



*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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## We Set Our Minds on the Things of God

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! While we celebrated Easter Sunday over a month ago, the Christian Church traditionally regards every Sunday as "mini-Easters." That is because preaching the resurrection of Jesus Christ as we do on Easter is central to our faith. In the resurrection, we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. Because of His resurrection, we confidently hold firm to our Baptism, knowing that we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation paid for by the blood of Christ. Thanks be to God!

## PREPARATION

### Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4*

- ☑ Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
☑ **who made heaven and earth.**
  
- ☑ If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
☑ **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

## Confession & Declaration of Grace

- ☑ As we are gathered in our homes to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and remember our Holy Baptism, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner. *(Luke 18:13)*
  
- ☑ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

- ☑ Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us in Your one, Holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

- ☑ **Amen.**

## Introit

*Ps. 119:89–93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105*

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
Forever, O LORD, your word  
is firmly fixed in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness endures to all generations;  
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.  
By your appointment they stand this day,  
for all things are your servants.  
If your law had not been my delight,  
I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts,  
for by them you have given me life.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect

☑ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☑ Let us pray.

God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

### First Reading

*Acts 17:16–31*

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For 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. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And 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, that 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, for

"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.”

Being 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. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because 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.”

☑ This is the Word of the Lord.

👉 **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,**

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**he has put all things under his feet.**

## Epistle Reading

*1 Peter 3:13–22*

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but 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; yet 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For 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, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because 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. Baptism, 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

☑ This is the Word of the Lord.

👉 **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*Rom. 6:9; John 16:33b*

👉 **Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

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

🎵 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even 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.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever 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."

☑ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

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1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your  
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me  
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.  
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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## PRAYER

### 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.**

### Prayers of the Church

- ☒** With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, let us lift up our prayers before the Lord, saying, Lord, in Your mercy,
- ☩ Hear our prayer.**
- ☒** Let us pray for the witness of the Gospel by the whole Christian Church, that God's people may speak boldly about the truth within them, regardless of what others say to silence us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ☩ Hear our prayer.**
- ☒** Let us pray for our witness to the Creator of the universe and for us to speak with gentleness and respect, that others may hear and see our faith in the world's Redeemer, sent to us by the Father. Lord, in Your mercy,
- ☩ Hear our prayer.**

☑ Let us pray for the Father and the Son to give us the Holy Spirit as our Helper, so we may always know that we have our God standing at our side. Lord, in Your mercy,

☑ **Hear our prayer.**

☑ Let us pray to rejoice with those who rejoice today, [*especially . . .*] that their joy and ours may be full. Lord, in Your mercy,

☑ **Hear our prayer.**

☑ Let us pray for those who are caregivers, especially our public health officials, frontline workers, medical personnel and emergency responders, grant them the wisdom and courage to fulfill their vocations, protect them and grant that they may see in their time shared with others Your calling to sustain us as we live for others. Lord, in Your mercy,

☑ **Hear our prayer.**

☑ Let us pray for the sick and suffering, and for those who mourn [*especially . . .*] to receive Your promise of powerful and effective healing as well as Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

☑ **Hear our prayer.**

☑ Blessings and honor and power and glory be to our God forever and ever.

☑ **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

☑ **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.**



# Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."

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## **Benediction**

- ☑ 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.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## Announcements

Please continue to send your **tithes and offering** to the church office, counting is continuing on a regular basis. Also email any prayer requests that you would like included in the Prayer of the Church and sent out on the prayer chain.

Council members be sure to put our Zoom **Council Meeting** on your calendar for this Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. Vicar Brinkert sent out an invitation on the 11<sup>th</sup>, check your in basket.

“Ascension Day, a holy day falling inconspicuously on a Thursday in May, is the conspicuous declaration that we are not left as orphans. In the same post-resurrection body that He invited Thomas to touch, Jesus invites us to full humanity even today. He ascended with a body, He shares in our humanity, extending His own body even now, promising to return for our own bodies. Christ is preparing a room for us, and we can know it is real because He himself is real.” *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

THE SPIRIT IS PROMISED.

YES, AND ALREADY LIVES IN THE DISCIPLES BECAUSE JESUS IS WITH THEM.



THE SPIRIT WILL COME, BRINGING JESUS TO THEM.

THE SPIRIT IS ZOOM!!



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