

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

The disciples thought they knew what Jesus was saying, but it was before Easter, and they could not understand. They would, “in that day,” that is, after Jesus’ victory and the Spirit’s gift of faith. Now we with them know that He has overcome the world, all opposition, and even death itself. John’s vision in Revelation depicts a perfect Jerusalem, clear and beautiful, with the Lamb as its lamp. Anticipating such nearness of God, in this our day we can pray, asking for whatever we need, confident of our Father’s hearing. In the Reading from Acts, Paul has to tell everyone about his Easter joy, and the Lord opens Lydia’s heart. She is baptized and opens her home for Paul and Luke to use to tell others. With the clarity of our Spirit-given Easter joy, we know, pray, and tell!

## HYMN “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” *LSB* 915

1        Today Your mercy calls us

    To wash away our sin.

However great our trespass,

    Whatever we have been,

However long from mercy

    Our hearts have turned away,

Your precious blood can wash us

    And make us clean today.

2        Today Your gate is open,

    And all who enter in

Shall find a Father’s welcome

    And pardon for their sin.

The past shall be forgotten,

    A present joy be giv’n,

A future grace be promised,

    A glorious crown in heav’n.

3        Today our Father calls us;

    His Holy Spirit waits;

His blessed angels gather

    Around the heav’nly gates.

No question will be asked us

    How often we have come;

Although we oft have wandered,

    It is our Father’s home.

4        O all-embracing Mercy,

    O ever-open Door,

What should we do without You

    When heart and eye run o’er?

When all things seem against us,

    To drive us to despair,

We know one gate is open,

    One ear will hear our prayer.

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## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33*

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, “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.” Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.*

Pastor: Almighty God,

**People: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Although Jesus foretold about the disciples’ scattering that very night, yet He said, “I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace.” For peace in the Body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “Take heart; I have overcome the world.” For the peace of the whole world, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “Whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.” For peace for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” sts. 1, 3, 5 *LSB 790*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear

Now to His temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration!

3. Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,

Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief

Ever has failed of relief?

Wings of His mercy did shade you.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!  
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## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts. Grant that we may pray confidently, trusting that because of Your Son's sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, You graciously hear our every prayer; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Acts 16:9–15* (Paul and Luke stay with Lydia after her Baptism.) 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." 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. So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, 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. 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. 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. 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM** *Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3*

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

**People: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

**All: 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.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

**EPISTLE** *Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27* (Nothing unclean will ever enter the heavenly Jerusalem.) 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." 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, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 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— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . . 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, transparent as glass. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 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. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

**People: In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 16:23–33*

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

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

[Jesus said:] “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. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. 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. 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; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 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.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 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. 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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “In Christ Alone” –Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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1. In Christ alone, my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

#### **SERMON** “Two Promises” John 16:33

- I. Easter Opportunity
  - What night do the readings for the last half of Easter take place?
- II. Promise #1: “You \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_”
  - What does Jesus mean by “You will”...?
  - The word “tribulations” literally means “to \_\_\_\_\_” or “to \_\_\_\_\_”
    - What is *anfechtung*?
    - What tribulations are you facing?
  - What do these things point us to?
- III. Promise #2: “Take heart! I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_”
  - What are some of the other instances where Jesus says, “Take heart!”
  - What does He say to you?
  - What is potentially strange about “I have”?
  - What does it mean that Jesus “has overcome the world”?

Take home point: In this world you will have tribulations, but take heart! I have overcome the world!

Silent Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, through Your Son you have overcome the world, sin, death, and the power of the devil. We give You thanks that through Your Son we overcome and conquer those things. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Late spring always reminds me of graduations, finals week, and the end of school. Does it for anyone else? I remember one particular final's week where I was extra stressed. As I was telling my Grandmother about it, she said, "You'll be okay, and get through this. Let me tell you what my Dad told me when I was in college. 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going.'" I look forward to continuing this family tradition one day. The point is well said, though. When things get tough, stressful, and challenging, do what you can. Get moving. Don't wait around and sit on your hands. Do something about it. In other words, she was saying, "Study!" I found her words helpful, and encouraging for the moment ahead. In John 16, we hear Jesus' words to His followers before their biggest moment, their biggest test, their "final's week," so to say. This is the moment it has all been leading to, and building to. This is the moment He has been preparing them for. These are the last words He speaks to His disciples before Easter evening. What encouraging word does He say?

We find ourselves on Maundy [Thursday](#), the night Jesus is betrayed. He has just finished three chapters of teaching. Feet are washed. Serving is shown. The Spirit is promised. Our Heavenly Home is foretold. Abiding in Him is taught and explained. Before He goes to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray and prepare for His passion, Jesus ends His final teaching with a warning, and promise. What is the warning? You will fail Me.

