



Anyone who
Loves Me
will obey my
Teaching

6th Sunday of Easter

May 14 and 15, 2023



Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Psalm 105:3

Worship Information

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TODAY'S WORSHIP FOCUS

True love involves obedience. Jesus did not simply say he loved his heavenly Father. He proved it by obeying his Father, even when that obedience meant dying on a cross for our sake. Love for God who lives in us leads us to a life of obedience. The God who lives in us calls us to live for him. It is as simple as that. Love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands.



OPENING HYMN

606 | *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



The words of the invocation are the words used in Baptism. They intentionally remind us that our relationship with God is secure because of his grace.



Jesus authorized us to speak these words of forgiveness on his behalf. Hear them as Jesus speaking to you!



The word Kyrie is a Greek word from the phrase Kyrie eleison which means, "Lord, have mercy!" Here it is not a cry for forgiveness, but a plea that our Lord hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. Christians have been praying the Kyrie at Sunday worship for more than 1700 years.

LORD, HAVE MERCY –Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



The first line of this song is from Psalm 8:1.

Psalm 8 is a Messianic Psalm—it is about Jesus! Like the Psalm it is based on, this song praises God for what Jesus has done to save us.

The work of Jesus to save us is the greatest glory of God.



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

PLEASE BE SEATED

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

"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 human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

"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 human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For 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 everyone by raising him from the dead."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



To the people of Athens Paul proclaimed that living as the offspring of the one true God means living a life of repentance and obedience.





*Peter taught that
love for God
means obedience
to his commands
even if that
obedience brings
suffering into our
lives.*

PSALM 42

In the front of the hymnal

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:13-18

Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

PLEASE STAND

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



The words of John 20:31 are set to music to remind us of the purpose of God's Word — to direct to Jesus that we would believe and have life.



Jesus explains that those who love him will obey his teaching. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit who gives us the power to live for Christ.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the 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. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

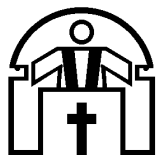


C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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HYMN OF THE DAY

557 vs. 1-5 | *Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice*



SERMON

1 John 3:13-18

What is a Christian Home?

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

Spoken by the Minister

The Creeds were written to summarize the Biblical truths about God. This Creed's focus is in the article about Jesus, reminding us that Jesus is true God! Notice the specific phrases that point to Jesus' divine nature.



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Spoken by the Minister.

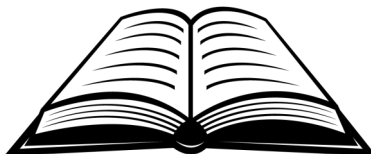
LORD'S PRAYER



This is the prayer Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1-4). If you would like to review the meaning of this prayer, our hymnal includes Luther's Small Catechism. The section on the Lord's Prayer begins on page 289.

**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.**

If you continue
IN MY WORD



you are truly
MY DISCIPLES

THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



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

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



This section of the liturgy is one of the most ancient parts of the liturgy of the Christian Church.

The second response is called the "Sursum Corda" ("Lift up your hearts" in Latin). It comes from Lamentations 3:41 and Psalm 86:4. The final response is one of thanksgiving.

In this statement by the Minister you hear 1 John 2:2, Revelation 12:10, and Revelation 5:13 spoken as words of praise to the God who has saved us!



In Isaiah 6 we read that angelic choirs sing “Holy, Holy, Holy” to God in heaven. They do this to worship the perfect and holy God. While we do not see him with our eyes, in the Lord’s Supper, God is present as we receive Jesus’ body and blood. It is most fitting for us to praise the God who has saved us, using the heavenly song.

The minister repeats the words recorded in Scripture regarding the institution of the Lord’s Supper. In doing this he proclaims the truth of what we receive in this sacrament.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Spoken by the Minister, followed by:

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

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD - *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an expression of spiritual unity. Therefore, we practice "close communion" at Living Hope. If you are a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to take the Lord's Supper with us; if you are not, please speak to one of our pastors after the service so that he can explain our practice in more detail.



This ancient song text is based on John the Baptist's proclamation that Jesus is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The simple words remind us of the heavenly blessing we receive in the Lord's Supper.



On pages 295-296 in the hymnal you will find "Christian Questions" to help you prepare for the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

745 | *Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying*

675 | *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

PLEASE STAND

COMMUNION BLESSING

Spoken by the Minister



We have heard
God's Word and
received the
Sacrament. This
song prepares us
to leave God's
house. May we
proudly live as
God's people so
that all we do
and say brings
him glory.

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, though Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.



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CLOSING HYMN

932 | *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*



These are the words of the blessing that the Lord commanded his Old Testament priests to use in Numbers 6.



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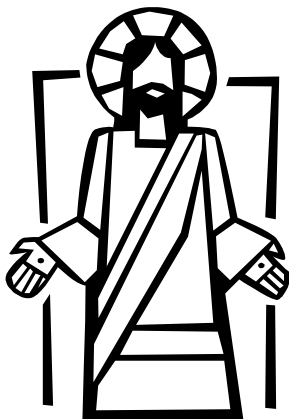


In a sermon on John 14:16 from our Gospel Lesson, Martin Luther said:

The world has courage and confidence when its purse and its coffer are full. Then it has such arrogance and courage that the devil cannot get on with a wealthy peasant. Another is proud of his nobility and power, of the favor and honor which he enjoys among people. If a person is wise and learned, he is proud of his mind and forges ahead with it so much that no one can stop him; and no one who perchance has more power, honor, knowledge, money, or goods than another want to yield to his fellow man. But if you look at this attitude correctly, it is nothing but the defiant courage of fools and children, which has no staying power.

But the comfort and courage of Christendom, created by the Holy Spirit, are steadfast, properly motivated, and pleasing to God and his angels. Thus we read that the holy martyrs were defiantly courageous against tyrants, torments, and suffering. When the young virgins Agnes and Agatha went to prison and to death, they were very confident and joyful. They felt, as they also said aloud, as if they were going to a wedding. Truly, my dear daughter, if to you going to prison and being beheaded is like going to a dance, you must in truth have a heart, mind, and courage different from those of the world. . . . Such courage assuredly is the work of the Holy Spirit alone.

(What Luther Says, p. 349)



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