

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church

6th Sunday of Easter—May 10th, 2015

Opening Hymn: CW 377 v.1-5 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

Please stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sings) Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

C: (sings) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

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: (sings) Amen.

M: In the peace of this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sings) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you. **C:** (sings) And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day 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.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

First Lesson: Acts 11:19-26

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. ²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 98 – page 103 in *Christian Worship (CW)*

SECOND LESSON: I John 4:1-11

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit^{al} of truth and the spirit of falsehood. ⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. 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. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

C: (sings) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Please stand for our Gospel lesson. **C:** (sings) Glory be to you, O Lord!

Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

M: These are God’s Words!!

C: (sings) Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles’ Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day: CW 499 “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

Sermon:

Please stand.

C: (sings) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

Offering Hymn: CW 485 v.1,2 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Prayer of the Church-----Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: CW 490 “Love In Christ Is Strong and Living”

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) Amen.

M: 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 his peace.

C: (sings) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 380 “Lord, ‘Tis Not that I Did Choose You”

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-Take a look at the Camp Jefferson webpage and get registered for this year’s camp. Dates are: Youth camp July 17-19 & Teen Camp July 19-22. www.welscampjefferson-weldne.org.

-Council Mtg. May 14th 7 pm.

-Please keep Miss Patricia Bode in your prayers as she considers the call to teach at St. John’s-Milwaukee, WI. Also Annalisse Dwerlkotte NELHS, MLC, & Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as the continue on the course marked out for them.

-Lots of ministry opportunities coming up in the month of JUNE!!! From helping decorate our church float for the Homestead Days Parade or walking with the float on Sat. June 20th passing out candy and magnets. That next week June 22-26 from 6:30-8pm marks the beginning of VBS Week!! This gives you the chance to help out with VBS via teaching one of the sections or assisting. Please take this to the Lord in prayer and consider how you can help out.

-No Saturday worship next week as Pastor Hillmann will be preaching for NELHS graduation.

-All are invited to join Wayne & Jeanette Zimmerman in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at the Schilling Bridge Winery, Pawnee City from 1-4pm on May 23rd.

B-days & Anniv. –Lynette Feldhausen (5/10); Elaine Schroder (5/12); Macy Oltman (5/12); Dale Pieper (5/13); Hadley Petet (5/15)

<i>This Week and Beyond</i>			<i>Fruits of our Faith (5/2&3)</i>		
Today	8:45am	BC & SS	Attendance: 7(Sat) 47(Sun)		Needed
	9:30 am	Worship	Home Fund:	\$1439	1600
			Missions:	\$133	122
Wed.	6:00pm	BIC	NELHS Operating:	\$160	122
			NELHS Debt:	\$110	
Thurs.	7:00pm	Council Mtg.	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1842</i>	<i>1844</i>
Sat.		No Worship			
Sun	8:45 am	BC & SS	<i>Serving Among Us</i>		
	9:30 am	CommunionWorship	Organist: Janice Spilker-Pieper		
			Ushers: Gordon Crome (elder),		
			Robert Orth & Will Rosenboom		