



**St. Luke's  
Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 10:00 AM**

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Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

*Guest Preacher: Rev. Mark Moss with Lutheran Heritage Foundation*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

A treasured children's song, "I Love to Tell the Story, has a refrain that follows each of the stanzas penned by poet Arabella Katherine Hankey, repeating the simple words: "I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love." The original Greek language in which John wrote his Gospel uses the word "love" either as a noun or a verb some nine times in the section of Jesus' words heard in the Gospel for today. Jesus wants His disciples and us to know the abiding power of His love. It is that love that compels us to love one another—and the "others" beyond our circles of family, friends, and other close relationships. We are blessed in hearing the "old, old story of Jesus and His love" anew today. May we be blessed in telling it out in love as well!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

"As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. 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." *John 15:9–10*

## **WELCOME**

## **RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS**

## **✠PREPARATION ✠**

# 556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE

sts. 1-5



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly  
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it  
 4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -  
 5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all  
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for  
 pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of My crown, And bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
 moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left  
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He  
 all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.  
 bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.

Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg

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## Stand

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Amen.

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

*LSB 203*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*LSB 203*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*LSB 203*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**✠ WORD ✠**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

**P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**C** and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**C** sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

**P** Bless our God, O peoples;

**C** let the sound of his praise be heard,

**P** who has kept our soul among the living

**C** and has not let our feet slip.

**P** Blessèd be God,

**C** because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

**C** 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.

**P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**C** and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

## KYRIE

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## “HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD”

Led by our Praise & Worship Team

### “How Great is Our God”

1 The splendor of a king clothed’ in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

2, 4 How great is our God, sing with me  
7, 8 How great is our God and all will see  
9 How great, how great, is our God

3 Age to age He stands and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son  
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb

5, 6 Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God

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## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

*LSB 205*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, while we were still in our sins You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another that we may abide in Your grace and may bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 10:34-48*

*(People from every nation are accepted by God.)*

<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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*adapt. From Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** he has put all things under his feet.

## EPISTLE

*1 John 5:1-8*

*(The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)*

<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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

(Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** 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.”*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

### THE ONE WHOM GOD HAS CHOSEN



1 The One whom God has cho - sen Now choos - es from all lands  
2 The One whom God ap - point - ed Ap - points those who be - lieve  
3 The One whom God a - noint - ed A - noints us with His pow'r;



That all who know the Sav - ior Will love, as He com - mands.  
To share the tes - ti - mo - ny Of all that they re - ceive.  
Through wa - ter and the Spir - it, We wait for that great hour.



The Spir - it free - ly giv - en To those of ev - 'ry race  
The gift of grace is won - drous To all who are set free.  
We know that our Re - deem - er Has o - vercome all strife.



En - a - bles them to wit - ness In ev - 'ry time and place.  
They can - not help but share it— This blessed e - ter - ni - ty!  
We sing a song of tri - umph, For we are born to life!

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## SERMON – Rev. Mark Moss

“Charlie Mike”

### The Great Commission

Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

### VOTUM

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

### OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **Offering plates** are available in the narthex as you exit.
2. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke’s Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:  
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: 1 John 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”** God’s commandments are not burdensome, but that’s only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Law of the Lord, loving God and our neighbor by keeping His commandments.

## OFFERTORY – “Here I Am, Lord”

Led by our Praise & Worship Team

“Here I Am, Lord”

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry  
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
- 2, 4, 6 Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart
- 3 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain  
I have wept for love of them, my hand will save  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
- 5 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

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*Stand*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☐ 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Heavenly Father, You invite us freely to come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of all, You make known the good news of peace through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father of love, out of great love for You and for sinners, our Lord Jesus laid down His life for the world. Increase in us true love for one another, that like our Lord, we may also lay down our lives for our friends. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty Father, You rule this world by Your established authorities in ways that we do not always understand; yet in the name of Jesus, we may ask You anything freely as friends and sons. Bless our nation's leaders, and cause them to serve wisely for our good. Give earthly peace and justice that is in accord with Your commandments and the order You have revealed. Bring an end to injustice, violence and disdain for Your truth, and let us receive all good with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, the Giver of all that is good, grant Your healing and support to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Give them also the gift of Your grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You, that finally they would be prepared to depart this life and receive the gift of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, at the death of Your Son, You gave the testimony of Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from His wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and so overcome the world by our faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠SACRAMENT✠

### PREFACE

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, whom to know is everlasting life, we are granted all good things and are directed in ways of peace. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your benediction that we may abide in Your love, sharing that wondrous love in all our words and deeds throughout our life's journey on earth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You now for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to give us assurance of Your fatherly care, knowing that all of our days are spent in God's sight. Directed by Your Holy Spirit and reflecting Your limitless love toward us, grant that we abide in Christ's love, awaiting the fulfilled promise of eternal life in Your heavenly kingdom, where saints and angels gather around Your throne in glory everlasting.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Hear us as we pray as You have taught us:

**C** **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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** 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."

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 210



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

## I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY



1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best



Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.  
Seem hun - ger-ing and thirst-ing To hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto-ry, Be-cause I know it's true;  
And when in scenes of glo-ry I sing the new, new song,



It sat - is-fies my long-ings As noth - ing else would do.  
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.



*Refrain*  
I love to tell the sto-ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo-ry



To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

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## 770 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS



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?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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# 556 DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE

sts. 6–10



6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin  
 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and  
 8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -  
 9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -  
 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to  
 cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I  
 reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast  
 cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly  
 teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis - guised He bore; A  
 strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And  
 and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My  
 Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And  
 in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.  
 where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.  
 in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.  
 teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.  
 heav'n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg

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*Stand*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC – A Joyful Sound**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

## **POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, once again You have welcomed us at Your Table of grace. Grant that this Sacrament that we have now received may strengthen us so that we may abide in loving service day by day. As we have shared in the blessings of Your Table, grant that we live each day as Your people who see people around us as You see them and love them as You love them. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## **BENEDICAMUS**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Amen.

## **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you”, as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3).*

## CLOSING SONG

### 826 HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;  
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"  
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Text (sts. 1–2, 4): Daniel March, 1816–1909, alt.; (st. 3): unknown, alt.

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