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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Contemporary Worship

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about today's service

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices are available at the Gathering Space desk.

Announcements and Songs of Praise (8:20 am)

Welcome

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C. Amen.

P: Trusting in the power of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Lord God,

C: in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

P: Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song: "I Love to Be In Your Presence"

Chorus (2X)

I love to be in Your presence, with Your people singing praises.

I love to stand and rejoice, lift my hands and raise my voice.

Verse

You set my feet to dancing, You fill my heart with song;

You give me reason to rejoice, rejoice.

Chorus

Verse

Chorus (3X)

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Greeting

P: Rejoice and be glad. Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

(Sit)

† Word †

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

Children's Time

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul 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."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

“Shout to the Lord”

Verse

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength,
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

Chorus 1

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

Verse

Chorus 2

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have,
Nothing compares to the promise I have,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

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(Stand)

Gospel

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sermon: Acts Church: Chosen

Pastor Jack M. Horner

(Stand)

Nicene Creed

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Lord, in your mercy,"

*Please respond with: "**hear our prayer.**"*

✝ Meal ✝

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Sit)

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Offering:

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Special Music: "Still"

Olivia Rice and Olivia Shields

Verse 1

I believe that You are God alone,
But sometimes I still try to take control.
'Cause I get scared when I can't see the end,
and all You want from me is to let go.

Chorus

You're parting waters, making a way for me.
You're moving mountains that I don't even see.
You've answered my prayer before I even speak.
All You need for me to be is still.

Verse 2

I'll bring my praise before I bring my need,
'cause there's no fear You've not already seen.
I'll rest my heart on all Your promises,
'cause I have seen and know Your faithfulness.

Chorus

Bridge

And know that You are God.
Be still, and know that You, trust that You are,
Parting waters.
You whispered my name.
You answered my prayer.
You're moving mountains.

Chorus

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance, accept our gifts of praise:

C: Our voices raised in song and prayer.

P: Accept our gifts of time and talent:

C: Our lives lived to further your reign of peace and justice.

P: Accept our gifts of treasure:

C: For all that we have, O most gracious God, comes from you. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

P: Holy God, we praise you for rolling away the stone, for emptying the tomb, and for raising your Son, Jesus Christ from the dead. Through his love, we receive healing and the forgiveness of our sins. Through his resurrection, we receive the promise of new life, both now and in the kingdom to come.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: *“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”* Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Remembering his command, we gather together in fellowship, celebrating all he has done. Strengthen us through this meal, as we await the day Jesus Christ will come again. By the power of the Holy Spirit, make us witnesses of our Lord's resurrection and proclaimers of his name, for the sake of the world you created.

To you, O God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, be the glory forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come and be fed.

C: Alleluia!

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality, we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request--please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, we thank you for nourishing us with this heavenly gift. May our Lord's life, offered in this meal, strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love. In Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

✝ Sending ✝

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing

P: May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do his will; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, ✝ Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song: “Your Grace is Enough”

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters, into mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.

Bridge

So remember Your people,
remember Your children,
remember Your promise, oh God.

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, for me.

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation.
And all Your people sing along.

Chorus 1 (2X)

Bridge

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Your grace is enough, heaven reaches down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.

Chorus 3

Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me,

Tag: For me. It's enough for me.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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worship notes

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The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred by Shirley Kerr; loved ones by Carol Lundquist; Ronald G. Tyler, Sr., by his wife Mary and family; Dwight Paine by his wife Lois.

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