

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Confirmation Weekend

May 6, 2018

11:00 am



AS WE GATHER

The Father has loved the Son, and the Son has loved all people, making a home for us with Him in the Father's love. Dwelling in the Father's love by faith in Jesus, we keep His commandments. As we come to realize that we are loved by God, we discover that keeping His commandments is not burdensome, but a joy. Jesus' word of promise fills us with joy. He has chosen us to be His fruit-bearing friends who love people the way He does. Alleluia!

PRE-SERVICE "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Instrumental



WELCOME

OPENING SONG "Abide in His Redeeming Love"

[TUNE LSB 528]

L. Clark

**Abide in His redeeming love,
O dear beloved child.
Fear not the One who reigns above,
For all is reconciled.**

**Remain in your baptismal grace;
Your life is made anew
As you continue in this race
The Lord has set for You.**

**Endure in ev'ry earthly test,
Sustained by Jesus' blood.
In His own body, find your rest,
Redeemed in mercy's flood.**

**Trust in the Lord, acknowledge Him;
He makes your pathway straight.
He leads through hill and valley grim
To that most glorious gate.**

**So serve and sing with joyful praise;
The Lord has won the fight
And lives in you throughout your days
Till Love is in plain sight.**

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EASTER PROCLAMATION

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen. Matthew 28:19b**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

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[John 20:19-23]

People: **Amen.**

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Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
John 1:12, Philippians 1:6

People: **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good,
People: **by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

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FIRST READING *Acts 10:34–48* (Peter preaches the Gospel of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is poured out on Gentile hearers.)

⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE *1 John 5:1–8* (We are born of God and overcome the world through faith in Jesus.)

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are

not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify:⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9–17* (Loving one another, we abide in God's love and experience the fullness of joy.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

“यूहन्ना 15:9-17

पिताले जसरी मलाई प्रेम गर्नुभएको छ, मैले पनि तिमीहरूलाई प्रेम गरेको छु। तिमीहरू मेरो प्रेममा रहो। यदि मेरा आज्ञाहरू पालन गर्‍यो भने तिमीहरू मेरो प्रेममा रहनेछौ, जसरी मैले मेरा पिताका आज्ञाहरू पालन गरेको छु र उहाँको प्रेममा रहन्छु। मैले यी कुरा तिमीहरूलाई यसैकारण भनेको छु, कि मेरो आनन्द तिमीहरूमा होस्, र तिमीहरूको आनन्द भरिपूर्ण होस्। “मेरो आज्ञा यही हो, कि मैले तिमीहरूलाई जसरी प्रेम गर्ने, तिमीहरूले एक-अर्कांलाई त्यसरी नै प्रेम गर। आफ्ना मित्रहरूका लागि आफ्नो प्राण अर्पण गरिदिनुभन्दा ठूलो प्रेम अरू कसैको हुँदैन। म तिमीहरूलाई जे आज्ञा गर्दछु, ती तिमीहरूले गर्‍यो भने, तिमीहरू मेरा मित्र हो। अबदेखि म तिमीहरूलाई नोकर भन्दैनँ, किनकि त्यसका मालिकले के गर्दछ नोकरले जान्दैन। तर मैले तिमीहरूलाई मित्र भनेको छु, किनभने जे मैले मेरा पिताबाट सुनें, मैले ती सबै तिमीहरूलाई जनाइदिएको छु। मलाई तिमीहरूले चुनेनौ, तर मैले तिमीहरूलाई चुनें र तिमीहरूलाई नियुक्त गर्ने, कि तिमीहरू जाओ, र फल फलाओ, अनि तिमीहरूको फल रहिरहोस्। यसैले तिमीहरूले पितासँग मेरो नाउँमा जे मागौला, उहाँले तिमीहरूलाई सो दिनुहुनेछ। म तिमीहरूलाई यो आज्ञा दिँदछु, कि तिमीहरूले एक-अर्कांलाई प्रेम गर।”

यूहन्ना 15:9-17



**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 everlasting. Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

SONG OF THE DAY "Death Was Arrested"

**Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began**

**CHORUS: Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You**

**Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began CHORUS**

विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता,
स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।
अनि उहाँका एकलो पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।
उहाँ पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।
कन्या मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।
पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।
क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।
मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो ।
आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।
तेश्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट विउँतनुभयो ।
स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।
सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि
बस्नुभएको छ ।
जहाँदेखि उहाँ जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको
न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।

