Sixth Sunday of Easter

During this time of shelter-in-place, we still worship together online. You can find the link to our worship channel [on our website](https://us13.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=a5e4a03164862a15c441...). The video will be available starting at 8:30am on Sunday morning.
The Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings of the Day

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 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. 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, 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. 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, 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. 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.’

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. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 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.”

Psalm 66:8–20

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

The Epistles of Peter: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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; 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; 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. 

17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 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,

19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

20 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.

21 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,

22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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The Holy Gospel according to John: John 14:15–21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 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.

18 “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 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.”
Hymn of the Day: ELW #392 - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter,
   his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the
   victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful
   victories, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight re-
   you from day to day, Intercessor, friend of
   footstool, heav’n your throne. As within the veil you
   Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your
   Alleluia! his the triumph, his the

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in
   sorrows now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith be-
   food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to
   Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your
   Alleluia! his the triumph, his the

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our
   tent we own; Alleluia!
   Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your
   Alleluia! his the triumph, his the

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent,
   Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your
   Alleluia! his the triumph, his the

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   Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your
   Alleluia! his the triumph, his the

Text: William C. Dix, 1817–1898, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887
Jesus Loves Me!

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
2 Jesus loves me! he who died heaven’s gates to open wide;
3 Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;

little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong,
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,

yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

The postlude, "What Wondrous Love" is from a 2002 performance by the Chicago Chorale and is used with the generous permission of its conductor (and Augustana member!) Bruce Tammen. Other Augustana members were also in the Chorale in 2002 and participated in this performance, including Paul Erling, Nancy Goede, and Esther Menn. The CD can be purchased here.

In Our Prayers
her death

Friends and family of Dorothy Goede, mother of Pastor Goede, upon her death

Caleb Tompsett, grandson of Bill and Chris, beginning radiation for a pediatric brain tumor

Jeanette Bordelon, diagnosed with cancer and awaiting abdominal surgery on May 20th

Mark van Scharrel, husband of Pastor Julie Ryan, advanced cancer

Frank Showers, undergoing treatment for cancer

Anu, Smitha Gunthoti's cousin, late-stage cancer

Millie Spino, friend of Pat Chromy, living in a nursing home and diagnosed with COVID-19

Cathy Eurich, friend of Pat Chromy, in ICU with COVID-19

Karl, a friend and coworker of Joe Klonowski, diagnosed with COVID-19

House of Faith, Decatur, Illinois, COVID-19 cases, including a relative of Judy Merritt-Morgan

Jeanne Mies, Jeanette Bordelon's sister, a very active woman beginning a six-month course of physical therapy after surgery for an ankle tendon injury

Kathy, a friend of Robin Mitchell, suffering from isolation in a nursing home

The security guards that protect the campus, asked by Jean Nye

The people of India, as they confront both COVID-19 and resulting violence against Muslims

The doctors in our congregation, Peter Pytel, Jefree Schulte, and Elaine Worcester; and nurse practitioners, Steph Stuhlmuller and Norma Rolfsen

Deb Burnet, Joe Klonowski’s mother, a doctor at U of C Hospital

Kimi, a friend of the Klonowskis', working hard at U of C Hospital

Kevin Rist, father of Erika, a doctor in Wausau, WI

Please do not hesitate to email the office with any prayer requests that you would like included next week
Please share the peace and make an offering

Did you know that sharing the peace is meant to reconcile us before we share the Holy Supper? We can't do that in person right now, but we can the rest of the week. Please take time soon to call or email someone. It helps build community and keeps us strong.

At the end of worship, please remember to make an offering. The people we employ depend on your generosity during this difficult time. You can arrange an ongoing electronic offering through our website. Setting up a free PayPal account allows you to make an offering of any size with a debit or credit card; the email address you need is treasurer@augustanahydepark.org. You can, of course, also send a check to Augustana, 5500 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL, 60637.

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Communing at home? Take a picture!

We would love to receive pictures of the bread and wine that you're using at home for your Communion so that we can vary the images we display in our videos. If you feel that you set a nice Communion table, please snap a picture and email it to Carolyn.
Our national church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is preparing a social message on government and civic engagement. Messages and statements guide what pastors teach and what we ask of our church's lobbyists in Washington. Until May 27, you are invited to provide feedback on how to strengthen the draft of the message.

To offer feedback on the draft “Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement: Discipleship in a Democracy,” please fill out the survey. You may also choose to email comments to draftsocialmessage@elca.org. In light of the feedback, the message draft will be revised and presented to the ELCA Church Council for a vote in June.

Read the draft.

While we all miss the beautiful interior of our beloved church, we can still enjoy nature's extravagant beautification of the exterior.
The Chicago Pride Parade will be significantly delayed this year, if it takes place at all. But even if the LGTBQIA+ community and its allies can't be together, we can still remember that we are not alone. **Show your PRIDE and support ReconcilingWorks at the same time!** A portion of every shirt sold will go to support ReconcilingWorks in making a way for the welcome, inclusion, and celebration of LGTQIA+ people in the Lutheran Church.

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Dear HPRP Community,

We are asking today that you consider **donating** to support our refugee families through this crisis. Just like many people in the country and world today, our families are facing challenges both financial and emotional during this difficult time. Living through a national emergency in a country where you are still learning the language and without a financial safety net, or a long-standing social or family network poses particular challenges.

The HP Refugee Project is responding to this by shifting our priorities to meet the most urgent needs of these families: food, shelter, healthcare, and emotional wellbeing. We are happy to report that we have provided $3200 in rent assistance, over $1000 toward utilities and transportation costs, and
Here are some of the activities we are doing to address these issues and support our families:

* Monthly budget check-ins with families to assess need for financial support;
* Deliveries of food gift cards and cloth masks;
* Care packages full of activities and art supplies for children;
* Covid-19 information translated into native languages for our families;
* Information and assistance applying for public benefits and unemployment insurance;
* Information about local coronavirus testing sites and telehealth procedures;
* Regular check-ins with families to ensure they feel part of a loving community.

We currently assist 45 people across six families, many of whom have suddenly found themselves struggling with additional instability. While we still hope to welcome a refugee family soon, the money we raised in the winter will go to helping families already in the neighborhood. These are our friends and neighbors who recently fled from other countries and are now starting over.

The funds we currently have, though, will not support our families for long, so we ask you to consider making a donation. **Would you consider helping our local refugee neighbors by financially contributing to our project?** Donations can be made directly through [our paypal link](#) or on our [gofundme page](#) or by check.

Please make checks payable to **Hyde Park Refugee Project** and mail to:

Hyde Park & Kenwood Interfaith Council (HPKIC)

1448 E. 52nd Street, #117

Chicago, IL 60615

**Please also consider sharing our gofundme page with your friends and family over social media:** [https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/support-refugee-families-in-hyde-park/](https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/support-refugee-families-in-hyde-park/)

From the bottom of our hearts, we are grateful for all who can make a
could't do any of this without the generosity of the community!

Wishing you all health and safety in this time,

The Hyde Park Refugee Project Working Group