

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2016

Worship Focus

Jesus Has Prepared Us for His Ascension



**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
9807 CHURCH ROAD
DALLAS, TX 75238 + 214-348-5567
churchsec@caltex.org**

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Service of Word and Sacrament

Christian Worship, p. 26

Service of Word and Sacrament © Northwestern Publishing House 1993.

"Thank the Lord" Tune: Richard Hillert. © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, Augsburg Fortress

All rights reserved. Used by permission, including hymns 230, 215, 377, 759, and Psalm 65 Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-714955

OPENING HYMN

230 – Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to
3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho - san - na
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -
to the Lord most high." Then in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.
crease our light That we may know your name a - right
that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: *Lutherische Hand-Büchlein*, 2nd ed., Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

INVOCATION

Minister

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, 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*)

M For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.
He bought the Church with his own blood; He cleansed her in that blessed flood
And as his bride selected.
Holy, Holy Is our union And communion. His befriending
Gives us joy and peace unending. (241:2)**

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.





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 14:8-18

Paul and Barnabas faithfully preached the Word of God even when faced with the temptation to be treated as gods by the people of Lystra.

ACTS 14:8 In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸ Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

PSALM (8:00)

Psalm 65

*Refrain Tune: Marty Haugen. © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL,
www.giamusic.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission.*

Refrain

The earth is full of the good-ness of
God, the good-ness of our God.

Psalm tone

Praise awaits | you, O God,*
you call forth | songs of joy.

You care for the land and | water it;*
you soften it with showers and | bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with | water*
to provide the peo | ple with grain. *Refrain*

You crown the year with your | bounty,*
and your carts overflow with a | bundance.

The grasslands of the desert | overflow;*
the hills are clothed with | gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are man | ted with grain;*
they shout for | joy and sing.

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

PRE-K-GRADE 4 ANTHEM (11:00)

Surely, I Will be with you Always
By Linda Moeller

Refrain

*Surely I will be with you always to the very end of the age.
Surely I will be with you always to the very end of the age.
Wherever you go and whatever you do
My love and protection will go with you
Surely I will be with you always to the very end of the age.*

*Christ Jesus had won our salvation
By dying on Calvary's hill.
Then arising triumphant and though He ascended
We know He is here with us still. (refrain)*

*Now we are to go to all nations
And tell them what Jesus has done.
And when we are frightened or sad or discouraged
Remember the words of God's Son: (refrain)*

SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:10-14, 22, 23

The Lord reveals to the Apostle John that heaven is a strikingly beautiful place, a place we can be eager to reach.

REVELATION 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. ¹³ There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. ¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**Jesus, your boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare.
Dwell in my heart eternally, And reign without a rival there.
To you alone, dear Lord, I live; Myself to you, dear Lord, I give. (479:1)**

GOSPEL John 14:23-29

Jesus sends us his Holy Spirit and leaves us his peace while he is gone. In this way, we can be glad he has returned to the Father.

JOHN 14:23 Jesus replied, “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. ²⁴ He 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.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, 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. ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ “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. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:

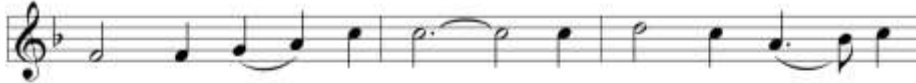


HYMN OF THE DAY

215 - Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, When
 2 When shall these eyes thy heav'n - built walls And
 3 Oh, when, thou cit - y of my God, Shall
 4 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs, proph - ets, there A -
 5 O Christ, do thou my soul pre - pare For



shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 pearl - y gates be - hold, Thy bul - warks with sal -
 I thy courts as - cend? Where ev - er - more the
 round my Sav - ior stand, And soon my friends in
 that bright home of love That I may see thee



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 va - tion strong And streets of shin - ing gold?
 an - gels sing, The Sab - bath has no end.
 Christ be - low Will join the glo - rious band.
 and a - dore With all thy saints a - bove.

