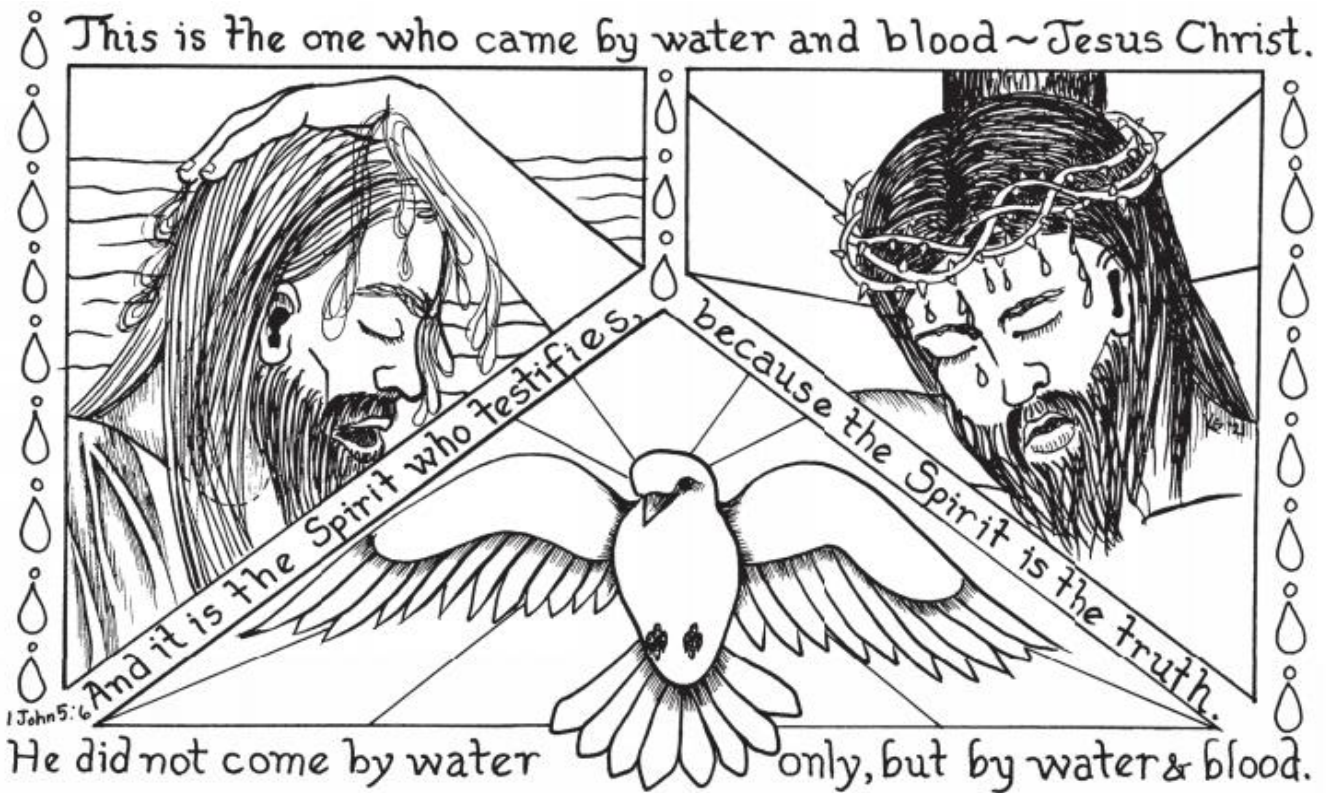


Christ Lutheran

May 9, 2021



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Song/Hymn

"Build My Life" (Praise Team)
"O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470 (Online)

Invocation, Confession, & Absolution

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** O Lord, have mercy.
C **O Christ, have mercy.**
- P** O Lord, have mercy.
C **Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to You.**
- P** In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,
C **for You answer me.**
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
- P** For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**
- P** Almighty God... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34-48

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson

1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children's Chat

The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!**

The Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Message Song/Hymn

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LSB 466

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LSB 457 (Online)

Message

"Circumcision Is Not What You Think It Is!"

We Go to God in Prayer

- P** Lord, in Your mercy:
C Hear our prayer.

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 Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P The gifts of God for you, God's people.
C Amen.

We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal

Psalm 145:14-16

- P** At Your gracious invitation we come. Lord Jesus, bless us and these Your gifts!
C The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in due season. For You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Amen.

Distribution Songs

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LSB 621
"Fruit We Bear" (Praise Team)
"Cling To The Cross" (Praise Team)

The Post Communion Prayer

- P** Almighty and everlasting God,
C We thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ.
P Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal.
C Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending

- A** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.
P For he has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
C For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
P For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
C and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
A My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.
P He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
C He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
P He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
C He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his seed forever.
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
A My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.
P Go in peace; serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all.
C Amen.

Closing Song/Hymn

"He Reigns" (Praise Team)

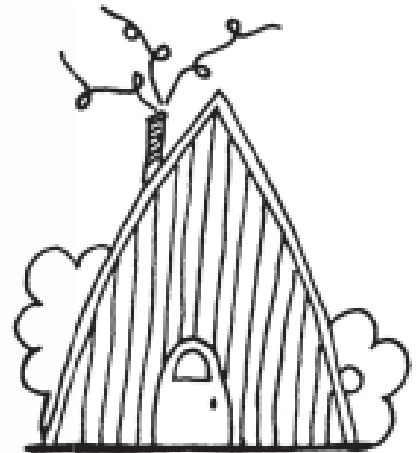
"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" LSB 488 (Online)

Postlude

The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1

What was the most important thing I learned today?

Who can I share Jesus with this week?



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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1 John 5:4

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