

Sixth Sunday in Easter

6:00 pm, May 9th
8:15 am, May 10th

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ourselves to grow in faith
and love, to serve together,
and to reach out with the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.*



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remain Standing

Opening Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465, sts. 1, 4

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 66:8-10, 13b-14, 16-20

- P: ⁸Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
- C: ⁹who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**
- P: ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

- C:** ¹³**I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,**
- P:** ¹⁴that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
- C:** ¹⁶**Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**
- P:** ¹⁷I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.
- C:** ¹⁸**If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.**
- P:** ¹⁹But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- C:** ²⁰**Blessèd be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Exhortation

LSB 213

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 213

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 213

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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

C Amen.

Be Seated

6:00pm ~ CHOIR – ‘Take My Life And Walk With Me’

8:15am ~ Hymn of Praise: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819, sts. 1, 4

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother’s tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading ~ Old Testament Book

Acts 17:22–31

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading ~ New Testament Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand, as able

Third Reading ~ Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

☩ 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.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sermon Hymn: Baptized into Your Name Most Holy *LSB 590, sts. 1–2, 4*

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

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SERIES ~ "The Shepherd Who Stays" (Acts 1:8)

SERMON ~ "Not Orphans" (John 14:18)

THE GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS & WE CARE CARDS

Stand, as able

Offertory Hymn: All Depends on Our Possessing

LSB 732, sts. 1, 6

- 1 All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** For this Easter season, we are modeling the life of Christ in a special way. After his death on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday, the disciples were blessed to have Jesus opening the scriptures to them on the road to Emmaus and in his many appearances for the final 40 days of his earthly ministry. Jesus was teaching the disciples what his words meant. Likewise, we will pray the Lord's Prayer together, but with the teachings that have been passed down throughout the ages to help us learn what each petition means.
- C** **Our Father, you who are in heaven,**
- P** With these words God wants to entice us, so that we come to believe he is truly our Father and we are truly his children, in order that we may ask him boldly and with complete confidence, just as loving children ask their loving father.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned.

C Hallowed be Thy name,

P It is true that God's name is holy in itself, but we ask in this prayer that it may also become holy in and among us. Whenever the Word of God is taught clearly and purely and we, as God's children, also live holy lives according to it. To this end help us, dear Father in heaven! However, whoever teaches and lives otherwise than the Word of God teaches profanes the name of God among us. Preserve us from this, heavenly Father!

C Thy kingdom come,

P In fact, God's kingdom comes on its own without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us. Whenever our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that through his grace we believe his Holy Word and live godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity.

May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased.

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

P In fact, God's good and gracious will comes about without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come about in and among us. Whenever God breaks and hinders every evil scheme and will—as are present in the will of the devil, the world, and our flesh—that would not allow us to hallow God's name and would prevent the coming of his kingdom, and instead whenever God strengthens us and keeps us steadfast in his Word and in faith until the end of our lives. This is his gracious and good will.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done.

C give us this day our daily bread;

P In fact, God gives daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.

Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs.

C and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

P We ask in this prayer that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins nor deny these petitions on their account, for we are worthy of nothing for which we ask, nor have we earned it. Instead we ask that God would give us all things by grace, for we daily sin much and indeed deserve only punishment. So, on the other hand, we, too, truly want to forgive heartily and to do good gladly to those who sin against us.

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

C and lead us not into temptation,

P It is true that God tempts no one, but we ask in this prayer that God would preserve and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or mislead us into

false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice, and that, although we may be attacked by them, we may finally prevail and gain the victory.

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.

C **but deliver us from evil.**

P We ask in this prayer, as in a summary, that our Father in heaven may deliver us from all kinds of evil—affecting body or soul, property or reputation—and at last, when our final hour comes, may grant us a blessed end and take us by grace from this valley of tears to himself in heaven.

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever.

C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**

P The doxological praise of "kingdom, power, and glory," while not officially a part of the Lord's Prayer, is an ending that was added to the Lord's Prayer. With early evidence of this in Christian tradition, we this praise for this chief text that our Lord gave us to learn, read, and inwardly digest. May our praise to You for these words extend by the Law of Christ according to their function for our lives.

We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P We ask in this prayer, as in a summary, that our Father in heaven may deliver us from all kinds of evil—affecting body or soul, property or reputation—and at last, when our final hour comes, may grant us a blessed end and take us by grace from this valley of tears to himself in heaven.

Benedicamus

LSB 218

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C Amen.**

Be Seated

Sending Hymn: Listen, God Is Calling

LSB 833,

ref Women: Listen,
**Men: listen, God is calling, Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.**

- Women: Jesus gave His mandate:*
Men: Share the good news
Women: That He came to save us
Men: And set us free. (Refrain)
- Women: Let none be forgotten*
Men: Throughout the world.
Women: In the triune name of God
Men: Go and baptize. (Refrain)
- Women: Help us to be faithful,*
Men: Standing steadfast,
Women: Walking in Your precepts,
Men: Led by Your Word. (Refrain)

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Sending Instructions & Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

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