ILCW Year-C Scripture Lessons for the 💥 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 14:8-18 NIV In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed 10 and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. 11 When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: 15 "Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them, 16 In the past, he let all nations go their own way. 17 Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." 18 Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:10-23 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Gospel (Sermon Text)

John 14:23-29 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. 28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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Woodcut illustration from a 1695 Bible – John 16:23-30 (or John 17) Jesus prays for Himself, the world, and His disciples, who He instructs how to pray.

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May 5, 2013 Easter 6C Rogate' = "Pray!"

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. If you are seeking a church home, our pastor would be glad to share information about our church with you and discuss membership at your convenience. Come and worship with us again! Thank you.

ORDER OF SERVICE (See insert.)

PLEASE NOTE: This morning we follow a **special order of worship** as we Worship in the Park. Please refer to the inside pages of this service folder for words to the hymns and the liturgy. Thank you. May the Lord bless your worship!

Service		
Opening Hymn	10 (4v)	This Is the Day the Lord Has Made
Hymn of Day	457 (3v)	What A Friend We Have in Jesus
Sermon	John 14:23-29	"Hang On His Every Word."
Sending Hymn	648 (3v)	I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
Closing Hymn	53 (6v)	Abide, O Dearest Jesus

PROPERS for EASTER-6 (=5th Sunday after Easter) 5 MAY 2013

INTROIT: With a voice of singing declare, proclaim this; utter it even to the ends of the earth. "The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob!" Alleluia! O You who hear praver, to You all flesh will come. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing out the honour of His name; make His praise glorious. ... Ps. 107

COLLECT: O God, from whom all good things do come: Grant us, Your humble servants, that by Your holy inspiration, we may think those things that are right, and by Your merciful guiding may perform the same: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and... C: Amen.

GRADUAL: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, who has redeemed us with His blood, is risen and has appeared to us. Alleluia! I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia! .. from Psalm 66

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:		(printed on the outside back page of bulletin)
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Epistle: Revelation 21:16-21		He showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem.
Gospel:	John 14:23-29	"Those who love Me keep My teachings."

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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Madeline Becl	K	Patty & Buster Brewbaker
Richard Birke		(past member) Dan Elwing
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Tyler Kirby (n	ephew of Andrea Sawyer)	Mariah Sawyer
George Wendt	t (brother of Steve Wendt)	Ann Wentz
Volunteers	This week	Next week
Greeter	Orpha & John Weber	Ethel (& Steve) Wendt
Usher	(Volunteer)	(Volunteer)
Treats	(BYO) Potluck Picnic	Ann & MaryLou

<u>COFFEE</u> will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Everyone is invited to stay! We thank our volunteers for serving today. We are IN NEED OF SERVERS for future Sundays. If you can help, PLEASE SIGN UP. Thanks!

Statistics	Last week	Year to date (average)
Sunday Worship	37	41
Communion Attendance		31
Sunday Bible Class	8	8
Thursday Bible Class	10	9

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 5/5	10:30 am	Special Outdoor Worship at Lake Park
	11:30 am	Picnic at Lake Parker Park with Peace
Thursday, 5/9	6:30 pm	Bible Study at Madeline Beck's
Saturday, 5/11	1:30 pm	Catechism Class with Sawyers
Sunday, 5/12	8:30 am	Bible Study
Next Sunday is:	9:30 am	Divine Worship at Our Savior Church
MOTHERS' DAY!	10:30 ff	Fellowship time after Worship

Congregational Notes

Please contact our Elders with any concerns about church matters: **Jim Vanesky** 644-7807, John Weber 853-5458 & Don Wienke 863-815-8892.

Schedule Notes - Month of May

May 10-11: (Friday night & Saturday) – LYA Sleepover & Wet'N'Wild outing. We need to figure out **transportation to and from** for our teens going to this.

May 19th: (Sunday) New Member Family Welcome Lunch after church

May Month Calendar – available in email and paper back at Our Savior church.

Hope you all have a Blessed week, and to all a "Happy Mother's Day!"

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OFFERTORY HYMN *"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"* (TLH **#649**)

1. I am Jesus' little lamb, - Ever glad at heart I am; - For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me, Loves me every day the same, - Even calls me by my name.

- Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go - Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, - By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, - There within His arms to rest.

The COLLECT (Prayer) for the WORD

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one True God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The BENEDICTION (Trinitarian **Blessing**)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto you, The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give \checkmark you peace.

C: A-men.

CLOSING HYMN "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" (TLH #53)

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, - Among us with Your grace That Satan may not harm us - Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, - Among us with Your Word, And thus now and hereafter - True peace and joy afford.

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness - Among us, precious Light; Your truth direct and keep us - From error's gloomy night.

4 Abide with richest blessings - Among us, bounteous Lord; Let us in grace and wisdom - Grow daily through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection - Among us, Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Satan fell us - And overcome at length.

