

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151



**one FAITH,
one LORD,
one BAPTISM.**

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.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – Sacred Music from Lutheran Public Radio

OPENING HYMN – LSB 501 – Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ WORD ✠ ✠ ✠

INTROIT – Psalm 119:89-93; antiphon: Psalm 119:105

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.

**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.**

**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

Choir: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY— 2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.**

FIRST LESSON – Acts 17:16-31 – Paul in Athens

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So 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. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

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, ²⁷that 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, ²⁸for

“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.”

²⁹Being 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. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

C 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.

SECOND LESSON – 1 Peter 3:13-22 – Suffering for Christ

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard 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; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because 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. ²¹Baptism, 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE – Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him. (Refrain)*

*In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the world. (Refrain)*

HOLY GOSPEL – John 14:15-21 – The promise of the Holy Spirit

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “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. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever 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.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 556 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (Vs. 1-5)



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan’s chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world’s foun-
 5 God said to His be-lov-ed Son: “It’s time to have com-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
 o’er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
 gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God’s judg-ment fought, Dead to all
 da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for
 pas-sion. Then go, bright jew-el of My crown, And bring to



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
 moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
 good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
 my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther’s heart; He
 all sal-va-tion. From sin and sor-row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic-t’ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
 life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
 on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.
 did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.
 bit-ter death for them that they May live with You for-ev-er.”

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SERMON – *Baptism Now Saves You* – 1 Peter 3:13-22

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 556 – *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* (Vs. 6-10)



6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -
9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast
cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly
teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis - guised He bore; A
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.
heav'n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

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APOSTLES CREED

**☩ 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
A ...through Your Son, 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.

BENEDICTION – *Numbers 6:24-26*

P 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.

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia! (*honk*)

CLOSING HYMN – LSB 725 – Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued below)*

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Come Down, O Love Divine* (arr. Brian Hanson)



We are thankful that you are with us today!

Please take a moment this week to [let us know that you were here](#).

Please allow those who backed into their parking spots to leave first.

You may leave your offering at the mailbox as you enter the mission field.

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Announcements



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Pastoral Care

Pastors [Edwards](#) and [Beck](#) are available throughout the week for personal prayer, counsel, private individual confession and absolution.

Sunday School lessons and Bible study/devotional resources for all ages are available on the [Christian Education page](#) of our website (FaithBtown.org). [This week we learn how Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit](#). These resources will help you share and discuss the Bible story and also dive in deeper with videos, songs, a printable word search, craft ideas, and more. Take a look!

Spirit Camp

This year, due to the serious nature of CO-VID 19 and our desire to protect our neighbor, Spirit Camp 2020 will be available via [virtual and take-home format](#). Please note:

- For those families who registered, take-home bags will be available beginning SUNDAY JUNE 14, in a pickup box outside of the sanctuary.
- Videos will also be available for all families at that time on our YouTube channel to follow along. Look for specific directions in the weeks to come.
- SERVANTEENS/VOLUNTEERS! We still need your help! We are making introduction videos: email katie.sensabaugh@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.

God's blessings to each of you as we continue to serve Jesus and our neighbor!

Join your voices

Join our virtual **hymn sing and hymn exploration** this Wednesday from 7-7:45pm via Zoom! If you'd rather not sing, you are more than welcome to simply listen. You may submit requests to Dr. Gabriel ahead of time or during the event. [Visit our website](#) for details.

Bible Study

Our online Bible study takes place on Thursdays at 7pm via Zoom. To participate this week, [email Pastor Beck](#) to request the link. Past participants will receive the link automatically.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

Meghan Jerke—Bloomington South
Amy Harrison—Bloomington South
Mya Hagerty—Bloomington North
Ethan Coy—Bloomington North
Joshua Grimes—Edgewood
Domenic Head—Bloomington South
Brooke McAninch—Bloomington South

