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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

May 5, 2024

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: *Adore God More in 2024!*

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.” ~ Psalm 95: 6-7a

We welcome you to Our Shepherd! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship. If you would like a pastor to contact you, please sign an attendance card.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: In Christ There is No East or West . . . J. Biery

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 469 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Invocation:

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Confession/Absolution:

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.*

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: *Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb, you destroyed the power of sin and death. Hear us as we confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection. Grant us the power of your grace. Forgive us, heal us and renew us, so that we may know the joy of life everlasting given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given his Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained 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.*

Hymn of Praise:

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

All: Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: *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.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

First Reading: Acts 10: 34-48

Anthem (8:00): Like as a Father . . . L. Cherubini

*Like as a Father pitieth his children,
so the Lord has mercy,
so the Lord has mercy,
so the Lord has mercy on those that fear him*

Anthem (10:30): Thine is the Glory . . . B. Ingram

*Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!*

*Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where Thy body lay.*

*Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness,
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting!*

*No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above.*

*Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!*

Epistle: 1 John 5: 1-8

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: LSB 653 – In Christ There is No East or West

Video: Good News . . . Journey Box Media

Message from the Word:

Sermon Theme: Sowing With Reckless Abandon – The 46th Anniversary of The Word Today

Sermon Text: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Prayer for Healing

Responsive Prayer:

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

C: *and I will tell what he has done for my soul.*

P: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C: *sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!*

P: Bless our God, O peoples;

C: *let the sound of his praise be heard,*

P: who has kept our soul among the living

C: *and has not let our feet slip.*

P: Blessed be God,

C: *because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!*

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper (8:00 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Hymn (8:00): LSB 683 – Jesus, Thy boundless Love to Me

Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn: LSB 829 – Christ the Eternal Lord

Benediction

Postlude: Christ the Eternal Lord . . . J. Bleresch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Flowers are placed to the glory of God this weekend by Pat Olstad in celebration of her birthday and 23rd wedding anniversary. God’s blessings to her!

FIRST TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

TWT ANNIVERSARY AND COFFEE HOUR: Please plan to join us for a celebratory coffee hour today between services in honor of The Word Today’s 46th anniversary.

THE WORD TODAY WALK: Join us for a fun walk around Scout Lake’s half mile loop (5902 W. Loomis Road, Greendale) after the late service today! We are celebrating TWT’s 46th anniversary and will provide a tailgate lunch. (In case of inclement weather, we will be at church.)

MILKMEN OUTING: Please sign up if you would like to attend the Milkmen game on Sunday, June 16 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and include a hat or drawstring bag! Tickets will be distributed closer to the date of the game.

SPRING CLEAN UP: Please sign up if you can help on our spring clean-up day on Saturday May 18 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

VBS SAVE THE DATE: This year our Vacation Bible School will be July 8 – 12 for children 4 – 10 years-old. The theme is “Camping Out With Jesus.” Watch for further details in the coming weeks!

GUEST PASS: Please take as many as you would like of our “Guest Passes” inviting your family, friends, and neighbors to worship with us!

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL AND GLORIES OF GREECE: Join Pastor Doug as we tour Thessaloniki (Thessalonica), Athens, Kalambaka, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos and Crete!! Full details are in the flyers on the tables in the entrance.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Our Monday women’s study will be on break for the next 2 weeks and resume meeting on May 20th at 2:00 p.m.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Confirmation Class (Grades 5-8)	4:00 PM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

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The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

NOTES

Listener Responses to The Word Today – Kirundi (Eastern Africa)

- ❖ Warm greetings. TWT program is a very interesting program! I was in love with a boy for five years. He promised to marry me at the due time. After all this period, he chased me away and told me that he is no longer in love with me. This darkened my heart till I plan to kill him by giving him poison. Thanks to this program, I have not commit such sin. One day after listening, the Holy Spirit visited me and told me to repent the sin. So, I have not do but repented. Thank you for the program and God bless you.
- ❖ Hello servant of God. Thank you for detailing the Three in One. I used not to understand how one God is in Three. I asked many to explain me how God works through Jesus and the Holy Spirit but in vain. I say thank you for explaining such topic. Sometimes I used to be confused how to pray and who to pray. But now, I really understand the role of each of the Three in One. This will help me to invoke the name of one these three in wisdom. Thank you and God bless you.
- ❖ Hello Pastor, how are you? This week I followed TWT program and I got very joyful. I used not to fear the sin. I was familiar with it but after listening to this program, I really feel touched by the Word of God. So, I have decided to confess and repent all of my sins. I will no longer welcome willingly the sin in my life except for such time of sins of omission. Thank you for preparing us such interesting program which changed my life. God bless you so much indeed!
- ❖ Warm greetings from Butihinga! The TWT program is a very interesting program! From its beginning, I have followed you. The varied subjects have transformed me. I am still young. It happened that my boyfriend impregnated me unwillingly because we used to have sex. I decided to abort but the Word of God in this program has denied me to kill the baby in my pregnancy. From that time, I repented those sins and now I am free. God bless you!
- ❖ Hello servant of God. Thank you for the program TWT, I wish you could air the program always and not one day per week. It is very important. I happened to receive Jesus as my Savior through this program. I went through many tribulations and one day I decided to commit suicide. One of my friend sent me this program on WhatsApp. I followed it and after listening, I changed the plan of suicide I had. I repented of that sin. Thank you for having saved my life unless I would be in hell. God bless you.