

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the Friendship Register. Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

The paraments are white, which suggests the joy of the resurrection, during the season of Easter.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Handbell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

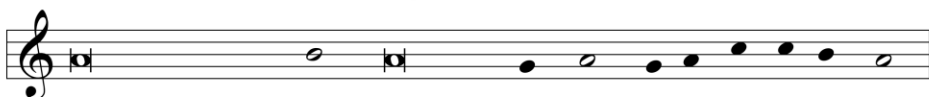
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



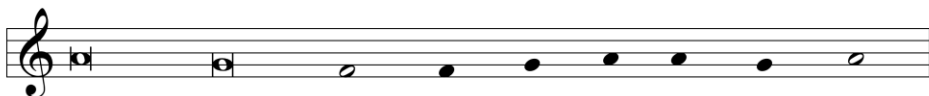
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



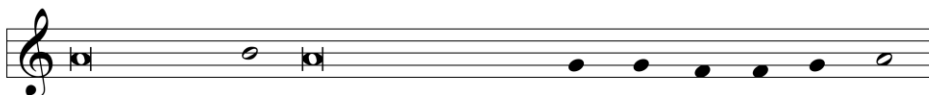
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich - es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31

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.”

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:8-20



SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all
creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,

in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "GREAT THANKSGIVING". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures of music with a double bar line in the middle. The second staff also has two measures with a double bar line. The third and fourth staves each have two measures. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is available to all who believe, through two options. Those who are able are invited forward to receive the bread and wine through the method of intinction. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten-free wafer or grape juice option. You may also choose to receive an individual pre-sealed communion kit from an usher that you are welcome to bring forward for the Eucharistic Proclamation. The pastors will come to the pews of those unable to come forward. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead of communion are asked to cross their hands when they come forward.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SOJOURNER

HYMN 866 We Are Marching in the Light

SIYAHAMBA

We are marching...

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace,

you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love

and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

We sit.

✠ SENDING ✠

SENIOR RECOGNITION

Mary Claire Bevis	Gillian Gastrau
Lucas Bradley	Tate McOuat
Zeke Bradley	Ian Wharton
Micah Bryant	

We stand.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fanfare

William Mathias

Soli Deo Gloria

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AUGSBURG CLASS OF 2023

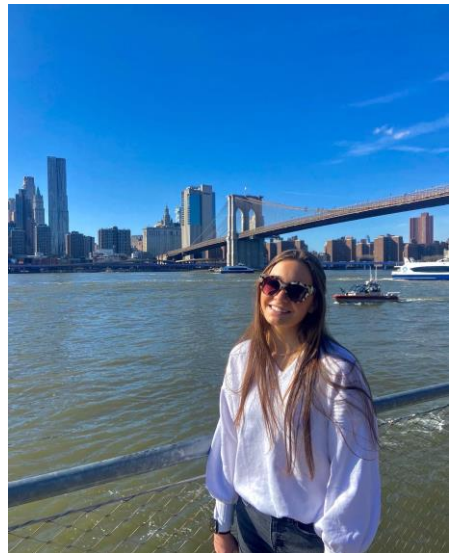
MARY CLAIRE BEVIS
Mount Tabor High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Favorite Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Mary Claire is the daughter of Richard and Anna Bevis and the granddaughter of Betty and Ken Stafford. During her time at Augsburg, Mary Claire was involved in the Youth Group, Order of St. John and volunteered at Christ Beloved Food Pantry as well as the Augsburg Men's Overflow Shelter. Her most memorable Augsburg moment was traveling to Orlando, Florida with the Youth Group for a Service week and working with that community. This coming fall, Mary Claire plans to attend NC State University and will major in Biology. In High School, she played for the Girls Basketball and Soccer Teams and was also involved in Tabor Girls Club as well as being the President of the Zoology Club. Mary Claire was also inducted into The National Honor Society and The National English Honors Society as well as being awarded the Girls Basketball MVP award.

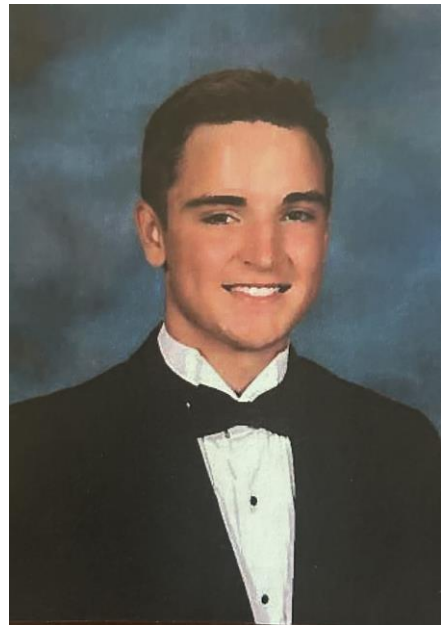


LUCAS ZEPHANIAH BRADLEY
Atkin High School

Favorite Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:17
For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us
an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

Favorite Hymn: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Lucas is the son of J.K. Curry and Dan Bradley and twin brother to Zeke. His favorite moments at Augsburg have been playing with the Augsburg Co-ed Softball Team. Lucas was involved in Youth Group and Order of St. John as well as singing in the Jubilate and Lobchor choirs. He will be attending Appalachian State University in the Fall and plans to Major in Music Education. During his time at Atkins, Lucas played the saxophone (alto, soprano and tenor) in the Wind Ensemble, Marching Band (Woodwind Captain), Jazz Band, and Wachovia Winds. He was also involved in Technology Student A and the Atkins Book Club. Lucas spent time volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank, Twin City Track Club and the Augsburg Men's Overflow Shelter. He was selected as a member of All County Band, All District Band as well as the Atkins Marching Caravan, that won Grand Champions at the NW Guilford Band Festival.



