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*Sixth Sunday
Of Easter*



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† PREPARATION †

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper... The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Tune"
"God Himself is Present"

arr. P. Harris
arr. E. Broughton

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"God Himself Is Present"

LSB 907



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly

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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Revelation 21:9–10, 23; John 16:24

P Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.
C **He showed me the holy city Jerusalem.**

P The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
C **for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.**

P Ask, and you will receive,
C **that your joy may be full.**

CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON

P Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance.
C **At times, O Lord, it feels like You have left us and gone into heaven, leaving us to fend for ourselves. We confess that we fail to remember Your word of promise about Your presence with us and Your love for us. We fear what**

might happen, and we regularly face our own desires and temptations. We forget that You “have overcome the world.” Forgive us and renew in us strong faith in Your presence and protection.

P God has not left us alone. Christ is with us, and He has broken every barrier between us and the promised Jerusalem awaiting us. 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.

C Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

SUFFRAGES

Psalm 88:13; 51:12; 71:8; 145:2; 65:5; 103:1, 4; 102:1

A I cry to You, O Lord;

C **in the morning my prayer comes before You.**

A Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

A My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C **and with Your glory all the day.**

A Every day I will bless You

C **and praise Your name forever and ever.**

A By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

C **O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

A Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

A He redeems your life from the pit

C **and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

A Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **let my cry come to You.**

HYMN

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep-ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - born us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - - ia!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER 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,

C by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right
 and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3



1May God be gracious to us and | bless us*

and make his face to shine up- | on us,

2that your way may be | known on earth,*

your saving power among all | nations.

3Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*

let all the peoples | praise you!

4Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations up- | on earth.

5Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*

let all the peoples | praise you!

6The earth has yielded its | increase;*

God, our God, shall | bless us.

7God shall | bless us;*

let all the ends of the earth | fear him!

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 21: 9-14, 21-27

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23-33

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Word is read...

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

HYMN

"Oh, What Their Joy"

LSB 675



1 Oh, what their joy and their glo - ry must be,
2 In new Je - ru - sa - lem joy shall be found,
3 We, where no trou - ble dis - trac - tion can bring,
△ 4 Now let us wor - ship our Lord and our King,

Those end-less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see!
Bless - ings of peace shall for - ev - er a - bound;
Safe - ly the an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;
Joy - ful - ly rais - ing our voic - es to sing:

Crowns for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest;
Wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,
While for Your grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise
Praise to the Fa - ther, and praise to the Son,



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Stand

NICENE CREED

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven**

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life  of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for all people, for the church, and for ourselves.

HYMN

"In Holy Conversation"

LSB 772 st. 1



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.
We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
And to sup - port our pray-ing, His Spir - it in - ter-cedes.

A Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we ask this in Jesus' name: Visit and relieve those many people who are denied what they need in food, clothing, or shelter. Grant relief to those languishing because of injustice or oppression. Surround the poor, sick, and dying with people to care for their various needs. Open doors of opportunity for faith-filled brothers and sisters in Christ that they may care for the physical, social, and spiritual needs of people around them with Your protection and guidance

C **Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.**

HYMN**"In Holy Conversation"****LSB 772 st. 2**

2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.

P Hear our prayer, heavenly Father, for we are as children, only asking for what You deem best. Listen to our deep longings, our unspoken yearning, and the circumstances of our own lives. In Your mercy and love, assure us of Your presence despite whatever ills we might have. Be with those near and dear to us who call out for healing, strength, and comfort, [especially . . .]. Assure them of Your presence even now.

C **Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.**

HYMN**"In Holy Conversation"****LSB 772 st. 3**

3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,
In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.
So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears



A We give thanks, heavenly Father, for the faith Your Holy Spirit has placed within us. We know the promise of heaven and long for the new Jerusalem. We, like John, look forward to that new Jerusalem, and like Lydia, have heard the Good News of our Savior and rejoice. We are confident that Your ears are open to our requests for ourselves, our circle of friends and family, and all the faithful who gather with us. Answer our prayers as fits Your plans for us, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

C **Hear our prayer and answer, that our joy may be full.**

P We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"This is My Song"

arr. D. Wagner

MISSION MINUTE

July Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

Erika Gray

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to

me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -

va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have called us together to receive Your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Grant that we are strengthened thereby to live each day in true faith and then to rejoice in eternity with You, Your Son, and the Holy Spirit in the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. To You be all glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

¶ As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

¶ **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

¶ O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

¶ **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.**

PAX DOMINI

¶ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

¶ **C Amen.**

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

LSB 555

1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -

fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our

help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's

Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred our
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our
 world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
 Your Word cannot be broken;
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
 No falsehood have You spoken.
 Baptized into Your precious name,
 My faith cannot be put to shame,
 And I shall never perish.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
 And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify;
 Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
 And makes us conscience-stricken;
 But then the Gospel enters in
 The sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
 The Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessed name we hallow.

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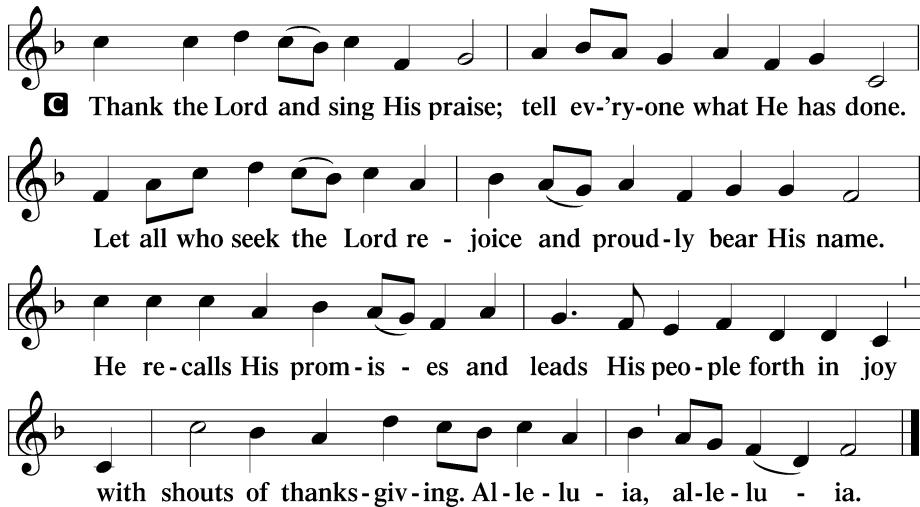
"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

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Stand

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 \ddagger give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN**"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"****LSB 469**

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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Sit**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL**

- A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE**"Christ the Lord Has Risen"**

T. Birchwood

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