

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you  
another advocate to help you and be with you  
forever . . .*

John 14:16

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

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## **Worship Plan for Sunday, May 14, 2023**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

LBW Setting Two without Communion

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**ENTRANCE HYMN *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* (LBW 257)**

**GREETING (LBW p. 78)**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 78)**

**HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 79)**

Glory to God in the highest.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . .

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an 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, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is 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 too are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 66:7-18**

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,  
<sup>8</sup>**who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.**

<sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>10</sup>**You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

<sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>14</sup>**Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

<sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup>**If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;**

<sup>17</sup>but in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.**

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in

which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, 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 made subject to him.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **JESUS LOVES ME AND CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**VERSE (LBW p. 83)**

**GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON *With You Forever***

**HYMN OF THE DAY *We Know That Christ Is Raised* (LBW 189)**

**APOSTLES’ CREED (LBW p. 84)**

**PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks* WOV verses 1-3**

## OFFERING PRAYER

### BLESSING

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.

### Three Fold Amen (Sung)

**SENDING HYMN-*Because He Lives* (pg. 7)**

**DISMISSAL-as usual**

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### FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Dennis Riswold—Friend of the Community

Jay Vogt— Friend of the Community

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Laurel Mader -Friend of Pastor & Kim Questad

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Tracy Van Dam—Mother-in-law of Danielle Goldammer

Brenda Wade Schmidt—Friend of the Community

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Family of Paula Siemonsma—Niece of Tom & Becky Siemonsma

Family of Wayne Wetzberger—Father of Kelly Lavalliere

### Our Response to God's Love

**Baltic: May 7:** Attendance; 79 General Fund \$2056.00 Noisy Can  
\$56.27

**East: May 7:** Attendance: 82; General Fund \$1349.00 Noisy Can  
\$28.57

# Because He Lives

Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither

1. God sent His Son- they called Him Je - sus; He came to  
2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by, And feel the  
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's

love, heal and for - give. He lived and died to buy my  
pride and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -  
fi - nal war with pain. And then, as death gives way to

par - don; An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
sur - ance: This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.  
vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.

*Refrain*  
Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He

lives, all fear is gone. Be - cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

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## Sunday, May 14, 2023

<b>Baltic</b>	9:00 Worship and Live streamed on Facebook @ BalticLutheranChurch
<b>East Nidaros</b>	10:30 Worship

## Things Happening Week of May 14th

<b>Sun May 14</b>	<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</b>
Tue May 16	2:30pm PQ Worship @ DNRC
Fri May 19	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

## Sunday, May 21, 2023

<b>Baltic</b>	9:00 Worship
	10:30 Worship and livestreamed on Facebook @
<b>East Nidaros</b>	EastNidarosLutheranChurch

### Fellowship Coffee and Treats

<p><b><u>Baltic</u></b> May 21 Joann Moan &amp; Ruth Lee Kari &amp; Chuck Radack</p>	<p><b><u>East Nidaros</u></b> May 14 Keith &amp; Paula Harvey Dustin &amp; Elizabeth Stoel</p>
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<p><b><u>Baltic</u></b> May 28 Gaila Schreurs &amp; Jun 4 Tracy &amp; Cameron Kerkhove</p>	<p><b><u>East Nidaros</u></b> May 21 Mark Brobjorg &amp; 28 Rosalie Riswold-Brende</p>
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**Baltic:** Northern Rim Youth  
**East:** Baltic Veterans Memorial