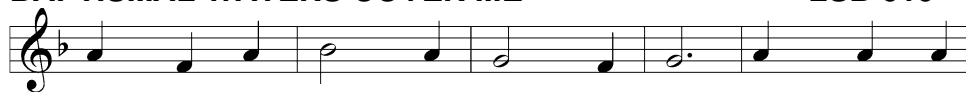


## WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

### BAPTISMAL WATERS COVER ME

LSB 616



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y  
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing  
4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy  
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him  
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can  
speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now  
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.  
stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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*(Stand)*

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live."

C **In Him we live and move and have our being.**

P Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

C **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, seeking His forgiveness through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

C **Heavenly Father, creator of all that was, is, and will ever be, we confess to You that we fall short of the calling that we have received from You, as Your dearly loved children. We have struggled to share the reason for the hope we have in You. We have not always responded to others with gentleness and respect. We have failed to live and share the love we have first received from You. Forgive our sins, for Jesus' sake, and lead us to live lives that reflect Your indwelling presence.**

- P Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace!
- C **Alleluia! Amen.**

*(Silence for Self-Reflection)*

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

### **INTROIT**

- C **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**
- P Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- C **Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.**
- P By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.
- C **If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.**
- P I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.
- 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.**

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.  
O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

### **PRAYER**

- P Blessed Father, You grant us life through our parents and You set children in families. Be pleased to bless our mothers, especially on this Mothers' Day. Help them recognize the holy office You have entrusted to them, and strengthen them to serve faithfully and well within it. Grant that their motherly service may not be burdensome, but rather joyful and glad. Bless all women who do not have children and those whose children are estranged from them, that their hope and confidence may ever remain in You in whom true joy is found. Give us loving hearts that freely give thanks for our mothers, that heartily forgive them where they have failed and fallen short, that willingly obey them, and that gladly honor them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

### **PRAISE TEAM**

### **YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL BOB 243**

**You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek.  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my All in All!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.**

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name.  
You are my All in All.  
When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup.  
You are my All in All!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.**

*Men and Women sing their parts at the same time*

**Men:**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.**

**Women:**

**You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek.  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my All in All!**

*Men and Women sing their parts at the same time*

**Men:**

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name.  
You are my All in All.  
When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my cup.  
You are my All in All!**

**Women:**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.**

***All Sing Chorus***

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.  
Worthy is Your name.**

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## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 17:16–31*

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the 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, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually 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 are indeed his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s

offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

- 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 Peter 3:13–22*

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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 having been subjected to him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

### VERSE

- P Alleluia.
- C **We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.**
- P Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 14:15–21*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life T everlasting. Amen.

(Sit)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE LSB 556 sts. 1-5



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, 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?"

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DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE LSB 556 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."

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray with boldness and confidence because we know He hears our prayers because Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for sending Your Son to die and rise again for the sins of the world. We praise and thank You for sending the Holy Spirit, who calls us by the Gospel, gathers us around Your Word and Sacraments, enlightens us with Your truth, and sanctifies and keeps us in the true faith. Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Creator God, You have created this world and everything in it, as well as each person who lives in it. In You we live and move and have our being, and You continue to provide for our daily needs of body and life. Lead us as we steward the resources and relationships You generously give us. Guide us to see all people as Your masterpieces. Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P O Jesus, You know intimately the challenges we face and the griefs we bear in this life. Hear us as we pray for those who are hurting and grieving, [especially . . .]. Give them strength and healing according to Your good and gracious will. Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Lord God, You have placed us in a community where there are people who have never known You or who no longer are connected to Your Church. Guide us, as You guided Paul and others, to seize the opportunities to share the reason for the hope we have, doing this with gentleness and respect. Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Almighty God, You are the King of all creation and the fount of all wisdom. We pray for all the world's leaders and ask that You guide them according to Your will and Your ways as they make decisions for the good of all. We especially pray for our president, vice president, governor, mayor, and all those who work in government. Watch over their lives, and guide them in the decisions they are called to make on our behalf. Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Gracious God, we thank You for making us male and female and for creating families with a loving father and a mother. We grieve for those who do not experience life according to Your design and for those who experience abandonment, abuse, and neglect. We celebrate with those who experience Your love in their families. Today, we especially remember our mothers. We remember those in whose wombs you knit us together. We remember those You have worked through to provide us comfort, wise counsel, care, and discipline throughout the different stages of our lives. We ask Your blessing on all mothers, that they experience Your love and are shaped by it in their parenting. Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

C **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*LSB 179*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 212*

A 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## **PRAISE TEAM**

## **PEACE BE YOURS BOB 183**

- 1. Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you  
As we gather now and your whole life through,  
Blessing and mercy and wholeness, too.  
May God's peace be yours.**
- 2. Peace be yours as you scatter from here.  
Anywhere you go, God is always near,  
Loving and calming your deepest fear.  
May God's peace be yours.**
- 3. Seek your strength where the Lord does abide  
When the greatest evil is at your side.  
In Word and Sacrament, Christ resides.  
May God's peace be yours.**
- 4. Always know He has conquered the one  
Who defies your life in God's only Son.  
Yours is the struggle that Christ has won.  
May God's peace be yours.**

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