### Believers Class

Creation

Genesis 1:31

*"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good"*

### Apostles Class

Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-26

Song      *"Amazing Grace" & "Kum Ba Yah"*

Bell Choir  
3 Year olds – Third Grade

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

***God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song***

*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

## **\*Gospel Reading**

### **John 14:15-21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Special Music**     *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

*Amy Charlson*

## **Children’s Sermon**

**Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth Grade Class**

**Sermon**

Pastor Bill Peters

**Song**           *“God Is So Good, Jesus Loves Me”*

**Chime Choir  
Fourth Grade – Eighth Grade**

**Song of the Day**   *“Jesus Loves Me”*

Blue # 205

*Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Refrain       Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. Refrain*

*Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. Refrain*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

## **Noisy Offering Offering**

**Special Music**     *“Winter Festival”*

*Emily Charlson*

**Fourth & Fifth Grade Class  
New Testament**

## Apostles' Creed

Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth Grade Class

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

Sixth, Seventh, & Eighth Grade Class

### ✠ **SENDING** ✠

*God blesses us and sends us in mission in the world*

## Blessing

### Three-Fold Amen

### Ringing of the Bell

## Song

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.  
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth  
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**



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Gaugely Schmidt, Olivia Singelstad

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**Third Grade:** Kennedy Buhmann, Carter Egesdal,  
Madison Martinson, Weston Pilgrim, Cooper Schmidt

**Fourth Grade:** Piper Schmidt, Jenna Solomonson

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## Life with the Spirit

What do we do when we feel abandoned by people we believed would always be there for us? When relationships end or coworkers betray us? When friends move or someone close to us dies? The impact of those losses can change our whole world. It can make us question our self-worth and make us wonder if we are really of any value. When this happens, it's easy to ask if what we do actually matters.

As Jesus prepares his disciples for what life will be like for them after he dies, he tells them to keep his commandments and assures them they will not be left orphaned. It's an important message for them to hear. They are about to experience the trauma of witnessing Jesus' betrayal and death, the fear of being wanted men hiding from the authorities, and the grief of feeling like they have lost their purpose in life. Their world is about to be thrown into chaos because the person who had led them, taught them, and taken care of them would now be gone.

Jesus' words are a promise that God's love is too great to leave them abandoned. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever" (John 14:15-16). His words are also a promise that what they continue to do matters. Keeping his commandments isn't necessary for God to love them, but doing so will serve as a reminder of their love for Jesus and will open them up to experiencing the Advocate in their lives. Jesus' command to love God and our neighbor isn't a fee we have to pay for the Spirit to spend time with us. It is our response to the powerful good news that the Spirit is with us forever.