

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Memorial Day Weekend

May 25 & 26, 2019

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



AS WE GATHER

The troubles of the world confront us every day—troubles in the news, troubles in our families, troubles within ourselves, troubles at work or at school. Jesus knows the world. So He said to His disciples, “In the world you will have tribulation” (John 16:33). Yet the final word of this Easter season is not trouble. It is hope through the resurrection of Jesus in defeat of all of this world’s troubles. “Take heart; I have overcome the world,” Jesus said. Being a follower of Jesus never protects us from experiencing the world’s troubles. It does give us hope. It does fill us with courage. It does strengthen our hearts. Take heart! Jesus has overcome the world!

PRELUDE

Organ

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “O God of Light”

LSB 836

**O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing,
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way
And show Your grace, Your plan for us unveiling,
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.**

**From days of old, through blind and willful ages,
Though we rebelled, You gently sought again
And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,
Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.**

**Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing
To sinful hearts Your justice and Your grace;
And questing spirits, longing for Your healing,
See Your compassion in the Savior’s face.**

**To all the world Your summons You are sending,
Through all the earth, to ev’ry land and race,
That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,
May praise and celebrate Your gift of grace.**

(Please Stand)

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Men: *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

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Women: *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Pastor: Christ is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*
People: **Amen.**

[OR]

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 ☩

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is the Feast”

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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. You, O Lord, are present with us always.
People: **Empower us to take heart in Jesus, who has overcome the world, so that we now experience the peace that Jesus promised;**

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.**

(Please Be Seated)



FIRST READING *Acts 16:9–15* (Lydia is baptized.)

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

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



EPISTLE *Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27*

(A transformed city of God, with the Lamb at the center)

⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . . ²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl,

and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

LSB 477, v. 1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world’s salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**



HOLY GOSPEL *John 16:23–33* (Peace in times of trouble)

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

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

²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

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)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

LSB 477, v. 2

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

LSB 826

**Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting-- Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?"**

**If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.**

**If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.**

**Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"**



SERMON



MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. Help us to honor their memory by caring for the family members they have left behind, by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for. Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free. There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear. Never let us forget those who paid so great a price to ensure that freedom would be in our land. In Jesus' name,

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "God Bless Our Native Land"

LSB 965, v. 1

**God bless our native land; Firm may it ever stand Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save, By thy great might.**

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *John 16:23*

Pastor: For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body: That all who are called to ministry tasks—pastors, teachers, and all the people—fulfill their callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ. , [*especially . . .*], that missionaries called to various places in the world speak the Gospel boldly and live in ways that draw people to following Christ. God of mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For nations throughout the world: That governments and leaders strive for peace and exercise justice wisely. That care for the poor and justice for the oppressed never be neglected or forgotten. That those who serve in our armed forces fulfill their responsibilities well. That those victimized by warfare and terrorism find comfort and hope in Christ. That we and our enemies become reconciled. God of mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the needs of our local community: That businesses flourish for the good of all. That workers do their work with a sense of vocation, giving glory to God. That those with difficult jobs be assured that their labor is not in vain and that God is with them. God of mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the needs of our church community: That those who are sick, [*especially . . .*], experience healing according to God’s will. That those with chronic or terminal diseases find comfort and hope in God’s promise never to leave them nor forsake them. That our Board of Elders and Church Council lead us not only to consider our own needs but also the needs of others. That the households of our congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love. That we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord’s call and welcome newcomers in our midst. God of mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire us to flourish; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)

OFFERTORY “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB 806, v. 1

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.**

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.



✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having died and risen to fulfill Your will, sent Paul to distant lands to tell of it, so that people like Lydia and her household and all of us gathered here today would hear, be baptized, and offer their gifts in service to You. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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. *Matthew 6:9–13*

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

LSB 163

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God John 1:29*

LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Hear Us, Father, When We Pray”

LSB 773

Hear us, Father when we pray, Through Your Son and in Your Spirit.

By Your Spirit’s Word convey All that through Christ inherit.

That as baptized heirs we may Truly pray.

When we know not what to say And our wounded souls are pleading,

May Your Spirit, night and day, Groan within us interceding;

By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.

Jesus advocate on high, Sacrificed on Calv’ry’s altar,

Through Your priestly blood we cry: Hear our prayers, though they may falter;

Place them on Your Father’s throne As Your own.

By Your Spirit now attend To our prayers and supplications,

As like incense they ascend To Your heav’nly habitations.

May their fragrance waft above, God of love.

“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”

LSB 766

Our Father, who from heav’n above Bids all of us to live in love

As members of one family And pray to You in unity,

Teach us no thoughtless words to say But from our inmost hearts to pray.

Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord. In purity to keep Your Word,

That to the glory of Your name We walk before You free from blame.

Let no false teaching us pervert; All poor deluded souls convert.

Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain And Your eternal righteous reign.

The Holy Ghost enrich our day With gifts attendant on our way.

Break Satan’s pow’r, defeat his rage; Preserve Your Church from age to age.

Your gracious will on earth be done As it is done before Your throne,

That patiently we may obey Throughout our lives all that You say.

Curb flesh and blood and ev’ry ill That sets itself against Your will.

Give us this day our daily bread, And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife; In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may live, To care and greed no entrance give.

Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community To serve each other willingly.

Lead not into temptation, Lord, Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host, Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

From evil, Lord, deliver us; The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death, And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release, And take our souls to You in peace.

Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

LSB 844

Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race;
And in each person may I see My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.

Break down the wall that would divide Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue; Let Christian love bind warm and true.

Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred My loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.

Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be, Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.

With Thine own love may I be filled And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by Thee.

(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 HYMN "Jerusalem the Golden"

LSB 672

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

**Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.**

**Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight.
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.**

**O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.**

POSTLUDE

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