



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

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| Anthem | “He is Exalted” | Adult Choir |
| Hymn | “He's Risen, He's Risen” | 480 |
| Confession and Absolution | | 151 |

Introit **Ps. 119:89-93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105**

- P** Your word is a lamp to my feet
C and a light to my path.
P Forever, O LORD, your word
C is firmly fixed in the heavens.
P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
C you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
P By your appointment they stand this day,
C for all things are your servants.
P If your law had not been my delight,
C I would have perished in my affliction.
P I will never forget your precepts,
C for by them you have given me life.

**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.**

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C and a light to my path.

Kyrie **152-3**

Hymn of Praise **“Gloria in Excelsis”** **154**

Salutation and Collect of the Day **156**

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** (sung) And also with you.

P 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.

C (*sung*) Amen.

First Reading

Acts 17:16–31 ESV

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ 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. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ 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, ²⁷ 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, ²⁸ 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.’

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22 ESV

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

St. John 14:15–21 ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵ [Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even 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.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed **159**

Hymn “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” **556 vv. 1-5**

Sermon “Making God Known” **Acts 17:16–31**

Prayer of the Church

Ivan Adkins, Aiyana Benjamin, Richard Polz, Lorna Nielsen, Joyce Dorschner, Karen Temple, Keaton Clipperton, Gen Rehnelt, Robert Pohlman, Diann Johnson (Bernie Stubbe's sister), Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

Final petition concludes:

P . . . one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering and Offertory **159-160**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” **556 vv. 6-10**

Collect

Benediction **166**

Closing Hymn “Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go” **920**

Postlude



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