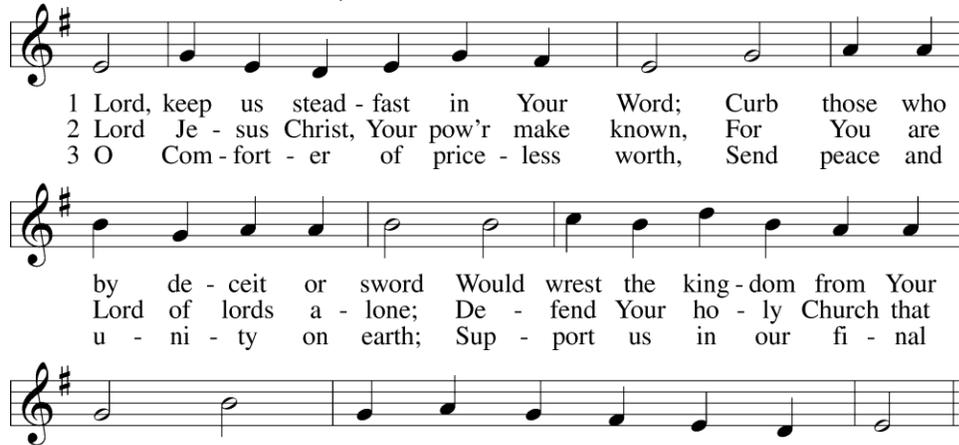


**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 17, 2020  
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

**OPENING HYMN “LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD”** LSB, PAGE 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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**✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**✠ PSALM 66:8-20**

Pastor: <sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O peoples;

**People: let the sound of His praise be heard,**

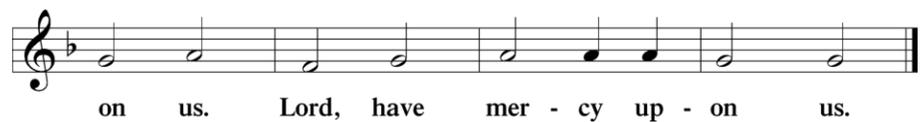
Pastor: <sup>9</sup>Who has kept our soul among the living

**People:** and has not let our feet slip.  
 Pastor: <sup>10</sup>For You, O God, have tested us;  
**People:** You have tried us as silver is tried.  
 Pastor: <sup>11</sup>You brought us into the net;  
**People:** You laid a crushing burden on our backs;  
 Pastor: <sup>12</sup>You let men ride over our heads;  
**People:** we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance.  
 Pastor: <sup>13</sup>I will come into Your house with burnt offerings;  
**People:** I will perform my vows to You,  
 Pastor: <sup>14</sup>that which my lips uttered  
**People:** and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
 Pastor: <sup>15</sup>I will offer to You burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
**People:** I will make an offering of bulls and goats.  
 Pastor: <sup>16</sup>Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
**People:** and I will tell what He has done for my soul.  
 Pastor: <sup>17</sup>I cried to Him with my mouth,  
**People:** and high praise was on my tongue.  
 Pastor: <sup>18</sup>If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
**People:** the Lord would not have listened.  
 Pastor: <sup>19</sup>But truly God has listened;  
**People:** He has attended to the voice of my prayer.  
 Pastor: <sup>20</sup>Blessed be God,  
**People:** because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

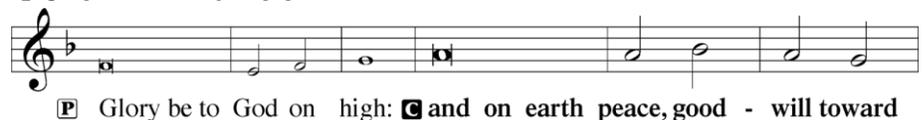
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men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### † SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit

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 17:16-31

Reader: The first reading for the sixth Sunday of Easter is from the seventeenth chapter of Acts.

<sup>16</sup>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. <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 babbler 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."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### THE GRADUAL *(adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6)*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

**People: [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**People: He has put all things under His feet.**

## THE EPISTLE --- 1 PETER 3:13-22

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the third chapter of First Peter.

<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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ ALLELUIA AND VERSE



## ✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL --- JOHN 14:15-21

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.

People: 🎵 **Glory be to Thee, 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 🎵 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## ✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY "GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT" LSB PAGE 594



1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

# THE SERMON "PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE"

## † THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## † THE LORD'S PRAYER

## † SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **♪ And with thy spirit.**  
Pastor: Bless we the Lord.  
People: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

## † BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.  
People: **♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN "HOW SHALL THEY HEAR," WHO HAVE NOT HEARD" LSB, PAGE 831



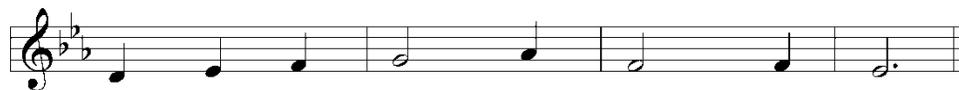
1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard  
2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place,  
3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,  
4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire im - part



News of a Lord who loved and came;  
Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,  
Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,  
To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,  
Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;  
Tell - ing of One who died for all,  
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?  
Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.  
To bring a lost world home a - gain?  
And make a world for Christ my goal.

