

Christ Lutheran

May 17, 2020

**BEFORE LONG,
THE WORLD WILL NOT**

SEE ME ANYMORE,

BUT YOU WILL SEE ME.

**BECAUSE I LIVE,
YOU ALSO WILL LIVE.**

-JOHN 14:19 NIV

The Sixth Sunday after Easter

Welcome

Opening Song

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia” LSB 463

Invocation

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Enter His courts today with thanksgiving and praise!

C: We praise You, O God, forever and ever!

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: To God we lift them high!

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P: We confess to You, Heavenly Father, that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, actions, words, and in ways we are not even aware. We have failed at loving You above all things and loving our neighbors as ourselves. For this and all our sins, have mercy on us and forgive us. Cleanse us from our sin and we will be whiter than snow! In the name of and for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Almighty God...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Children's Message

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 17:16–31

Now 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. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For 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. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And 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, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

"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."

Being 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. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because 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."

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 3:13–22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor 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; yet 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

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

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even 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.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever 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: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Affirmation of Faith

The 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.

Message Song

"By Grace I'm Saved" LSB 566

The Message

"The Declaration of Victory!"

The Prayers of the Church

P: Risen Savior,

C: Hear us as we pray!

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Sending and Benediction

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Alleluia!

P: Hear the good words of our Lord...and give you peace!

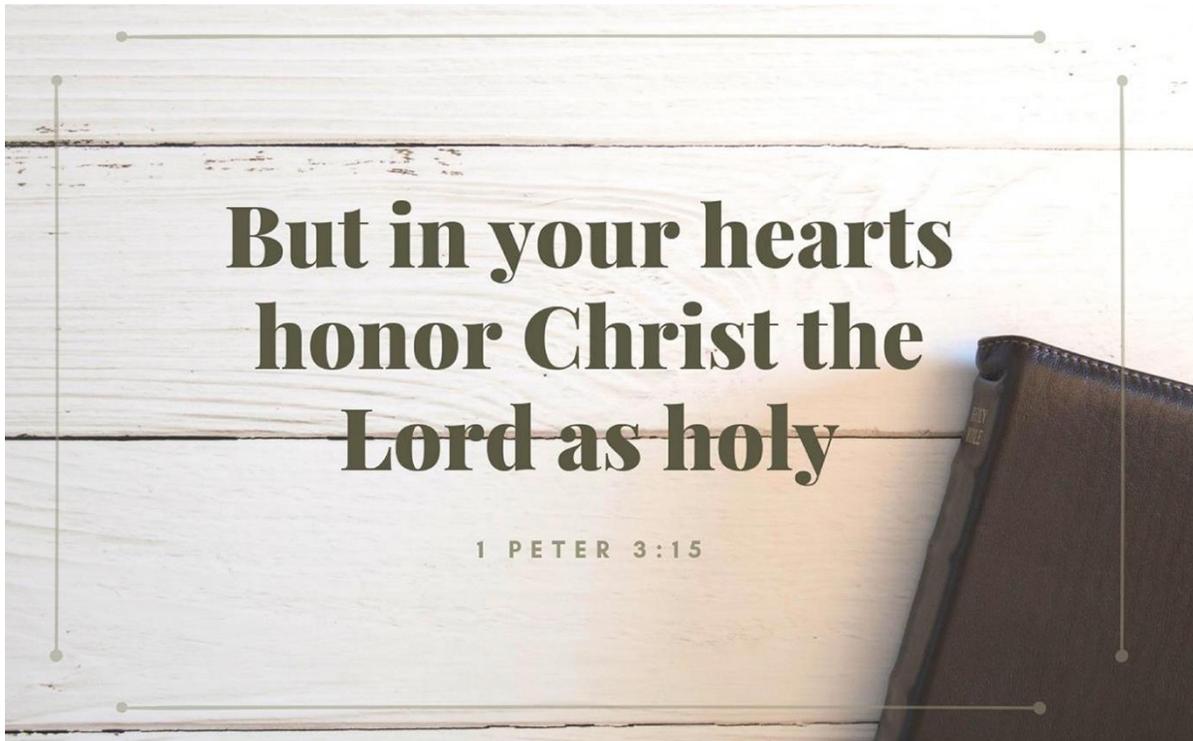
C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Closing Song

"Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832



The Hymnal Project

"In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS."

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John 14:18