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पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,
पाप मोचनमाथि
शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि
र अजम्बरी जीवनमाथि । आमेन ।

Kersh/Smith

**Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began CHORUS**

**CHORUS: Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You**

**Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began REPEAT BRIDGE**

**When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began**

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SERMON

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

LSB 272



*Noah Matthew Clark
Jordan Elizabeth Ingrham
Sophia Rose LaBrier
Nathanael Kenneth Mays
Anna Marie Muhlke
Liam Brady Rabun
Gavin Victor Schulz*

*Proverbs 3:5-6
John 8:32
1 John 4:19
Psalm 16:8
Matthew 5:16
Revelation 21:6-7
John 14:6*



(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. Alpha and Omega, we acknowledge that You hold us and all things in Your good hands. When we become overwhelmed, help us to trust that You are always good and You are at work to accomplish Your purposes in our lives.

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Loving Lord, visit the sick, [*especially . . .*], and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, with Your love and tender mercies. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Beginning and the End, You hold the past, the present, and the future. We give You thanks for our loved ones and for all the saints who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Grant us faith to follow Jesus during our days of pilgrimage, and bring us at last to Your kingdom, where You dwell with the saints in unapproachable light. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)

OFFERTORY “Step By Step”

Strasser

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.

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I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days. REPEAT SONG

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days.

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✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink.

If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

Pastor: 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.**

हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्ने पिता,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र गरिओस्
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PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19

LSB 163

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “Sweetly Broken”

Riddle

To the cross I look, to the cross I cling
Of its suffering I do drink
Of its work I do sing

For on it my Savior both bruised and crushed
Showed that God is love
And God is just

CHORUS: At the cross You beckon me
You draw me gently to my knees, and I am
Lost for words, so lost in love,
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered

What a priceless gift, undeserved life
Have I been given
Through Christ crucified

You've called me out of death
You've called me into life
And I was under Your wrath
Now through the cross I'm reconciled **CHORUS**

In awe of the cross I must confess
How wondrous Your redeeming love and
How great is Your faithfulness **CHORUS X2**

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“Psalm 23”

Townend

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

CHORUS: And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights **CHORUS**

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know **CHORUS**

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(Please Stand)



BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

LSB 166

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG “You Never Let Go”

Redman

**Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near**

**And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear**

**CHORUS: Oh no You never let go Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go Lord, You never let go of me**

**And I can see a light that is coming For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth**

**And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
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Whom then shall I fear CHORUS**

You keep on runnin' and You never let go . . . Singin' CHORUS

**Yes I can see a light That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
Still I will praise You Still I will praise You REPEAT, REPEAT CHORUS X2**

Lord, You never let go of me.

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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(Please Be Seated)



FIRST READING *Acts 10:34–48* (Peter preaches the Gospel of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is poured out on Gentile hearers.)

⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE *1 John 5:1–8* (We are born of God and overcome the world through faith in Jesus.)

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are

not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify:⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9–17* (Loving one another, we abide in God's love and experience the fullness of joy.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

“यूहन्ना 15:9-17

पिताले जसरी मलाई प्रेम गर्नुभएको छ, मैले पनि तिमीहरूलाई प्रेम गरेको छु। तिमीहरू मेरो प्रेममा रहो। यदि मेरा आज्ञाहरू पालन गर्‍यो भने तिमीहरू मेरो प्रेममा रहनेछौ, जसरी मैले मेरा पिताका आज्ञाहरू पालन गरेको छु र उहाँको प्रेममा रहन्छु। मैले यी कुरा तिमीहरूलाई यसैकारण भनेको छु, कि मेरो आनन्द तिमीहरूमा होस्, र तिमीहरूको आनन्द भरिपूर्ण होस्। “मेरो आज्ञा यही हो, कि मैले तिमीहरूलाई जसरी प्रेम गर्ने, तिमीहरूले एक-अर्कांलाई त्यसरी नै प्रेम गर। आफ्ना मित्रहरूका लागि आफ्नो प्राण अर्पण गरिदिनुभन्दा ठूलो प्रेम अरू कसैको हुँदैन। म तिमीहरूलाई जे आज्ञा गर्दछु, ती तिमीहरूले गर्‍यो भने, तिमीहरू मेरा मित्र हो। अबदेखि म तिमीहरूलाई नोकर भन्दैनँ, किनकि त्यसका मालिकले के गर्दछ नोकरले जान्दैन। तर मैले तिमीहरूलाई मित्र भनेको छु, किनभने जे मैले मेरा पिताबाट सुनें, मैले ती सबै तिमीहरूलाई जनाइदिएको छु। मलाई तिमीहरूले चुनेनौ, तर मैले तिमीहरूलाई चुनें र तिमीहरूलाई नियुक्त गर्ने, कि तिमीहरू जाओ, र फल फलाओ, अनि तिमीहरूको फल रहिरहोस्। यसैले तिमीहरूले पितासँग मेरो नाउँमा जे मागौला, उहाँले तिमीहरूलाई सो दिनुहुनेछ। म तिमीहरूलाई यो आज्ञा दिँदछु, कि तिमीहरूले एक-अर्कांलाई प्रेम गर।”