5 Spirit of love, within us move:  
Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!  
So shall they hear and find and prove  
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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**NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS:** Psalm 68:1-10; Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

**NEXT WEEK:** In training and in the going off to war, a person should expect to suffer in one way or another. Is it different in the spiritual "war" we are involved with?

### **TODAY'S LIGHT READERS**

**TODAY'S LIGHT:** Judges 1--10

1. Describe the three sin/salvation scenarios you find in Judges 3. Describe the sin/salvation scenarios in your life in which Jesus is your deliverer
2. How does Gideon's grateful worship of God, recorded in Judges 7:15, give evidence of his faith in God? Of what future event can we, as God's people, be most certain?

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### **LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

"Ascension Day, a holy day falling inconspicuously on a Thursday in May, is the conspicuous declaration that we are not left as orphans. In the same post-resurrection body that He invited Thomas to touch, Jesus invites us to full humanity even today. He ascended with a body. He shares in our humanity, extending His own body even now, promising to return for our own bodies. Christ is preparing a room for us, and we can know it is real because He himself is real." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries*

A "Life Quote" from *Lutherans For Life* — [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

**May 17 – Easter VI** – What best prepares us to defend the sanctity of life? Political strategy? Graphic imagery? Rhetorical formulas? Scientific citations? How about the hope we have in Christ our Holy One (1 Peter 3:15)--that our Lord is at work in every circumstance, even those life-and-death moments that seem most dark and desperate, bringing about not just survival but everlasting salvation, and always with His signature gentleness?

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**KFUO RADIO:** This week on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org), study Mark 8-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), dig into Romans 9-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and join Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller for a curious topic on Cross Defense (5/18 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs and more on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org).

**HIGHWAY CLEAN UP:** The long-delayed highway clean up will be on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at our church sign just west of White Sands National Park. After getting our gear we'll go to selected parts of our mile and clean it, meeting at the border patrol check point. Safety vests, gloves, trash grabbers and trash bags are provided. Please wear long pants to protect yourself from the brush and a hat. Put on sunscreen and have some water handy. Let's get this mile clean...finally! Please contact Hannah Keeler, 491-9234, if you have questions. Thanks everyone.

**CORONA VIRUS:** As you are aware we are still restricted from social contact so no church services! Thanks to all who responded to the call for continued giving. We're doing okay. Please continue to make your monthly or weekly contributions to the church it would be very helpful. You can drop it off at the church, put it in the locked church mailbox (the mail is picked up everyday), or mail it to the church at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1505 College Ave. Alamogordo NM 88310. God's Blessings, Sandy Klose, Stewardship Chair

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 12:30 PM</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Friday 8:00 AM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Friday 6:30 PM</b>

**MISSION SUNDAY:** This Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is Mission Sunday. The mission for May and June goes to the LCMS Seminary Student Financial Aid Fund.

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE** is tentatively planned for AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a prime opportunity for everyone to be cleaning out closets, cabinets & sheds to prepare to contributing to the annual sale. Monies go to supporting our LWML Mission goals, activities, and church projects.

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## LWML

Good Morning! We miss everyone! LWML is seeking your consideration and generosity. As you know our Convention was cancelled and monies for the following missions was not raised. To make up for that, the Rocky Mountain District will be doing a 2020 Ingathering of gift cards to help those missions. Pastor will purchase the cards from Legacy Christian Academy, that way there will be a double benefit for the missions and for Legacy school. There is a list of some cards with minimum value below.

### **2020 INGATHERING: GIFT CARDS FROM THE HEART**

LWML Rocky Mountain District -- Three ministries will be recipients of our 2020 ingathering: Lutheran Indian Ministries/Navajo Ministry; Lutheran Valley Retreat; and Ysleta Lutheran Mission/Human Care. Here are some notes to help you decide what gift cards to buy.

- Gift cards of any donation are welcome. Five and ten dollar gift cards can be given to a person needing help and larger gift cards can be used by the mission to buy their needed items.
- Costco, Home Depot and Lowes are also good places to buy gift cards, or buy nonspecific gift cards, e.g. Visa cards. (Navajo Mission doesn't have a Costco nearby.)
- In addition, to these three ministries, we know that many in your communities have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of this year's ingathering ministry, you may purchase gift cards for those as well.

**Here is a list of some cards and minimums that can be purchased from Legacy:**

- \$10 minimum for most fast food restaurants
- \$10 minimum cards for Home Depot, Walmart, Amazon, Sam's Club
- \$20 minimum for Lowes cards and Target
- \$50 minimum for Discover or Visa cards
- No cards for Costco & McDonalds

- **Gift Cards from the Heart**, can also be given to those in need.

### **Reaching the Navajo People Through Outreach and Worship**

Lutheran Indian Missions – Navajo, NM 411 E Logan Ave, Gallup, NM 87301

### **Sharing God's Grace and Glory Through His Creation**

Lutheran Valley Retreat, PO Box 9042, Woodland Park, CO 80866

### **Changing Lives Every Day Through Simple Acts of Kindness**

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, 301 S. Schutz Drive, El Paso, TX 79907

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LWML.**