

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

May 21, 2017

9:30 AM

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ!

You are invited to join us in worshipping the Triune God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the principal work of the people of God.

Please sign the black worship registration pad as it is passed down the pew.

Assisted hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Childcare for young children is available during the liturgy; ushers can direct you.

Please join us for fellowship following today's liturgy. Coffee is served in Fellowship Hall at the north end of the building.

Regarding the Lord's Supper (also known as *Holy Communion, the Eucharist, or the Mass*):

- ^ The Sacrament is open to all baptized persons who commune in their home congregation.
- ^ We confess that in this meal we truly receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.
- ^ Communion is received by common cup or intinction: you may drink from the first cup or dip the host in the second cup.
- ^ Children may commune with parental and pastoral permission and orientation.
- ^ Children or adults not receiving the sacrament are invited to receive a blessing (*please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*).
- ^ If medical or health concerns give you reason to avoid one of the elements, please remember that the Church teaches that Christ is fully present in either element alone, bread or wine.
- ^ To receive the sacrament without coming forward, please notify an usher and be seated near an aisle.

PREPARATION

Private Prayer before Worship: Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. Deliver us, as we come into your presence, from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Riseth
Gloria Dei Ringers

arr. K. McChesney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (Mt 28:19b; 1 Jn 1:8-9)

^ In the name of the Father, and of the ^ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- Amen

^ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Amen

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

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

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

COLLECT *Prayer of the Day (Ruth 2:4; Lk 1:28)*
 ☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

^ Let us pray...
 - Amen

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(Mat 4:4; Jn 1:1-5; Col 3:16)

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Paul 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."

o The Word of the Lord.

- **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *Sung responsively with the assisting cantor; all sing the refrain.*

Psalm 66:7-18

Refrain

Be joy - ful in God, all you lands.

Psalm Tone

Bless our | God, you peoples: *
 make the voice of his praise | to be heard,

⁸who holds our | souls in life,*

and will not allow our | feet to slip.

⁹For you, O | God, have proved us: *
 you have tried us just as sil - | ver is tried.

¹⁰**You brought us in - | to the snare: ***

you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,*
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹²**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay | you my vows.***

which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble. ¶

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;*

I will give you ox- | en and goats.

¹⁴**Come and listen, all you | who fear God,***

and I will tell you what he has | done for me.

¹⁵I called out to him | with my mouth,*

and his praise was | on my tongue.

¹⁶**If I had found evil | in my heart,***

the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁷but in truth | God has heard me;*

he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

¹⁸**Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer.***

nor withheld his | love from me. ¶

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the • Holy Spirit:*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for- • ever. Amen

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

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

◦ The Word of the Lord.

- Thanks be to God.

Stand Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *All sing the "Alleluia" before and after the Verse.*

*The Verse is sung by the assisting cantor/choir:
"Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him."*

HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 14:15-21

^ The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

- Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "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."

^ The Gospel of the Lord.

- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

HOMILY (*1 Tim 4:13*)

The Rev. Tom Schaefer

Silence for meditation.

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY - *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart*

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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.

(In honor of the incarnation of Our Lord, worshipers may bow from the words

“For us and...” through “and was made man.”)

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 (*1 Tim 2:1-2*)

After each petition: ^ Lord, in your mercy, **OR** ^ Let us pray to the Lord.

- **hear our prayer.**

- **Lord, have mercy.**

*In our prayers today: Kathleen Swenson, Alice Elam, Walter & Judy Burdick (parents of Eric & Liz Meitner), Gina Delmont (friend of Liz Meitner), Adam Petz & Mike Fleming (friends of Mick Haugen), **Baptismal Anniversaries:** Una Hakenholz, Lori Parks, Kelly Shriner, Stephanie Baumfalk-Axtell, Benjamin Sherwood. **Military:** Aaron Swenson (nephew of Bruce Swenson), Andrew Campoamor (relative of the Ahre and Halleckson families), Rachele Dutton (niece of Candace Ashcraft), Cody Reichenberger (grandson of Gary & Pam Fulton), Debbie Almy (daughter of Barb Almy), Liz Johnson (daughter of Bruce Johnson & step-daughter of Nancy Hammergren Johnson), Charles Robertson (son-in-law of John & Kathy Person), Aaron McCary (nephew of Tom Yingling).*

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Mt 4:4; Jn 1:1-5; 1 Tim 4:13)

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord (Mt 5:23-24; Jn 14:27; Rom 16:16)*

^ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- **And also with you.**

Sit

OFFERTORY - *Dr. Gradus ad Parnassum (Children's Corner Suite)*

Ryan Linares, piano

C. Debussy

OFFERTORY HYMN *He is Arisen! Glorious Word!*
 He is Arisen! Glorious Word! Now rec-on-ciled is God, my Lord;
 the gates of heav'n are o - pen. My Je - sus rose tri - um-phant-ly,
 and Sa-tan's ar-rows bro-ken lie, de-stroyed hell's fierc - est weap-on.
 Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, ris - ing
 glo - rious, life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.
 God our Father,
 in this holy season you give us the joy
 of recalling the rising of Christ to new life.
 Accept the offerings of your people,
 and by these Paschal mysteries,
 bring us to the glory of the Resurrection.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We ask
 this
 through
 Christ our
 Lord.
 Amen

**GREAT
 THANKS
 GIVING**
(Ps 136)

The celebrant prays the PREFACE for the day or season:

^ It is truly meet, right and salutary...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy (Isa 6:3; Mt 21:9)*

A - men, a - men, a - - - men, a - - men.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (*1 Cor 11:23-26*)

The celebrant prays a PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

The congregation sings the following as part of that prayer:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

At the close of the prayer, the congregation sings:

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

PATER NOSTER *Our Father (Mt 6:9-13)*. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- **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

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God (Jn 1:29)*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

FRACTION RITE (1 Cor 5:7-8)



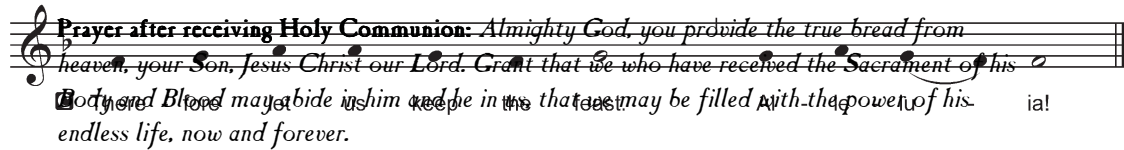
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

Sit

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion: *We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen*

COMMUNION ANTHEM - Children of the Heavenly Father arr. J. Lucas
Parish Choir



Stand

^ The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- Amen

[SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS]

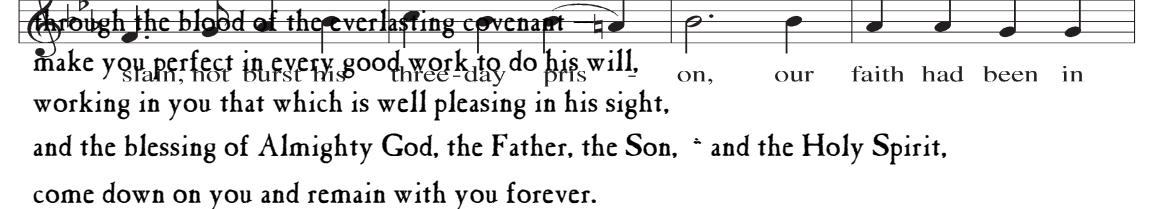
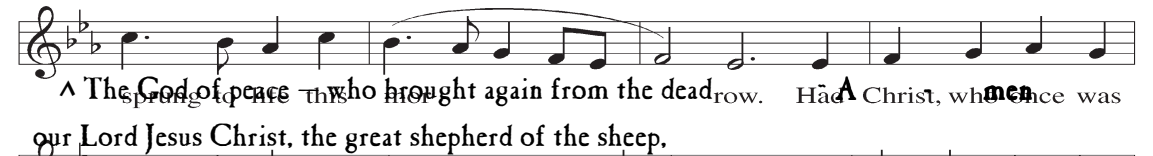
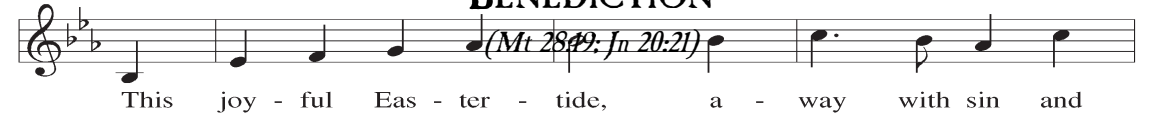
^ In the name of this congregation...us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

- We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

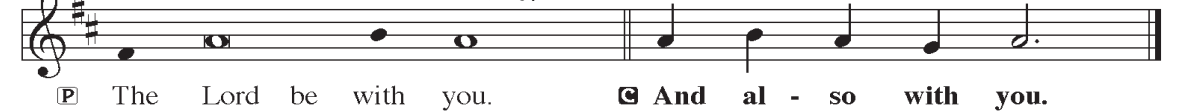
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for meditation.

