

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
LCMS

**GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHAPEL**  
Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

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## About Holy Communion at Good Shepherd

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated here every Sunday in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, and share our belief in all his teaching. Partaking of the Body and Blood Christ together confesses our common faith and belief in the teachings of our Lord, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. If you would like to confess your faith with us as a member of the Congregation, please speak with the Pastor.*

*Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the state of your soul according to the Ten Commandments. Please see the **Christian Questions and Their Answers**, available at the entrance of the chapel. If you have questions regarding the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please let the Pastor know as he approaches you, or simply cross your arms over your chest.*

## PASTORAL WELCOME/RINGING OF THE BELL

### OPENING HYMN

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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## DIVINE SERVICE

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 66:8-9, 16-20*

**P** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

**C** who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.**

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! (ESV)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

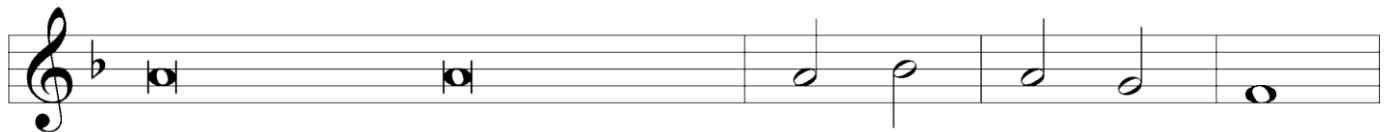
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

*The Pastor prays, concluding:*

... now and forever.



**G** A - men.

### FIRST READING

*Acts 17:16-31*

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way

you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." <sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." (ESV)

P This is the word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

<sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

<sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

*(ESV)*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## THE ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 14:15-21*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup> [Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.” (ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, 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 thence He will 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.**

## SERMON HYMN

### *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* LSB 683



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no  
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure  
3 This love un - wearied I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to  
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,  
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be  
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



alone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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## SERMON “TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM” JOHN 14:15-21

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Having heard the Word of God, let us now humble ourselves before the supreme Majesty of God, and make confession of our sins.

*Silence for examination of conscience*

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable, sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment; but I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter, sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

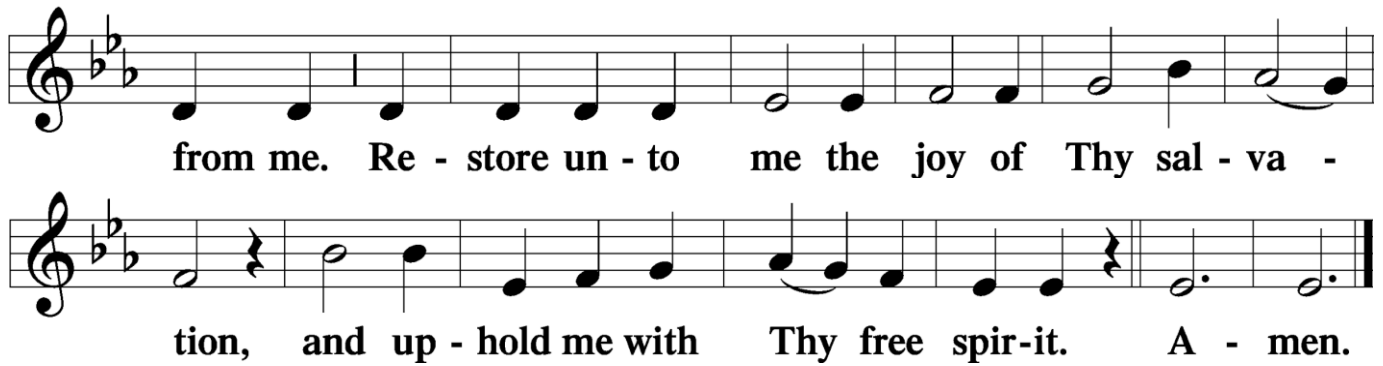
Is this your confession? If so, say, “Yes.” [*Or give me some physical sign to indicate that you thus confess your sinfulness before God.*]

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you who do heartily repent of your sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and earnestly purpose by the assistance of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend your sinful lives, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of God the + Father, God the + Son, and God the Holy + Spirit.