Text: F. B. P., 16th century, abr., alt.
 Tune: LAND OF REST (CM) Annabel M. Buchanan, © 1938, Renewed J. Fischer & Bro.
 All rights assigned to and administered by Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. Used by permission.

SERMON

Revelation 21:10-14, 22, 23

This is the Place Jesus Has Prepared for Us

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE 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.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Let us pray to the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus, since He has promised that we will receive answers to our prayers.

Brief silence

M Father of mercy, we know that we will find tribulation in the world. Grant that we may know with greater confidence Your presence in trouble, Your courage in adversity and the peace of Jesus who has overcome the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

M Father of mercy, we rejoice that You have written our names in the Lamb's Book of Life and given us the new birth of water and the Word. Bless the pastors who proclaim Your Word to us, and deliver to us the Means of Grace. Bless all church workers and those preparing for Your service, that You may be glorified and Your people fed, nourished and sustained to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

M Father of mercy, we recall before You the sick, those in need of body or soul, the grieving in their tears and the dying in their last hours. Give them healing according to Your will, patience in their struggles, comfort in sorrow and peace at the last [*especially...*]. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

M Father of mercy, we humbly come to Your table, trusting in Your Word and promises. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that what we receive there we may keep faithfully, in true hearts, now in the days of our struggle and soon in everlasting light and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

M Father of mercy, we pray in confidence that You will hear us as You have promised and will grant us all things needful for this body and life and for eternal life. Keep us holy and blameless to the day of Christ's coming, that with all the faithful departed we may look forward to our own joyful resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



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.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



DISTRIBUTION

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.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

377 - Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, With
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, No
4 But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be -
5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "'Tis



ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, And, with u -
brood - ed dark - ly o'er me. Sin was my
mer - it they at - tain - ing; My will a -
fore the world's foun - da - tion, And, mind - ful
time to have com - pas - sion. Then go, bright



nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture
tor - ment night and day; In sin my moth - er
gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for me re -
of his mer - cies great, He planned my soul's sal -
Jew - el of my crown, And bring man - kind sal -



sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God
bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still
main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer
va - tion. A Fa - ther's heart he turned
va - tion. From sin and sor - row set

has done, How his right arm the vic-t'ry
I fell; Life had be-come a liv-ing
de-spair Left naught but death to be my
to-me, Sought my re-demp-tion fer-vent-ly
them free; Slay bit-ter death for them that

won. How dear-ly it has cost him!
hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me,
share And hell to be my sen-tence,
ly; He gave his dear-est trea-sure,
they May live with you for-ev-er."

- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
A servant's form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive.
- 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood,
Me of my life bereaving.
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
And evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
Teach you to know and follow me,
And in all truth will guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have lived and taught
Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87; alt.
Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich liden*, Wittenberg, 1524.

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
 Live in harmony with one another.
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



CLOSING HYMN

759 - Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

*Congregation sings refrain; cantor sings the verses.
 Congregation may join in singing the verses.*

Refrain

Do not let your hearts be trou - bled; have
 faith in God and faith in me. I will go
 forth to pre - pare a place for you; then I'll come
 back to take you with me, that where I
 am, you may al - so be.

1-3 To verses

Last time

be.

Verses

- 1 In God's
- 2 I am the
- 3 The words I

house there are man - y plac - es For you a -
 Way, the Truth, and the Life; On - ly through
 speak are not on - ly of my - self; It is your

lone to dwell in safe - ty. You know the
 me can you know what I know. If you knew
 God who lives with - in me. If you be -

way to where I'll lead you; If you are
 me, you would know the Fa - ther; If you see
 lieve that your God and I are one, I will pro -

To Refrain

lost, I will show the way.
 me, you see your God.
 vide when you call my name.

Text: John 14:1-3,6,7,10-14; alt. David Haas, b. 1957
 Tune: DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED (88 11 99 99 99)
 Text, Tune: David Haas, b. 1957 © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.



I leave with you;

My *Peace*
I give you.

John 14:27