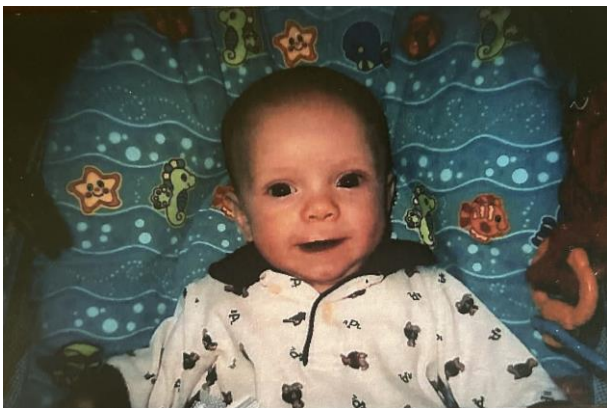
EZEKIEL RICHARD BRADLEY
Atkins High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Favorite Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Zeke is the son of J.K. Curry and Dan Bradley and twin brother to Lucas. He will be attending Wake Forest University in the fall and is still undecided about his Major. While at Augsburg, Zeke was involved in Youth Group and served our congregation in the Order of St. John as well as singing in the Jubilate and Lobchor choirs. His most memorable Augsburg moments were at the Christmas Eve Services, standing with candles at the front of the church. He also spent time volunteering at the Augsburg Men's Overflow Shelter, Twin City Track Club and at the Second Harvest Food Bank. During High School, Zeke played the French Horn and Mellophone in the Atkins Marching Band, Wind Ensemble and The Winston Salem Youth Symphony as well as being involved in the Atkins Book Club, Chess Club, Crosby Scholars Leadership Council and the Forsyth Library Teen Advisory Board. Zeke was inducted into the National Honor Society, was a National Merit Finalist and made All County Band, All District Band and NC Western Regional Orchestra.



MICAH GRAHAM BRYANT
Mount Tabor High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Favorite Hymn: We Are Marching in the Light

Micah is the son of Kris and Katie Bryant. After he graduates from Mount Tabor High School, Micah will be attending Furman University in the fall and will pursue a major in Public Health. At Mt. Tabor, Micah was the National Honor Society Treasurer, participated in Crosby Scholars and was Captain of the Mt. Tabor Swim Team. He also played basketball and ran track as a Freshman at Summit School. Micah has been an active volunteer for the Kid's Cafe at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Twin City Bike Collective as well as volunteering with The Dwelling and the Augsburg Men's Overflow Shelter. He has also been the Assistant Swim Coach for the Peace Haven Dolphins and Lifeguard at the Peace Haven Pool. Micah's most memorable moment during his time at Augsburg was working at Anthony's Plot with the Youth Group.



GILLIAN REAGAN GASTRAU
Robert B. Glenn High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 10:9-10

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Favorite Hymn: The Hymn of Praise (This is the feast...)

Gillian is the daughter of Sharon and Douglas Gastrau. Her favorite Augsburg memory is going on the pilgrimage to Germany in the summer of 2022. In the fall, Gillian will be attending Appalachian State University and will be studying Public History with a focus on Eastern European Culture and History. She also plans to work on a Minor in Russian Language. While at Augsburg, Gillian was in the Order of St. John, attended Youth Group activities as well as traveled with a group from Augsburg to Tanzania. At Glenn High School, Gillian was a member of the Academic Team and Crosby Scholars as well as being in Guitar Club and involved with the Tech Theatre Group.



TATE McOUAT
Ronald Reagan High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13
I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Favorite Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night!

Tate is the son of Robert and Alana McOuat. After he graduates from Reagan High School, Tate will be attending Coastal Carolina University in the fall and majoring in Business. In High School, Tate was a member of Crosby Scholars (Award recipient) and participated in Lacrosse, weightlifting, and fishing. During his time at Augsburg, he was involved in Confirmation as well as Order of St. John. Tate's most memorable time at Augsburg was going to Camp Lutherock.



IAN WILLIAM WHARTON
Atkins High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Ephesians 4:32
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.

Favorite Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Ian is the son of Jan and Jacob Wharton. After graduating from Atkins High School, Ian will be attending NC State University in the fall and will be majoring in Biology. In High School, Ian was a member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. He also played in the Marching Band and the Jazz Band and was involved in the Technology Student Association. Ian participated in the Order of St John and his favorite Augsburg moment was playing Gorgons in Youth Group.





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