

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

(LSB 501)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps 119:89-93 (antiphon v 105)

- P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
- C **Forever, O LORD, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.**
- P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- C **By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.**
- P If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
- C **I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

KYRIE

- P O Lord, C **have mercy.**
- P O Christ, C **have mercy.**
- P O Lord, C **have mercy on us today.**



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"All Glory Be to God Alone"

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
 high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
 grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
 gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

5 **You only are the Holy One
 And over all are Lord alone.
 O Jesus Christ, we glorify
 You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
 With Him You evermore shall be
 One in the Father's majesty.**

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray. 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.
- C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Acts 17:16-31

(Paul addresses the Areopagus)

After the reading:

- L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

(Thomas Keesecker)

Helen Kiepke, soloist

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13-22

(Suffering for righteousness sake)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, My Soul, with Ev'ry Care"

(LSB 779)

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

(Jesus promises the Holy Spirit)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CREED

"We All Believe in One True God"

(LSB 953)



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de-scend-ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

SERMON

"God's House"
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Acts 17:24-26)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P For the faithful proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him that through hearing the Word of the Lord many may be brought to faith and to the knowledge of the truth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church of God here and everywhere, that all who confess Jesus Christ may be united in doctrine and witness, defended against all the assaults of the enemy, and eager to gather together around Your Word and Sacrament in love for one another, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this parish, for the work of the Kingdom in our community, and for the resources to accomplish all that God desires, that His name may be glorified among us and His purpose fulfilled in our words and works, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the agencies and institutions through which we love our neighbor and provide for those in need, for the destitute and homeless, and for everyone who suffers unemployment and underemployment, that we may aid them in their needs and assist them to find honorable labor to supply all their needs, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the lonely who suffer the burdens of life without friendship or family, for those depressed or weary of pandemic measures, and for the fellowship of the Church, that we may bear one another's burdens and live in community with Christ as our head, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and those who suffer, [*especially _____,*] that God would grant healing to their bodies, peace for their minds, and consolation in their grief and sorrows, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the nation, for those who lead our nation, for the end of the pandemic, for peace among nations, and for an end to terror and violence, that we may work for the common good so that justice may prevail, life be protected and truth abound, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P O Lord, our God, as we recall the obedient life and life-giving death of Your Son for our salvation, we pray You to strengthen our faith and to make our hearts bold, that we may not fear but address our prayers to You in all humility. Hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who even now stands before You on our behalf, pleading our cause with His own blood, until that day when we are delivered from the changes and chances of this mortal life and stand before You in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

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.**

OFFERING *Several opportunities are available for you to support your church and its ministry. Check out our website (www.faithluth.com) and click on the "electronic giving" link for more information.*

(Please stand)

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"New Songs of Celebration Render"

(LSB 792)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 17 – THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER What makes our Easter celebration so amazing is that here it is that same Lord Jesus whom we witnessed dying on a bloody cross who now risen from the dead appears and speaks to us. Today He promises to send to us “another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth” (John 14:16–17). By means of the Spirit we are equipped not only to testify and witness to the saving faith but also, should it be God’s will, to suffer for that testimony. We hear the inspired words of Peter speak about suffering “for righteousness’ sake” living in the very resurrection hope

of Christ.

Peter wants to convince us that it is precisely in our suffering that Christ meets us and acts for us. For He knows suffering intimately but also possesses the triumph over it. He points us to our Baptism, where Christ’s victory becomes our victory. His resurrection life gives us new life, which for now is but the beginning to be stretched out into life eternal.

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

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Sixth Sunday of Easter! We are delighted to have you in worship with us.

Preaching today is Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor. Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor, is our Liturgist.

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION

Please come to church for a time of individual communion. We will allow groups of 9 (plus the pastor) at a time to receive Jesus' body and blood.

Join us on Sunday morning from 9:30-11:30AM.

You may come at any point during those times. If a group is already in the sanctuary, please wait in the narthex. Also be conscious of the suggested distance (six feet) from fellow worshippers.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sun., May 103, General Fund \$8,814.00; Building Fund \$475.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,080.00; 642 Rent \$850.00; Love Fund in memory of Bob Shoup \$100.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Bob Shoup-Blessings in Faith (Undesignated) \$175.00, Endowment Fund in memory of Bob Shoup-Future in Faith (Education Fund) \$200.00; Endowment Fund-Future in Faith (Education) \$100.

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.



Confirmation Our 8th Grade Confirmation for this year has been postponed until a later date as yet to be determined. Once things are more back to "normal" we will let you know the new date for Confirmation. Pastor Rajek has extended the time for the students to complete their essays, which are a requirement for successful completion of our Confirmation program. Please be getting those turned in to Pastor at: seniorpastor@faithluth.com.

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

May 17, 2020

10:00 AM-This is the Life-"A Face from the Past"- A man struggles to come to terms with the memory and feelings of guilt with his estranged father.

10:30 AM-Rev. Brent Keller of Peace Lutheran Church in Alcester, SD brings the message "An Invitation to Ask" based on Numbers 21 and John 16:23-33. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

May 24, 2020

10:00 AM-This is the Life-"Love is Not Enough"- A young couple struggles mightily with the decision to marry, exploring is what truly is important.

10:30 AM-The message is presented by Rev. Matthew Nix of Christ and Trinity churches in Sioux Falls. "Jesus Prays for You" is based on John 17:9. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Ascension Day, a holy day falling inconspicuously on a Thursday in May, is the conspicuous declaration that we are not left as orphans. In the same post-resurrection body that He invited Thomas to touch, Jesus invites us to full humanity even today. He ascended with a body, He shares in our humanity, extending His own body even now, promising to return for our own bodies. Christ is preparing a room for us, and we can know it is real because He himself is real." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 17

8:20 am Worship – Livestreamed

9:30-11:30 am Communion

Tues: May 19

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Thurs: May 21

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sun: May 24

8:20 am Worship - Livestreamed

9:30-11:30 am Communion

Faith Lutheran Youth 

The Acolyte Schedule is on hold until church services resume.

Preschool 2020-2021 pre-registration forms are in the basket on the information table in the Narthex. You may also find a form on our website. There are still a few openings in each session but if you prefer one session over another you may want to apply early.



May 21, 2020