



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Worship Service
May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. **Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”**

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

We will rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch over every nation.

GATHERING HYMN – ELW #731 Earth and All Stars
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cnfpOQU8Ws>

Thanksgiving of Baptism

In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him in new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Silence for reflection)

We give you thanks O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden.

We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen, amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Hallelu, Let the People All Sing” National Lutheran Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEgrToLCHFk>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of

heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is 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 too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹**who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;**

¹²you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

¹³**I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,**

¹⁴those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

¹⁷**I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹**But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

²⁰**Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in

the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, 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 made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They 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.**

Holy Gospel & Message – Tim Leitner, SAM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=098HkAsGJYo&feature=youtu.be>

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW #595 Jesus Loves Me – Joey+Rory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jABcYKhDrl>

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

HERE IS BREAD ELW #483

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9nOWL30EP8>

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ELW #611
First Plymouth Church, Lincoln Nebraska, October 22, 2017
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkC7eoR81U>

BENEDICTION

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you in new life,
fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
“Animated Faith”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPsxqQsnzJA>

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as He said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!