Could you imagine hearing that? That is like a teacher telling a student, "You *are* going to fail your Math test." It is like a parent telling a kid before they play their basketball game, "Don't worry, you'll let me down out there." It is like a spouse proclaiming, "It's okay, I know you are going to disappoint me." Could imagine being the disciples and being told that you are going to let your Master, your Lord, your best friend, and your Teacher down? How would you handle hearing that you are going to fail Him? So, what are they going to fail? It is their biggest hour. Their biggest moment. The time *that Jesus needs them most*.

**"Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone."** Jesus says they will abandon Him shortly. They flee in the face of armed guards and soldiers. They will be standing in the shadows as He will be unjustly condemned and sentenced to death. They will not be in sight when He is tortured and killed. They will leave Him. In His biggest hour, and in their biggest test, they will fail. They will be in hiding, except John. Fortunately, He doesn't just leave them with a warning, and end on a note of disappointment. He gives them three promises and a word of victory.

**"Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace."** Jesus foretold their failure ahead of time for their good and wellbeing. When they fail, and they will, they can look back at this moment and know that they are forgiven, loved, and still Christ's. In Him they will have peace.

Where do we look for peace? Where do we (try to) find true security, comfort, and wholeness? Where do we look to for relief? Some might look to drugs. The United States has experienced a 31% increase in drug overdose deaths, and 2021 broke the record. Some might look to food and drink, and the feeling of fullness that they can give. A common question that counselors and therapists ask is, "How is your eating?" because overeating is often linked to stress, anxiety, and worry. Others might look inward to themselves, and stand on their own abilities, strength, resilience, health, or money. Some take the opposite approach and look to others: they rely on that dependable person and the help they give. Hobbies are another place people look for peace. Hobbies are great gifts from God, and outlets, but the created things can end up becoming the Creator! All of these things are like building a sandcastle at the beach. The castle is sturdy for a little awhile, but once the [sun](#) dries out the water in the sand, the castle comes crashing down with the smallest flick. These things might give peace for a little bit, but it won't last forever. What it holds together will come crashing down.

For the disciples, in their life's biggest failure and disappointment, Jesus is where their peace is found. It is the same for us. **"In Me you may have peace."** Jesus gives a wholeness the world cannot give. Jesus gives a security the world cannot deliver. Jesus gives a comfort the world can only dream of. Jesus gives a right relationship with God, a thing the world cannot restore. This is His first promise: **"In Me you may have peace."** What's the second? **"You will have tribulation."**

Often, we want nice promises, don't we? "I promise I'll be home at five." "I promise I will take you to ice cream." "I promise I will be there." "I promise to go to Hawaii with you." For better or for worse, Jesus' second promise is honest. **"You will have tribulation."** What are they? Answer these questions.

What is bothering you? What is on your plate that you would like removed? What saps your patience and sanity? What weighs on your heart? The answers that come to mind are tribulations. They can be things in life: health woes, financial challenges, an irreplaceable loss, broken relationships, intense suffering, cruel misfortune. They can be temptations in the flesh: taking the easy way out in matters of integrity, conduct, words, and purity. They can be persecutions and the challenges of being a Christian in a world that hates Jesus, and in turn, hates us. All of these are tribulations. All of these result from one thing. If you were to pull a weed out of your yard, you are to go down to the roots so it doesn't pop up again. What is the root of these tribulations? Sin. All these things result from sin and the brokenness it creates in our lives, in our bodies, in our relationships, in our interactions, and in the situations we find ourselves in. Unfortunately, though, the root of this problem will always exist this side of heaven! And so this leads us to the third promise: **"But take heart; I have overcome the world."**

Jesus ends by speaking to His disciples, and us, a word of victory. His suffering and death looks like a total loss, but in it is His victory over the world, sin, and death. Jesus has conquered them through His death and resurrection. But, what does this look like in our everyday lives, and tribulation? How do we apply this victory?

Almost 20 years ago, my two-year-old sister Kaitlin had an illness with a very low survival rate. I remember feeling sick to my stomach worrying about her, and that she might die. The fear was incredibly real. My stomach still turns thinking and speaking about it. Feeling anxious, I prayed about it. I prayed that she would get better. I prayed that we would accept God's will in this matter. And after praying, I didn't feel any better. It is hard when there is no immediate answer, and you still feel that angst. As I sat with that on my mind, and heart, I was directed toward Jesus' work for her. She had the promises of baptism: forgiveness and faith. She had the promise of heaven. I did, too. These promises gave me a great hope, comfort, and peace. If she died, she would be Jesus. If she lived, He would get us through it. If my life got messy, and the worst case scenarios came, I knew it would all be resolved and fixed when Jesus returned. Knowing these things, I could carry the burden with hope, and move forward in His peace, even though I still felt that concern, worry, and angst. It didn't go away, but I could face it differently. I could face it with Jesus' victory from the cross and tomb.

