

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.



## WELCOME TO GRACE

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Recognition of Graduates**

**Teacher Appreciation**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gathering Hymn** 'The Day of Resurrection' **361**

## Greeting

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*Be seated.*

**Kyrie** pp. 138-139

**Hymn of Praise** pp. 140-141

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen**

## **First Reading**

Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For 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. <sup>24</sup>The 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, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From 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, <sup>27</sup>so 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. <sup>28</sup>For '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.'

<sup>29</sup>Since 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.

<sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because 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.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

### **Second Reading**

I Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but 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; <sup>16</sup>yet 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. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For 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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who 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. <sup>21</sup>And 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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at

the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *'Christ is Risen!'* (382-refrain)

**C Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Risen our victorious head!**

**Sing his praises! Alleluia!**

**Christ is risen from the dead!**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel**

John 14:15-21

[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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

## **Sermon**

"O Lord, help me to understand  
that you ain't goin' to let nuthin' come my way that  
You and I together can't handle. Amen

## **Hymn of the Day**

*'We Know That Christ Is Raised'*

**449**

*Stand as you are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

p. 104

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Joining our voices with your faithful ones in  
every time and place, we offer our prayers in  
the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## **Peace**

*The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

*Be seated.*

## **Offering**

Stand as you are able.

## **Offertory**

*'Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia' (364-refrain)*

**C** **Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

## Offering Prayer

A Be known to us, O Lord,

**C in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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**Lord's Prayer**

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*Be seated.*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Gluten free wafers available upon request. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

## Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God' p. 146

'Thy Holy Wings' **613**

'My God, How Wonderful Thou Art' **863**

*Stand as you are able.*

## Table Blessing

## Post Communion Prayer

A Life-giving God,

**C in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory**

**to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

### **Blessing**

**P** May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

### **Sending Hymn**

*'Go, My Children, with My Blessing'*

**543**

### **Dismissal**

**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

### **Prayer Huddle**

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**Welcome to Grace**

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.*

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**Greeters:** Mason – Robbie Johnson & Family  
East – Carol & Ralph Sievert

**Assisting Minister:** Ron Williams

**Lector:** Carey Mackesy

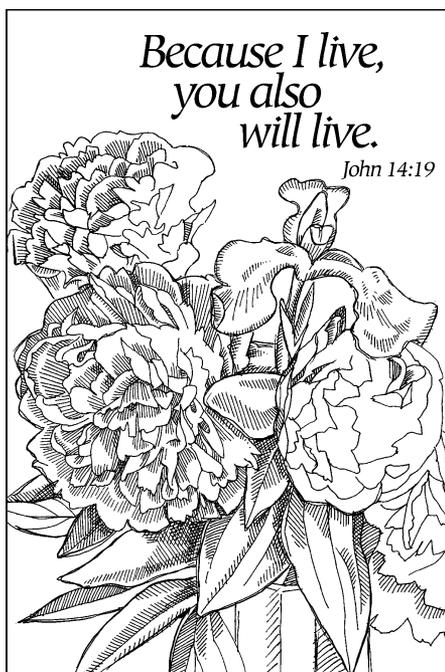
**Communion:** Gene Krull

**Ushers:** Robbie Johnson, David Lease, Aaron Seidl,  
Jon Seidl

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 5/14:** 8:30 a.m. 65  
10:30 a.m. 14

**High School Grilled Cheese Lunch 5/11:** 118



## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Ellen Holz, Art Peterson and Pastor Jim Seim.

***For those in Hospice Care*** especially Adeline Elias.

***For Healing*** for Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Val Sieg; Joyce Asman living at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Ron Bailey.

***For those with cancer*** especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Robyn Messenger, Deb Baumbach's sister; Roger Schmidt; Bob Blaskowski.

***“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”*** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

## **Announcements**

**Summer Worship** times will begin next Sunday, May 28 with one service at 9:00 a.m. See you then!

The **Semi-Annual Meeting** will be held on Sunday, June 11 after worship at about 10:00 a.m.

### **New Member Gatherings**

Have you been thinking of joining Grace? We are planning a New Member Sunday on Pentecost Sunday which is June 4 this year. Interested people are asked to attend a gathering with Pastor Dan on Friday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m.

**Congratulations Graduates!** Graduates that Grace is aware of are Kaleigh Hilger: BA in Conservation and Environmental Science from U.W. Milwaukee; Stephen Hilger: Master's Degree in Education from Alverno College; Michaela (Grow) Sahr: Bachelor of Science – Nursing, RN from U.W. Oshkosh; and Jacob Sahr: U.S. Army Ranger School – Graduated in March 2017.

**The RUMMAGE SALE** has been a great success so far. Please stop in the Parish Activity Center and take a look at the items still available. Almost everything is going for half price, so stop in and pick up a bargain today. Also, many helpers are needed at 9:45 to box up all leftovers. Please consider staying to help. Many hands make light work. Thanks for all of your support.

**Recycling Program at FVLH:** May 22 at 10:30 a.m. An Outagamie County representative will present updated information about recycling. Call 734-7225 to register.

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday, May 21**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)  
*Teacher Appreciation & Grad Recognition Sunday*  
*Rummage Sale Take Down*
- Monday, May 22**.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, May 23**.....6:30 p.m. TLC Council Mtg.  
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus
- Wed., May 24**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study
- Thu., May 25**.....6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds
- Friday, May 26**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, May 27**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, May 28**.....9:00 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)