



**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rite of Confirmation
Mothers' Day
May 14, 2023, 10am**

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the entry hall's offertory plate when you leave today. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

PRELUDE: *Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 998 -- Johann S. Bach*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We stand

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BAPTISM INTO CHRIST

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P HOLY GOD, MIGHTY LORD, GRACIOUS FATHER: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

BY THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit.

BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMAND, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

TO YOU BE GIVEN PRAISE AND HONOR AND WORSHIP through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast _____ of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



<i>Women and Girls</i>	1. Wor - thy	is	Christ,	the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	whose
<i>Men and Boys</i>	2. Pow -	er	rich -	es,	wis -	dom,	and	strength,	and
<i>Women and Girls</i>	3. Sing	with	all	the	peo -	ple	of	God,	and
<i>Men and Boys</i>	4. Bless -	ing,	hon -	or,	glo -	ry,	and	might	be
<i>All singing</i>	5. For	the	Lamb	_____	who	was	slain	has	be -



blood	set	us	free	_____	to	be	peo -	ple	of	God.	<i>Refrain</i>
hon -	or,	_____	bless -	ing,	and	glo -	ry	are	his.	<i>Refrain</i>	
join	in	the	hymn	of	all	cre -	a -	tion:	<i>to Verse 4</i>		
God	and	the	Lamb	for -	ev -	er.	A -	men.	<i>Refrain</i>		
gun	his	_____	reign.	_____	Al -	le -	lu -	ia.	<i>Final Refrain</i>		

Final Refrain



This is the feast _____ of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

We sit

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

²²Paul 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.”

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM 66:8-20 (Read responsively by whole verse)

⁸Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in- | to the net;**

you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water, but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised | with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with
the | smoke of rams; I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you | who believe,

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

¹⁷**I called out to God | with my mouth,**

and praised the Lord | with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth | God has heard me**

and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:13-22

¹³Who 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.

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks Be to God!**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!** (*spoken boldly*)

We sit

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Patrick W. Riddle

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ELW 631

AFFIRMATION OF HOLY BAPTISM [CONFIRMATION] ELW 234-236

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each portion of the prayers:

P Hear us, O God, **C** **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SONG

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 your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the
world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for Others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Lamb of God*

ELW page 154



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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Word of God, Come Down on Earth ELW 510*

We stand

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER

L Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

L The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him*
ELW 823

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Allegro in E-flat Major, BWV 998. -- Johann S. Bach*

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To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall

WORSHIP: *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*

LEARN: *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*

WITNESS: *Boldly share the Word of God*

SERVE: *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*

SUPPORT: *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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