**AMEN.**

## OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray.

*The Pastor leads the Congregation in Prayer.*

*The Prayer concludes:*

... now and forever.

**AMEN.**

+ + + + +

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PREFACE

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

Pastor: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And may The Lord be with You too.**

Pastor: Oh, praise Him!

**Congregation: Alleluia!**

Pastor: With hearts uplifted thank the Lord.

**Congregation: We lift them up. Be God adored!**

Pastor: Oh, praise Him!

**Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, O Lord, holy Father, God of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our paschal Lamb, sacrificed to take away our sin and raised again that death might be swallowed up in everlasting victory. With thanks and joy we join the hymn offered by Your faithful always and everywhere.

## **THE SANCTUS**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**Heav'nly hosts proclaim Your glory,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**All the earth repeats the story,  
God of hosts, by all adored.**

**Blest is He Who comes, victorious  
In the name of God the King!  
Our hosannas, glad and glorious,  
To the Lord of all we sing!**

## **THE CONSECRATION**

Pastor

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor and People

## **THE AGNUS DEI**

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

**Lamb of God, our mighty Saviour,  
All our sins you take away.**

**Lamb of God, by Your great favour,  
Lord have mercy now, we pray.**

**Lamb of God, our prayers attending,  
Never let your mercies cease,  
But, Your Holy Spirit sending,  
Grant us all Your gift of peace.**

## **THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*The Pastor will approach you in your seat to distribute Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, please fold your arms across your chest as the Pastor approaches or tell him as he nears you.*

*Upon receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, the Communicant may say:*

**AMEN.**

## **PRAYERS DURING HOLY COMMUNION**

***To be prayed silently before receiving Communion.***

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who according to the will of the Father, and by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world: deliver me by this Thy Most Holy Body and Blood from all mine iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever to cleave unto Thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost live and reign, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

***To be prayed silently after receiving Communion.***

Grant, O Lord, that Thy Body which I have received and Thy Blood which I have drunk may adhere to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me whom Thou hast refreshed with this pure and holy Sacrament; for Thou dost live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve Thee to life with God that hath no end. Depart + in peace.  
**C Amen.**

**THE THANKSGIVING**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**Thank the Lord, His praises voicing,  
For His promised faithfulness!  
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing,  
Tell His love, His name confess  
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit,  
Living God, who set us free  
By His mercy to inherit  
Life and joy eternally!**

**THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor

**C Amen.**

# THE BENEDICTION

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Pastor: May the good Lord bless and keep You,

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

P: May God lift His face upon you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: May God’s shining face behold you, And God’s favor e’er uphold you.  
May God’s peace and love enfold you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*He’s Risen, He’s Risen* LSB 480



1 He’s ris - en, He’s ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death’s pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.  
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.  
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den’s door.  
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
In Sa - tan’s do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;  
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;  
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.  
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.  
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

## POSTLUDE

### SILENT PRAYER

*You may remain in the chapel and pray as long as you desire. You may depart as soon as you are prepared to do so. God's blessings on you until He gathers us again by His Spirit to receive His divine gifts and praise His holy Name.*

### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**Sunday**      **10 AM**      **Chapel Worship**  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900 (Apartments).*  
                 **11 AM**      **Roman Catholic Mass**  
                                 *Channel 45 and 59*

**Monday**      **1:30 PM**      **Rosary**  
                                 **2:00 PM**      **Roman Catholic Mass in the Chapel**  
*Hosted by Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Sauk Rapids.*  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900 (Apartments).*

**Wednesday**   **10 AM**      **Morning Devotions**  
*Nursing Home residents meet in person in the Event Center.*  
                         **2 PM**      Bible Study on Romans will not meet.

### ALL ARE WELCOME.

*Please join us for the Worship Services and other Spiritual Programs.*  
*Attendance at Worship and other events **in The Chapel** is determined by*  
*Official Government Regulations for Health Care Facilities.*  
***This Schedule is subject (and likely) to change at any time.***

### Offerings

*Your gifts and offerings in support of the ministry of the Gospel at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are welcome and appreciated. Please place them in the basket at the entrance to the chapel as you arrive or leave.*

**Next week's readings:** Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

**Next week's sermon theme and text:** "Where Is Eternal Life?" John 17:1-11