6 ABIDE, O FAITHFUL SAVIOR, - AMONG US WITH YOUR LOVE; GRANT STEADFASTNESS AND HELP US - TO REACH OUR HOME ABOVE.

SILENT PRAYER. (WORSHIP OVER)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PICNIC!

WELCOME to Our WORSHIP! Our Savior Lutheran congregation is so very pleased to have the opportunity to share with you the blessings of our Christcentered ministry. We welcome you in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. To friends who know us, we renew our welcome and to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely.



I. The Service of Preparation



SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER * Rogaté = "Pray to the LORD"

OPENING HYMN *"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" (TLH #10)*

1. This is the day the Lord has made; - He calls the hours His own; Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad - And praise surround the throne.

2. Today He rose and left the dead. - And Satan's empire fell; Today the saints His triumphs spread - And all His wonders tell.

- 4. Blest be the Lord, Who comes to men With messages of grace; Who comes in God His Father's name - To save our sinful race.
- 5. Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise. The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, Shall give Him nobler praise.

INVOCATION (Congregation please **rise** if you are able.)

- *P*: In the name of the Father and of the Son and \bigstar of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

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The CONFESSION of SINS & ANNOUNCEMENT of FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized *x* will be saved.
C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

The GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be, forevermore, Amen.

SALUTATION(Greeting) P: The Lord be with you. C: And with your spirit.

The COLLECT (*Prayer* for this Sunday of the Church year)

P: O God, from whom all good things do come: Grant us, Your humble servants, that by Your holy inspiration, we may think those things that are right, and by Your merciful quiding may perform the same: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, on True C: Amen. God. now and forever.

The congregation may be **seated.**

II. The Service of The Word

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Epistle: **Revelation 21:16-21** He showed me the Holy City. Jerusalem.

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HOLY GOSPEL John 14:23-29 "Those who love Me keep My teachings."

(Congregation please rise for the reading of the Gospel if able.)

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APOSTLES' CREED (Our Confession of Faith) All say together:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

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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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:

From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church,

the Communion of Saints,

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the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body,

Amen.

(The Congregation may be **seated** for the next hymn.) ₩ p.3 ₩

SERMON HYMN "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" (TLH #457)

- 1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry - Ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, - Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry - Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, - Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a Friend so faithful - Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our Refuge -- Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

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SERMON The MESSAGE for TODAY

SERMON Text: (Today's Gospel) John 14:23-29

Theme: "(When you love someone) ... You Hang on His Every Word"

(After the Message...)

The OFFERING (We bring our offerings to the Lord)

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER (We pray together)

- C: I thank You. mv Heavenly Father. through Jesus Christ. Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger.
- I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You.

Into Your hands I commend my body and soul and all things.

Let Your holy angels be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me.

LORD'S PRAYER

(We also 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.

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EASTER-6C (or PENTECOST) John 14:23-31 "HANG ON WORDS" 05.05.13

INTRODUCTION: When you love Someone, you hang on their every Word.

I remember growing up during the Vietnam war. I was too young to be drafted, but older brothers of my friends were. Some were barely eighteen years old when they were separated from the families and sent to fight. The only contact they had with home was the occasional letter. Letters long on love, but sometimes short on detail. Letters filled with the trivial details of daily life. Letters filled with phrases like "I miss all of you very much." **Families would cling to every word of those letters** from their sons. Sons would cling to every word of letters from their families. When you love someone very much, *you hang on their every word*.

Think of when you **first met your spouse**, or when **you fell in love for the first time**. Every word that person said was so important. You read between the lines of his or her letters. You listened for every nuance, every turn of phrase, every pause. You hung on every word. SERMON TITLE/THEME:

WHEN YOU LOVE SOMEONE, YOU HANG ON EVERY WORD THEY SAY.

Jesus says in our text, **"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word."** With all due respects to the translators, that's better than the "If anyone loves me, he will **obey my teaching**" you have in front of you. "Keep my word" certainly includes "obey my teaching," but it means **much more than that**. It goes without saying that anyone who loves Christ will want to obey Him. A few sentences earlier, Jesus said: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my commandments." And His "new" commandments aren't burdensome and heavy, like the (Ten) Commandments of Moses. These are His commandments: **that we believe in His name and that we love one another with His love.** Love and faith *always* go together. **To love Jesus is to believe in Him, and to believe in Jesus is to love Him. And to love Him is to love one another.**

But Jesus pushes things a bit further in the text before us. He says, "If anyone loves me, he will **keep** my word – he will **cling to** my word, **guard** my word, **treasure** my word." Sheep love to hear their shepherd's voice. Children love their parents' voice/s (*usually*). Those who love Jesus and believe in Him hang on to His every word and **treasure** it in their hearts.

