

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 – 8:00 AM
COMMUNION / SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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CHIMES / PRELUDE / LIGHTING of CANDLES

GREETINGS & PRAYERS

OPENING HYMN: Songs of Grace 104 *This Is My Father's World*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION, P. 203 – Right Column

INTROIT (Spoken)

Pastor: Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*

People: and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*

People: sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Pastor: Bless our God, O | peoples;*

People: let the sound of his | praise be heard,

Pastor: who has kept our soul among the | living*

People: and has not let our | feet slip.

Pastor: Blessèd | be God,*

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

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

People: and to the Holy | Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the be- | ginning,*

People: is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Antiphon: Ps. 66:16

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HYMN OF PRAISE: P. 204 "Glory to God..."

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray

ALL: 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.

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-48

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." ⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with

Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN: LSB 589 *Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15:9-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Please be seated)

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ**

THE SERMON: Pastor Matthew Woods

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