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## WORSHIP

8:15am – Traditional 9:30am – Gather & Grow 10:30am - Contemporary

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> "Raising Up Families and Followers of Jesus Christ"

# Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

8:15 am

SEEK GOD and FIND joy

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11

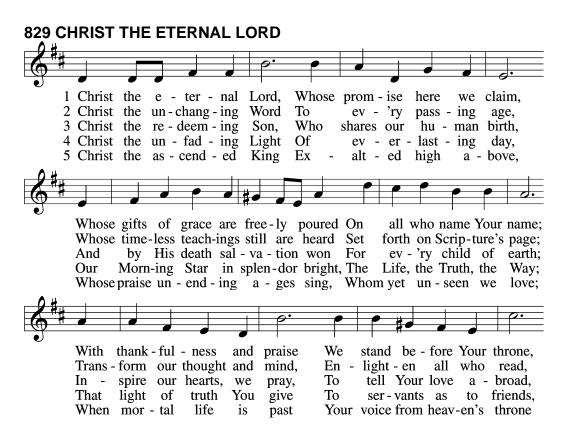
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## EASTER PEOPLE ABIDE

### **AS WE GATHER**

The hymn text "Abide with Me," by English clergyman Henry Lyte, has a history that assists in making the words of hope and comfort in the text memorable. Yet, in reflecting on the true importance of the hymn, it is not the circumstances surrounding why it was written that gives it beauty but the words themselves that the author wrote. In timeless poetry, Lyte underscores the meaning of God's presence in the life of the Christian as he writes: "I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless" (*LSB* 878:5). Our Lord abides with us not only at eventide, but at all times and in all places. Here and now let us bring to this caring God our thanks and praise!

**WELCOME CARDS/PRAYER REQUESTS** We ask all who are present today to please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.



### + PREPARATION +



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known. With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed. That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord. Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends. Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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## INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation Amen.** 

### **OPENING SENTENCES** Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10

Leader	Praise the LORD!
Congregation	Praise the LORD, O my soul!
Leader	I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
Congregation	I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
Leader Congregation	Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.
Leader Congregation	The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. <b>Praise the LORD!</b>

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Leader Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

Congregation Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Abide with us and grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

Leader God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and

ordained servant, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

#### + WORD +

INTROIT Leader	<i>Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16</i> Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for
Congregation	my soul. Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!
Leader Congregation	Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.
Leader	Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!
Congregation	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.
Leader	Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
KYRIE Leader Congregation	LSB 168 In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Leader Congregation	For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Leader	For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation	Lord, have mercy.
Leader	For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation	Lord, have mercy.
Leader Congregation	Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.
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## SALUTATION

LeaderThe Lord be with you.CongregationAnd also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader

Let us pray.

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.

#### Congregation Amen.

### FIRST READING Acts 10:34–48

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

ReaderThis is the Word of the Lord.CongregationThanks be to God.

## EPISTLE 1 John 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Reader	This is the Word of the Lord.	
Congregation	Thanks be to God.	
GRADUAL	adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6	
Leader	Christ has risen from the dead.	
Congregation	God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.	
Leader	He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;	
Congregation	<b>He has put all things under His feet.</b>	
VERSE Leader	<i>Romans 6:9; John 16:33b</i> Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.	
Congregation	Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.	
HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9–17		

Leader The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter. Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

LeaderThis is the Gospel of the Lord.CongregationPraise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Liz Fassnacht

700 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING di - vine, ex - cel - ling, Joy 1 Love all loves of 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov ing Spir - it In to Al - might - y, 3 Come. to de - liv er; Let us Thy new cre - a tion, Pure 4 Fin ish then and heav'n. earth come down! Fix Thy to in us ev 'ry trou bled breast: Let us all in all life Sud re -Thy re - ceive; den ly less let be; Let Thy spot us us see dwell - ing. hum - ble All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest. turn, and nev - er, Nev \_ er - more Thy tem - ples leave. sal - va - tion Per fect - ly great re - stored in Thee. Thou all Je sus, art com - pas - sion, Pure. un -Take a way the love of sin - ning; Al pha would al -Thee we be ways bless - ing, Serve Thee Changed from glo in \_ to glo - ry, Till in ry with bound - ed love Thou art: Vis it us \_ 0 be; End of faith, and me ga as as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee heav'n take Till we our place, we cast our Thy sal - va - tion, En ev -'ry trem - bling heart. ter at lib - er - ty. its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts with - out ceas - ing, Thy per - fect love. Glo ry in crowns be - fore Thee. Lost won - der, love, in and praise!