यूहन्ना 15:9-17



**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 everlasting. Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

SONG OF THE DAY "Death Was Arrested"

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

CHORUS: Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began **CHORUS**

विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता,
स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।
अनि उहाँका एकलो पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।
उहाँ पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।
कन्या मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।
पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।
क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।
मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो ।
आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।
तेश्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट विउँतनुभयो ।
स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।
सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि
बस्नुभएको छ ।
जहाँदेखि उहाँ जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको
न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्माथि,
पवित्र विश्व मण्डलीमाथि,
पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,
पाप मोचनमाथि
शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि
र अजम्बरी जीवनमाथि । आमेन ।

Kersh/Smith

**Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began CHORUS**

**CHORUS: Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You**

**Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began REPEAT BRIDGE**

**When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began**

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SERMON

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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*Noah Matthew Clark
Jordan Elizabeth Ingrham
Sophia Rose LaBrier
Nathanael Kenneth Mays
Anna Marie Muhlke
Liam Brady Rabun
Gavin Victor Schulz*

*Proverbs 3:5-6
John 8:32
1 John 4:19
Psalm 16:8
Matthew 5:16
Revelation 21:6-7
John 14:6*



(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. Alpha and Omega, we acknowledge that You hold us and all things in Your good hands. When we become overwhelmed, help us to trust that You are always good and You are at work to accomplish Your purposes in our lives.

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Loving Lord, visit the sick, [*especially . . .*], and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, with Your love and tender mercies. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Beginning and the End, You hold the past, the present, and the future. We give You thanks for our loved ones and for all the saints who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Grant us faith to follow Jesus during our days of pilgrimage, and bring us at last to Your kingdom, where You dwell with the saints in unapproachable light. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)

OFFERTORY “Step By Step”

Strasser

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days. REPEAT SONG

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days.

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✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink.

If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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LORD'S PRAYER

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Pastor: 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.**

हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्ने पिता,
तपाईको नाउँ पवित्र गरिओस्
तपाईको राज्य आओस् ।
तपाईको इच्छा स्वर्गमा भैं यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस् ।
हाम्रो दिनभरिको भोजन आज हामीलाई दिनुहोस् ।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं ।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा नल्याउनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस् ।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदा सर्वदा तपाईकै हुन् । आमेन ।

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

LSB 163

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS “Sweetly Broken”

Riddle

To the cross I look, to the cross I cling
Of its suffering I do drink
Of its work I do sing

For on it my Savior both bruised and crushed
Showed that God is love
And God is just

CHORUS: At the cross You beckon me
You draw me gently to my knees, and I am
Lost for words, so lost in love,
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered

What a priceless gift, undeserved life
Have I been given
Through Christ crucified

You've called me out of death
You've called me into life
And I was under Your wrath
Now through the cross I'm reconciled **CHORUS**

In awe of the cross I must confess
How wondrous Your redeeming love and
How great is Your faithfulness **CHORUS X2**

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“Psalm 23”

Townend

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

CHORUS: And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights **CHORUS**

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know **CHORUS**

Your goodness will lead me home.

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(Please Stand)



BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG “You Never Let Go”

Redman

**Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near**

**And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear**

**CHORUS: Oh no You never let go Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go Lord, You never let go of me**

**And I can see a light that is coming For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth**

**And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear CHORUS**

You keep on runnin' and You never let go . . . Singin' CHORUS

**Yes I can see a light That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
Still I will praise You Still I will praise You REPEAT, REPEAT CHORUS X2**

Lord, You never let go of me.

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POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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