

8:30 a.m. ~ May 27, 2018 ~ Leader

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy" [LW 168]

INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father,
- C: Who creates all life!
- P: In the name of the Son,
- C: Who has purchased all life from sin and death by the power of His blood!
- P: In the name of the Spirit,
- C: Who fills us with the resurrection life of Jesus!
- P: In the name of the Father, and of the ♥ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: Let us then honestly confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most gracious God, we admit and confess that every single day, in many different ways, we fall short of being the people You call us to be. We sin in what we do and in what we refuse to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We can understand if You are angry, and we certainly deserve it. Because of the cross of Christ our Lord, be merciful to us. Forgive us, renew us, restore us, and lead us to take delight in doing Your will and walking in Your ways. We can ask this only because of Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed your sins and guilt. Now you can stand in His gracious presence without fear. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER of the DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God our Father, You dwell in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by Your eternal Spirit. You revealed Your glory most clearly through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Cleanse us from all doubt and fear. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see You in Your eternal glory, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSE "The Lord, My God Be Praised" [LW 174, v. 1]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:16-23 [NIV]

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE "The Lord, My God Be Praised" [LW 174, v. 2]

HOLY GOSPEL John 17:20-26 [NIV 84]

²⁰ My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in

order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks to be God!

THE NICENE CREED

SERMON HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" [LSB 717]

SERMON "BIG CHURCH: BIG ANSWERS"

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

- *Peace, Comfort, and Healing*: **Keith Connors** (former Peace member)-recovering in an Austin hospital with pneumonia and septic shock.
- •Wisdom and Courage: Law Enforcement and Military.

THE LORD'S PRAYER The Family Prayer of the People of God

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Come, O Almighty King" [LW 169]

"Holy God, We Praise Your name" [LW 171]

"God of Our Fathers" [LW 501]

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE "The Lord, My God Be Praised" [LW 174, v. 3-4]

POSTLUDE "The Lord My God Be Praised"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

SERMON: Rev. James Mueller LITURGIST: Rev. Morgan Hamilton

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

- Happiness Seminar 2.0 | Saturday, June 2 | 10am-2pm | \$10 per person
 - o Be sure register online by Friday, June 1 (6pm cutoff)
- Men's Wednesday Bible Study | Wednesday @ 8:30am | Fellowship Hall
 - New Study beginning June 6 The Lutheran Church in Germany (1930-40)
- Graduation Sunday | June 10 Both Services | Be sure to submit your graduation info!

Preschool & Children's Events

- VBS 2018 | June 25-29 | Registration Now Open Register Today!
- VBS Family Work Day | Wednesday, May 30 | 6-8pm | Help get ready for VBS
 - o Childcare NOT provided
 - o Children 6th grade and under MUST be accompanied by an adult
 - o Bring your own dinner

