

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 5, 2024

PRELUDE 8:15

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein BuxWV 210
(Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice)

D. Buxtehude

10:45

Exalted One Brown, Joye, Brock, Gatch

WELCOME

Pastor Patton

OPENING HYMN 8:15

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

469 (vv. 1-2, 4, 6)

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

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10:45

All Because of Jesus
Come As You Are

Fee
Glover, Crowder, Maher

OPENING

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

People: Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 10)

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Brief silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 168

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*

LSB 171

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray... **(Do not print or project)** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the cornerstone and foundation upon which Your Church is built. Tear down everything that was built apart from You, and tether us to Yourself, our Rock and our Redeemer, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Edwin Bila, Andrew Ponseti, Sarah Welburn

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ 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. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

1 John 5:1–8

5 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. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4** For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 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. **7** For there are three that testify: **8** the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

8:15 – ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 173

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

John 15:9–17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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 where He shall 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.

GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU

Abide Revisited: Redux

Pastor Penny

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

Everyone, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.

MUSICAL OFFERING

This Is My Father's World
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHRIST COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION

† **8:15** **THE PREFACE** (We Begin the Order of the Sacrament)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the cornerstone, the sure foundation upon which the newborn, chosen, priestly people of His Church have been built. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Our God is Holy)

LSB 178

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI (We extend the Lord's Peace to one another)

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

People: And also with you. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (The Lamb of God takes away our sin)

LSB 180

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

 **DISTRIBUTION** Holy Communion is offered in both common cup and individual cup format. The lighter colored individual cups are a non-alcoholic wine. All who believe in the special meaning of Holy Communion are invited (see pg. 1).

8:15 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feat of love You bless us now.

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In Holy Conversation

LSB 772

1 In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.

2 These holy conversations Begin in child-like ways;
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens To ev'ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions in ways He knows are best.

3 As holy conversation, In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.

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Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*LSB 556 (vv. 1-5)*

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretchèd state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, he planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus*LSB 770*

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear –
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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10:45

**Prayer for the Young
Highs and Lows
*You Are The Light***

*Vanderhill
King, Tan, Houston
Fee*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thank the Lord* *LSB 181*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.
 Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia!

10:45

Lord I Need You

Chorus w/tag Nockels, Carson, Reeves et al.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** Almighty and ever-living God, we bless You for feeding us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may abide in the fellowship of the Christian Church, and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.**THE BENEDICTION****CLOSING HYMN 8:15*****All People that on Earth Do Dwell****LSB 791 (vv. 1-3, 5)*

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
- 3 O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

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10:45

I Will Go*Neufled, Neufled, Salmon***POSTLUDE*****Toccata on "OLD HUNDREDTH"****J. Ferguson*