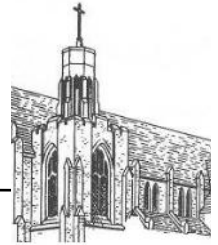




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 5, 2024
8:30 am ~ Traditional
Sixth Sunday of Easter



P = Pastor, R = Reader, C = Choir, **A = All**
* Stand = Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Son of God, Eternal Savior

arr. by W. Held

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ Stand *

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

A: Amen

P: 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.

A: Amen

P: 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. Living God,

A: In the light of the resurrection we rejoice to see our Lord Jesus, by whose wounds we have been healed. Trusting in your promise of mercy, we repent of our sins in this holy house. Forgive our quickness to turn from you and our slowness of heart to believe. Renew in us the grace of baptism, and guide us in the way of truth and life. Amen

P: In great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen

OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

**Green Book #527
Verses 1-3,7**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.



KYRIE (Sung)

Green Book Page 78

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

A: Lord, have mercy.

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

A: Lord, have mercy.

C: 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.

A: Lord, have mercy.

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

A: Lord, have mercy.

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

A: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE (Sung) *I = Men, II = Women*

Green Book Page 81

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

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

*II: Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.*

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

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

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

**A: 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

R: Let us pray together... O God,

A: you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS ~ Sit

P: Gracious God, we join the givers and receivers of these quilts in recognizing the unity of all your people. We celebrate being the children of God.

A: We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these quilts: donations of fabric, thread and sewing machines, the faithful people who cut the squares, design the patterns, sew the tops, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings, provide publicity, donate boxes, pack the quilts, bring food to sustain the quilters and contribute the money which makes the shipping of these quilts possible.

P: We celebrate generosity.

A: We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together to make the quilts, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of crafting something with one's hands and heart for another and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

P: We celebrate community.

A: We send these quilts as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their quilt will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of Christ's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God. We pray that these quilts will serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient; that they will bring warmth in the cold, shelter from the sun and heat, a wall for a home, or a carrier for a few precious belongings. May it be a step in recovering one's life and a message of care from someone they may never meet.

P: We celebrate hope in the midst of life's trials.

A: We remember those who have received our quilts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

P: We celebrate the gift of life. We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need. Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **A: Amen**

ANTHEM *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Beck

READING (White Insert)

R: A reading from...(the Reading is read)...The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE (Sung) ~ Stand * Green Book Page 83

A: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (White Insert) Green Book Page 83

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter...

A: (Sung) Glory to you, O Lord.
(Gospel is read.)

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **A: (Sung) Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON ~ Sit Pastor Sara

SERMON HYMN ~ Stand * *One There Is, above All Others* Green Book #298

TITHES & OFFERINGS ~ Sit *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* arr. by L. Maynard

OFFERTORY (Sung) ~ Stand * Green Book Page 86

A: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Green Book Page 87

P: Let us pray together...Merciful Father,

A: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Green Book Page 90

P: Blessed are you...as he comes to us in his holy supper.

A: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying,

A: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying,

A: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and hear us as we pray...

A: 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

LAMB OF GOD (Sung) ~ Sit

Green Book Page 92

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

Green Book # 205, 439, 209

THE COMMUNION BLESSING ~ Stand *

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **A: Amen**

THE PRAYERS AND COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray...Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **A: Amen**

BENEDICTION (Sung)

Green Book Page 94

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **A: Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Green Book #364

SENDING FORTH

P: Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! **A: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God & King

arr. by P. Manz