(And,) **Jesus' words** *are worth* hanging on to. "My words are Spirit and they are life," Jesus said. His words are full of the Holy Spirit. They are brimming over with His life. "Lord, to whom shall we go," Peter asked. "You have the words of eternal life." We need look no further than the words of Jesus for *our* life. Oh, we might imagine that we need to go further, or higher, or deeper than His words. Up to the heavens, or deep within ourselves, or up to some mountain or out to the Outback. Who would think that the most spiritual thing we have is words? But Jesus says, "No, all you need are my words. *Hang on to them.*"

Think of what Jesus' Word/s **do!** With His words He **baptizes**. With His words He **forgives**. With His words He gives His own **body** to eat and His own **blood** to drink. With His words He **creates faith** in hardened, unbelieving hearts

and fills them with His **love**. With His words, He **calls sinners** to Himself. With His words He is present to bring His peace.

Two things Jesus highlights this morning: His PRESENCE and His PEACE.

I. Jesus promises **His PRESENCE**. He had told them that he was going away and they would see him no more, and yet by going away he would come to them. "I go away, and I will come to you." The disciples didn't quite get this talk of going away and coming. Jesus was speaking about His **death** and **resurrection** and **ascension**. Soon, they would no longer see Him, but He would still come to them and be present with them, present in an even greater way than He already was with them - present with His Words and the Holy Spirit.

Not only Jesus, but His Father will be present too, because the Father and the Son are one in essence. They are but one God. Jesus' words are the Father's words. And where He is, there also is His Father.

And the Father will send another, this "Counselor," (who is) the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus. You see, to **have Jesus is to have the Triune God** – all Three: the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. No matter how alone you may be in this world, no matter how isolated you may feel, you have **Jesus** and the **Father** and the **Holy Spirit** with you **at all times**.

Unless the Spirit continually works faith in us, unless He opens our hearts and minds and ears, God's Word will have no impact. The sermon will be ?? minutes of empty rambling. The Liturgy will be dead ceremony. That's why every (Sun)day we can and should pray. And, thank God He hears and answers that prayer. Without the Holy Spirit working repentance and faith in our hearts, the body and blood of Christ would do us no good and could even be hazardous to our health.

Now, if we **insist** on living in **despair**, as though we had nothing, as though we were **not** baptized, as though we did not have Christ or the Father or the Holy Spirit, as though we did not have Jesus' words of life, we have only **ourselves to blame**. It would be sheer foolishness not to withdraw from that ten million dollar bank account when you couldn't pay the bills, wouldn't it? Only a fool would reject such a gift. Now you see why **unbelief is called foolishness** in the Scriptures. And **faith is called wisdom**.

It's as if God has, out of his own generosity and kindness, **deposited ten** million dollars in a bank account with our name, and said, "Now draw on it, use it, spend it. And don't worry how often you turn to it. There's plenty more where that came from." Think of Baptism as that bottomless bank account, or a well of fresh water that never runs dry. We have it in our possession. Now we need to put that baptismal bank account to daily use, as Luther taught in the Small Catechism. As we say/pray after the sermon each Sunday, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." We need to pray each day that the Spirit would teach us all things and bring to our remembrance the words of Jesus. And, when those words are spoken to us by any one of us mere mortals, they are actually Christ's Words. Cling to these words. Treasure **them. Guard them.** They are His words, but (because He loves you *so much*) He wants **you to have and hold onto them**.

II. Along with His presence, Jesus **also promises PEACE**. Peace is *His legacy*: "Peace I leave with you." **Peace is also His gift**. "My peace I give to you." The peace He gives is an "unworldly" peace, a peace that the world cannot give. The world's peace comes through war. I guess, Jesus' peace came through war too, but it wasn't any human war. It was the **war** God and Jesus had *and won* over Satan! Jesus' peace comes through His wounds (His battle scars), His broken body and His shed blood. "The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed." His peace holds even though the world's peace fails, though war and rumor of war is all around us, though nations are in uproar and testing their nuclear bombs, though our life here may seem to be in turmoil. Even when "all hell seems to be breaking loose" around us, we have peace with Jesus. Unshakable peace. Eternal peace. Peace that exceeds (passes all) our understanding.

Likewise, why don't we realize this peace or experience it more fully? Why don't we seem to realize that peace? Why are we always **searching for peace?** Again, we have **only ourselves to blame**. It's our sin, our unbelief cloud getting in the way of this peace of Jesus.

CONCLUSION: There is **nothing wrong with** the Peace of Jesus or our **Baptism** or the **Holy Spirit**. **It's us.** Our sin against others and God, and the sin of others against us, have smudged the view, robbing us of peace. But the peace of Jesus is (still, always) there for you. Let Him wipe away the dust and dirt from your window, the crud that clouds your view of His peace. Let His blood cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Let His Baptism wash you with His forgiveness. Let His words renew and restore your life. You will discover that His peace and His presence have been there all along! **Just like He said**.

(v27) "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." **His presence** and **His peace** are yours. You have His words. Hang on to them. *Amen. SDG*

(And now,) That peace of God which passes all understanding, be and...

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