

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

*My peace I give unto you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.  
-John 14:27*

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STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
    For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
    For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
    For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:  
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY  
*Kyrie*

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life,  
hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith  
in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear  
our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

1. All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.
2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
**For your great glory, heav'nly King,**  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
**From God's right hand, your mercy share.**
4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
**The Father's glory you made known.**  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
**"All glory be to God!" Amen.**

## THE WORD

### SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### BE SEATED

### FIRST LESSON

*Acts 14:8-18 (NIV)*

<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup>He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup>and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup>When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup>"Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the



<sup>19</sup> Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. <sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

<sup>21</sup> To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> **Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.**"

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (*John 14:23 cf. NIV*)

STAND

GOSPEL

*JOHN 14:23-29 (NIV)*

M: The Gospel according to John chapter fourteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup> **Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.** <sup>24</sup> *Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.*

<sup>25</sup> **"All this I have spoken while still with you.** <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

<sup>28</sup> **"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.'** If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN— #283—*Speak, O Savior; I am Listening*

SERMON (*sermon text John 14:23,24*)

*"Loving Jesus"*

STAND

NICENE CREED

C: 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Tune: Munich*

1. O holy, holy, holy Lord God, to You we pray,  
The heavens show Your glory, The earth Your works display.  
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in Your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.
2. Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is He  
**Who in God's name is coming To set His people free!**  
He comes to bring salvation And with His blood outpoured  
Deliver us from bondage—Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.  
Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."  
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God*

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 your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. For this reason, we ask that only members of Bethany or other WELS or ELS congregations partake in this special meal.)*

HYMN 310—*I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

*Tune: Munich*

1. O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised Incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!
2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you give us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. We pray that through this precious gift of yourself you would feed our faith, nourish our hope, and strengthen our love that we might live as your people now, and as your guests forever at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN #747—*There is a Redeemer (see page 10)*

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There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er. Je - sus, God's own  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all  
 3 When I stand in glo - ry. I will see his



Son,  
 names,  
 face;  
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
 There I'll serve my King for - ev - er

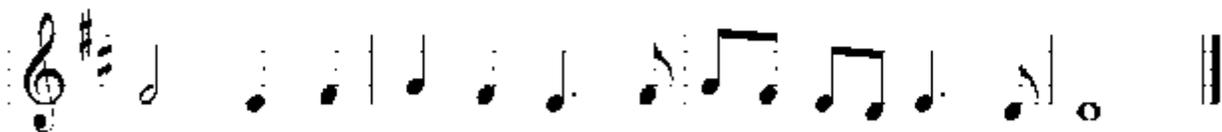
*Refrain*



Ho - ly One,  
 Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my  
 In that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

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# News And Notes

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOME!

Welcome to worship! We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Guests, if there is anything we can do to make your worship more meaningful, please do not hesitate to ask us. Pastor, the ushers, and all members of our Bethany family stand ready to serve you. May the Lord bless your worship!

## THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

A special "thank you" to those who served their Lord by serving us this morning, our violinists, our organist, and our ushers. Thank you for edifying and beautifying our worship with your service.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST/STUDY GROUP THIS SATURDAY MORNING

This Saturday morning, from 8:30-10:00 AM, Bethany's men's group will meet for breakfast and Bible Study. Men, we really hope to see you there so we can study the Word and encourage one another.

## BETHANY'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 25-29

Bethany's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 25—29, 2016. We will need volunteers to help with this annual outreach event. We are seeking help in planning/coordinating, teaching, cooking, and in helping/assisting. If you are willing and able to help, please consider setting aside one, several, or all of those days to be part of this ministry of Bethany Lutheran Church and indicate your willingness on the signup board in the narthex. Many hands are needed to make this go smoothly, as we anticipate somewhere between 25 and 30 students, which has been the norm in recent years. THANK YOU for considering this important ministry.

## WEST DEER COMMUNITY DAYS AUGUST 5 AND 6

Bethany congregation has in recent years manned a booth at West Deer Community Days, which this year will take place Friday and Saturday, August 5th and 6th. We will be looking for people who are willing to help us plan the event. This involves determining what we will do, what we will hand out, and how we will recruit volunteers. In recent years, many good community contacts have been made at this event. If you can help plan, let Pastor know, and if you would like to be the coordinator... that is all the better! Thank you, A space on the signup board in the narthex has been set aside for this event...please indicate your interest there. Thank you!

## LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP

In last Sunday's worship, 43 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God.

# Our Walk For God

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3 <i>7:00p Bible Study</i>	4	5	6	7 <b>Men's Bible Study &amp; Fellowship</b> 8:30-10:00a	8 9:00a Adult Bible Study 10:30a Worship  HAPPY <b>MOTHER'S DAY!</b>

Serving next Sunday: Altar: Stadler; Greeter: Tom Proctor; Ushers: Team D