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**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Prelude  
 Tower Bells  
 Welcome  
 Announcements

*Visitors are welcome and encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.*  
*Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.*

Opening Hymn

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*  
 Order of Matins p 219 (*liturgy is sung*)

**LSB 901**

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
 Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite LSB 220 (*sing*)

**O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

**the strength of the hills is His also.**

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**  
**For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.**  
**The deep places of the earth are in His hand;**

**The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.**  
**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**O come, let us worship Him.**

Introit Psalm 66:8-20 (*spoken*)

8 Bless our God, O peoples;  
**let the sound of his praise be heard,**  
9 who has kept our soul among the living  
**and has not let our feet slip.**  
10 For you, O God, have tested us;  
**you have tried us as silver is tried.**  
11 You brought us into the net;  
**you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**  
12 you let men ride over our heads;  
**we went through fire and through water;**  
**yet you have brought us out to a place of**  
**abundance.**  
13 I will come into your house with burnt  
offerings;  
**I will perform my vows to you,**  
14 that which my lips uttered  
**and my mouth promised when I was in**  
**trouble.**

15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of  
fatted animals,  
**with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;**  
**I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**  
16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
**and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**  
17 I cried to him with my mouth,  
**and high praise was on my tongue.**  
18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
**the Lord would not have listened.**  
19 But truly God has listened;  
**he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**  
20 Blessed be God,  
**because he has not rejected my prayer**  
**or removed his steadfast love from me!**

First Reading

Acts 17:16-32 (*Congregation sits*)

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 babbling 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 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.”

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

13 Now 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.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 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.

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

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsory LSB 222

(*Sing*) P: Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Apostles' Creed (*Inside back cover of hymnal*)

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

**LSB 490**

Sermon

Hymn

*For All the Faithful Women*  
(*Verse 2 will be verse 13 about Eunice and Lois*)  
*Offering brought forward during last verse.*

**LSB 855**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that the Lord would bless and protect His people in a world where many false gods, known and unknown, are worshiped; and that He would give His saints a clear and bold proclamation of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For patience and endurance in Christ, that we may have the privilege not only of believing in Him but also of suffering for His sake, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of all nations, that those who seek peace and serve justice would be sustained in their service; and that all who cause evil, violence or oppression would be frustrated, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of mothers who raise their children in all things good, a mirror of God's love, that they may be strengthened in their calling and sustained through weary and difficult times, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather and safety in all farming and work endeavors, for honorable employment for the unemployed, for all graduates, and for all who serve us in law enforcement and military service, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

For the lonely, the destitute and the homeless, that they would rejoice in the presence of the Lord and trust Him for their daily bread; and that the Lord, who has promised not to abandon nor leave them as orphans, would make us messengers of His mercy to reach out to those in need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the needy, the sick and those who have requested our prayers, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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In Our Prayers – *Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 227

**ALL: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect for the Week

**Almighty 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.**

Morning Prayer

**ALL: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (*sing*)

Our Father,  
Which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*You Are the Way; through You Alone*

**LSB 526**

Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles

Postlude

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