



Easter 6

Real Life: Real Purpose

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 14, 2023

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Everything you need for today's service can be found in the blue hymnal underneath the chair in front of you. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

TODAY'S FOCUS

"God has a plan!" we like to remind each other, especially when we have trouble. The three readings today speak of God's plan or purpose for us in connection with Jesus. He determines the very places where we live. He seeks us out and claims us through Holy Baptism. He washes us clean and lives in us so that our life is one of loving obedience to His Word. Without Christ, we would have no true reason to exist. With Christ our purpose is that we were redeemed by Him so that we belong to Him and live for Him.

GUEST PREACHER

Delivering the sermon today is Pastor Timothy Nass. Pastor Nass currently serves Saint Paul, Lake Mills where he has been for the past 6 years. He and his wife, Jessica, have four boys.

The Peace Board of Elders has budgeted to provide one guest preacher per month to help Pastors Arndt and Werre fulfill their duties.

To prepare for the Sacrament, why not review page 293 in the blue hymnal?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting Three pg. 188 in the blue hymnal
Psalm of the Day **Psalm 89**, page 89 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Hymn of the Day	464	<i>I Am Content</i>
Communion Hymns	728	<i>This Is My Will</i>
	668	<i>Jesus Comes Today with Healing</i>
Closing Hymn	606	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Acts 17:22-31
Second Lesson	1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel Lesson	John 14:15-21

Sermon

The Unknown God

Acts 17:22-31

WHERE DO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS COME FROM?

The three Scripture readings during the service come from a schedule of readings called a “lectionary.” The lectionary we are following begins on page X in the front pages of the blue hymnal. We are on Year A, Easter 6.

The lectionary is not in the Bible, nor is it commanded by God. However, using a lectionary helps to insure that the whole counsel of God is heard by God’s people. (There may be parts of the Bible that we consider unimportant or uncomfortable, but God wants us to hear them anyway.) The lectionary also prevents the pastor from soap-boxing on pet topics. Most importantly, the lectionary’s purpose is to keep us Christ-focused.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon Rev. Timothy Nass
Keyboard Mrs. Lynn Proeber

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission Statement

As men, women and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, we are **committed to making disciples**, using the gospel to win the lost for Christ, and nurturing believers for Christian service, all to the glory of God.

Service Times

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am; Monday 6:30 pm

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FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

²⁹“Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 89

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. ¹⁵But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.

¹⁷Indeed, it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, ¹⁸because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the

resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!