

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

*Reaching out with love
to create new and abundant lives in Christ
One Ministry with Many Ministries*

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The 6th Sunday of Easter

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10:45 a.m.

Welcome

Please stand

Greeting

He is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

**Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly serve You now.**

**Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.**

**Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, Come. Come. Come.**

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

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We live and move and have our being in God, our Creator.
More than that, in Jesus His Son we have new life through the power of the Holy Spirit!

We focus again on our daily need of His forgiving love.
Father in heaven, by Your grace we have set apart Your Son Jesus as Lord of our lives. We are committed to sharing His Good News with others. Yet, we know, and You know, Father, that we often let Him down. We do not let His Spirit rule our minds and hearts as we should. We side-step opportunities to speak up for Him to those around us. Forgive us, Father. Empower us to make our surrender to Jesus as Lord of our lives more than just words.

Hear the Good News again! Christ died for our sins once for all, the Righteous One for the unrighteous, to bring us to God. He rose again for our salvation. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen! As we focus on our risen Lord, we will be ready to tell everyone the reason for the hope we have.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of

the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we want to know what they mean." (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.)

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. 'For in Him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are His offspring.'

"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone — an image made by man's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also — not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand — with angels, authorities and powers in submission to Him.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

[Jesus said:] "If you love Me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come

to you. Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him."

Be seated

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward for a message.

Please stand

At Your Name

**At Your name the mountains shake and crumble.
At Your name the oceans roar and tumble.
At Your name, angels will bow,
the earth will rejoice, Your people cry out:**

Chorus

**Lord of all the earth, we shout Your name, shout Your name;
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise.
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, O Lord!**

Verse 2

**At Your name the morning breaks in glory.
At Your name creation sings Your story.
At Your name, angels will bow,
the earth will rejoice, Your people cry out:**

Chorus

**Lord of all the earth, we shout Your name, shout Your name;
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise.
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, O Lord!**

Bridge

**There is no one like our God, We will praise You, praise You.
There's no one like our God, We will sing, we will sing.
There is no one like our God, we will praise You, praise You.
Jesus is our God, we will sing!**

Chorus

**Lord of all the earth, we shout Your name, shout Your name;
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise.
Yahweh, Yahweh, We love to shout Your name, O Lord!**

Be seated

Sermon

Pastor David Linkugel

**An Inspiring View
1 Peter 3:13-22**

Alex Honnold is an American rock climber.

Discipleship or _____ for _____ is difficult.

We focus on the big picture of faith – the inspiring view – not on our _____
_____.

Discipleship is _____.

Peter encourages us to look to _____ to deal with the difficulties of discipleship.

“To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings.” (1 Peter 5:1)

Peter has seen how God _____ into suffering and _____ over it.

Although our situations of discipleship may be difficult, we can _____ them with
_____ in the working of God.

Albrecht Altdorfer “Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane”

All _____ that comes to us has already been _____ by Jesus.

God calls us to see our lives in light of the _____ and _____ of
_____.

God has called us to confidently explain our _____ to anyone and everyone who asks.

Remember God is using you to give other people _____ and _____
_____.

Please stand

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.

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Be seated

Distribution

God With Us

**Who are we that You would be mindful of us?
What do You see that's worth looking our way?**

Verse 2

**We are free in ways that we never should be;
Sweet release from the grip of these chains.**

Chorus

**Like hinges straining from the weight,
My heart no longer can keep from singing.
All that is within me cries, for You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us.
My heart sings a brand new song
The debt is paid these chains are gone.
Emmanuel, God with us.**

Verse 3

Lord You know our hearts don't deserve Your glory.

Still You show a love we cannot afford.

Chorus

Bridge - twice

**Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary;
Nevertheless, we lay it at Your feet.**

**All that is within me cries, for You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us.
My heart sings a brand new song
The debt is paid these chains are gone.
Emmanuel, God with us.**

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Our God

**Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.**

**Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.**

Chorus

**Our God is greater, Our God is stronger,
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, Awesome in power,
Our God, our God.**

Bridge

**And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
What could stand against?**

Chorus

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Please stand

Communion Response *Grace Like Rain*

**And hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
And hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,
They're washed away!**

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Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

Cornerstone

**My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.**

Chorus

**Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.**

Verse 2

**When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.**

Chorus 2

**Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.
He is Lord. Lord of all.**

Chorus

**Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.**

Verse 3

**When He shall come with trumpet sound.
Oh may I then in Him be found.**

**Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.**

Chorus

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Be seated

Faith Stories

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