BENEDICTION



POST-COMMUNION HYMN - This Joyful Eastertide





DISMISSAL (*Lk 2:14; 7:50*)

- Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- **He is risen indeed ! Alleluia!**
- Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE - *Postlude in G Major*

G.F. Handel

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Daily prayer for this week: Almighty God, grant that we who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in our lives the faith we profess with our lips; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings from the Daily Lectionary for the coming week:

Monday
 Deuteronomy 8:1-10
or Deuteronomy 18:9-14
 James 1:1-15
 Luke 9:18-27

Tuesday
 Deuteronomy 8:11-20
or Deuteronomy 18:15-22
 James 1:16-27
 Luke 11:1-13

Wednesday
 Baruch 3:24-37
or Deuteronomy 19:1-7
 James 5:13-18
 Luke 12:22-31

Ascension Day
 Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b
 Hebrews 2:5-18
 Matthew 28:16-20

Friday
 Ezekiel 1:28-3:3
 Hebrews 4:14-5:6
 Luke 9:28-36

Saturday
 Ezekiel 3:4-17
 Hebrews 5:7-14
 Luke 9:37-50



Worship Report:

Weekly Offering	\$4,313
Sunday Eucharist	142
Wednesday Eucharist	16
Thursday Matins	8

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their granddaughter, Brittany Garrelts, (who is serving as a nurse on the *Mercy Ship* off of Africa for nine months) by Bill & Lois Garrelts.

"Gathered to Worship. Sent to Serve."

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Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Tom Schaefer
Chief Assisting Minister:	Judy Every
Assisting Ministers:	Rod Feil
Communion Assistants:	Kent Koehler, Sandy Haugen, Windy York
Acolyte:	Leah Combs
Cantor (<i>Director of Music</i>):	Annette Lindal
Trumpet:	Robert Frahm
Assisting Cantor:	Kari Schmidt
Lector:	Jeff Emerson
Greeters:	Dan & Jean Hogan, Gene & Karen Weaver
Lay Visitors:	Dean & Marilyn Wasser
Flower Delivery:	Dean & Marilyn Wasser
Sacristans:	Barb Fuller, Jennifer Thorpe



Gloria Dei Library Team is working with the Union Rescue Mission on a project to collect books. There is a large barrel in the Fellowship Hall. ANY donated books, CDs and DVDs will be accepted and appreciated.

They will take the donated books and turn them into **jobs** for the unemployed, **meals** for the hungry and life-altering **services** for the homeless. They will take most any books, even tattered or water-damaged volumes. NewLeaf repurposes everything they can and recycles the rest. Nothing goes to the landfill. In addition to books, they also take new and used CDs and DVDs.

Church Calendar This Week...	
<u>Today - Newsletter Deadline</u>	
9:30 AM	Sung Eucharist
5:30 PM	VBS
<u>Monday</u>	
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
5:30 PM	VBS
7:00 PM	Needlework Night
<u>Tuesday</u>	

5:30 PM	VBS
<u>Wednesday</u>	
5:30 PM	Spoken Eucharist
5:30 PM	VBS
<u>Thursday</u>	
10:00 AM	Matins
10:30 AM	Study Group
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
9:30 AM	Sung Eucharist & Healing Prayers

Be sure to pick up a copy of the latest **The Lutheran Journal** available in the narthex. It includes an article on page 40 written by our very own Pastor Tom Schaefer.

We extend condolences and the promise of the resurrection in Christ Jesus to friends and family of Bill McIntosh. Bill died May 14 and his funeral service was held at Gloria Dei on Friday, May 19.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Thursday Morning Study Group, 10:30-11:40 a.m., FHB
Facilitated by Annette Lindal
Embracing the Meaning of Life by Kathleen Norris with Tim Scorer
Summer 2017.

The study consists of a 30 minute DVD presentation followed by discussion suggestions. All materials will be provided at the time of the class. Each class is an independent session and all are welcome.

May 18: Embracing the Meaning of Life—Belief Matters

May 25: Embracing the Meaning of Life—The Bible Matters

June 1: Embracing the Meaning of Life—Community Matters

June 8: Embracing the Meaning of Life—Place Matters

June 15 and June 22 (No Study)

June 29: Embracing the Meaning of Life—We Matter

Following the June 29 session we will have a salad luncheon—bring a salad of your choice. Drinks and bread will be furnished.

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