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### **NICENE CREED**

Congregation

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. And 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.

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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank God for the Christian Church and pray that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be blessed with all grace and give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

We pray for our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We ask the blessing of our bountiful God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Also, we pray for all who are part of the household of faith, whose presence here this day supports and strengthens us.

We also pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the

unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially*...]. Lord, grant that we may bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

**Congregation Amen** 

## + SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

Leader	The Lord be with you.
Congregation	And also with you.
Leader	Lift up your hearts.
Congregation	We lift them to the Lord.
Leader	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

Leader

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your grace in all our days. Assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow securely and confidently as people of faith, abiding in Your amazing love as we live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly table.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Leader Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Leader As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

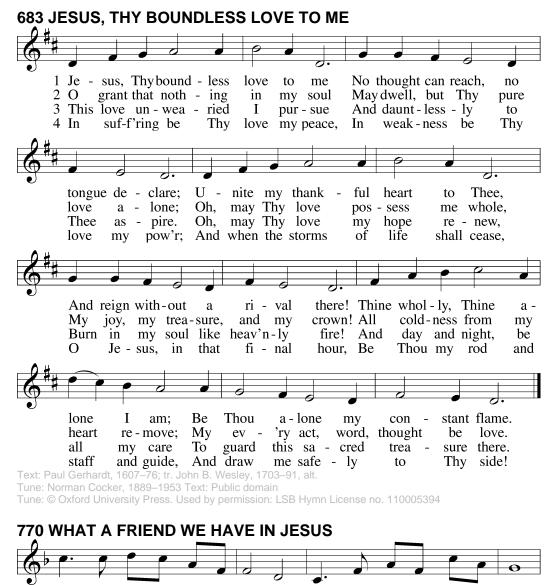
## LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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

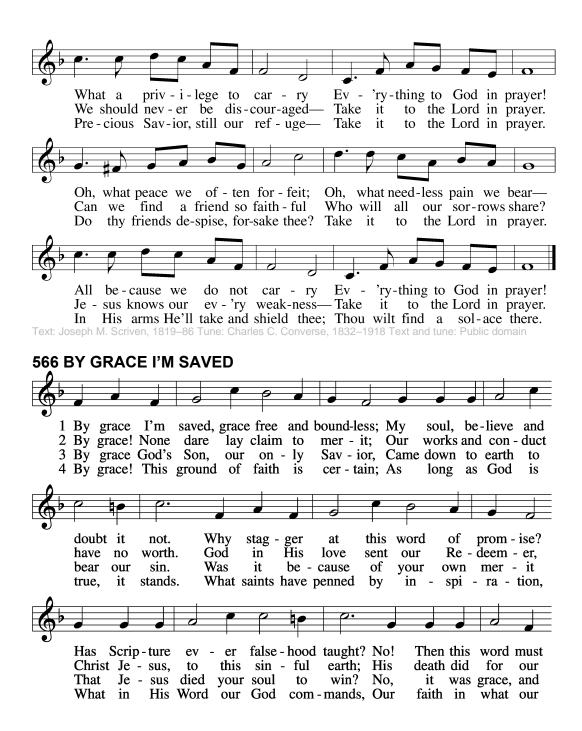
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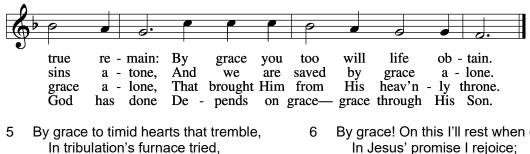
LeaderThe peace of the Lord be with you always.CongregationAmen.

#### + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear! 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where? 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?





By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.

Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

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## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Leader

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we bless You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may abide in the fellowship of the Christian Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.** 

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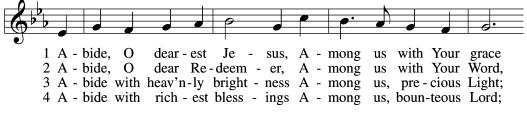
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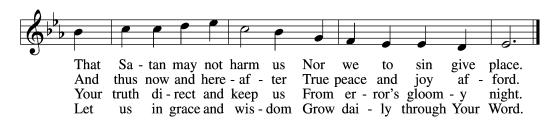
Leader

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 † give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

## 919 ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS





 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength, Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.  Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
 Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

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#### DISMISSAL

Leader	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Congregation	His is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Leader	Go in peace as you serve our living Lord!
Congregation	Thanks be to God!

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