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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*10:00 a.m.*

*May 10, 2026*

Divine Service, Setting Four with Holy Communion, *LSB* p. 203

*Confession and Absolution*

**Hymn of Invocation: 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

*Stand*

**Invocation and Exhortation**

*LSB 203*

**Confession of Sins**

*LSB 203*

**Prayer for Forgiveness**

*Service of the Word*

**Introit**

*Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105*

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
**and a light to my path.**

Forever, O LORD, your word  
**is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;  
**you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**  
By your appointment they stand this day,

**for all things are your servants.**  
If your law had not been my delight,  
**I would have perished in my affliction.**  
I will never forget your precepts,  
**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.**  
Your word is a lamp to my feet  
**and a light to my path.**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 204*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**First Reading**

*Acts 17:16–31*

**P** The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 17.

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>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, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>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.’

<sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 3:13–22*

**P** The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter 3.

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard 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; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 14:15–21*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even 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.

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

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 206*

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

**Sermon: Is God's Love for Us "Iffy"?**

*John 14:15-21*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

## *Service of the Sacrament*

**Preface**

*LSB 208*

**Sanctus**

*LSB 208*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 209*

## **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Pax Domini**

### **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

*Sit*

### **Distribution**

#### **Distribution Hymn: 628 Your Table I Approach**

#### **Distribution Hymn: 616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

*Stand*

### **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

### **Post-Communion Collect**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

*LSB 212*

### **Hymn to Depart: 779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care**

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