And that's how it is in life as Christians, isn't it? We don't know the end, or the resolution to tribulations, but we know the future hope and the past victory. The Spirit grounds us in this hope, and we move forward in Christ's victory. We look ahead to what is coming: eternal life with Jesus. We look back to what He has won at the cross: forgiveness and our reconciliation with God. And so we can look to the present with hope, and face it with Jesus' peace.

And when we fail and struggle with this, Jesus speaks peace. The last word Jesus speaks to His disciples before His death is peace, and the first word after His resurrection is peace, too: **"Peace be with you!"** He proclaims and bestows that right relationship with God, and He speaks the peace we need in a trouble ridden world. That is why we can take heart. He has won!

As we approach tough times and tribulations, and will, let us find peace and hope in Jesus' words: **"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."**

## **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.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## OFFERING

*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.*

## PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

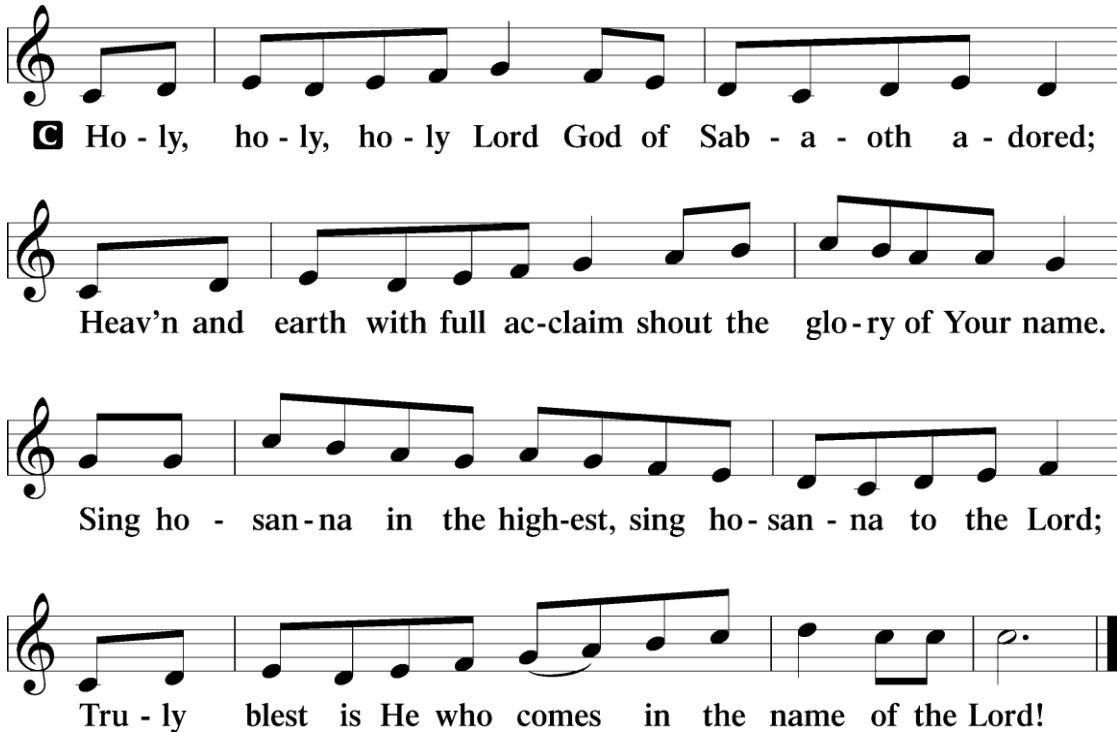
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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. 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:

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your



Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**People: Amen.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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  $\times$  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  $\times$  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** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

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

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: 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** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

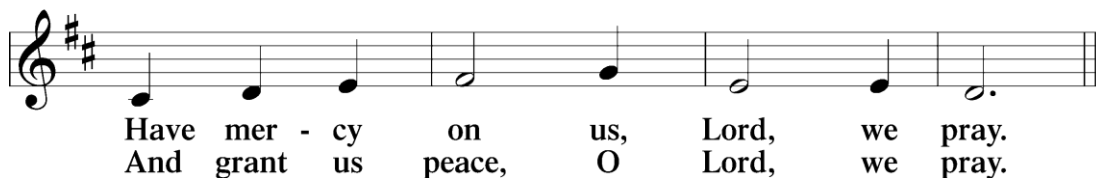
**PAX DOMINI**

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

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



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*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "Just as I Am" Charlotte Elliott, Travis Cottrell, Sue C. Smith, David Moffitt, William Batchelder Bradbury  
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1. Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot.  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. *Refrain*

3. Just as I am I would be lost,  
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.  
And now to glory in Your cross,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come. *Refrain twice*

*Refrain:* I come broken to be mended.  
I come wounded to be healed.  
I come desp'rate to be rescued.  
I come empty to be filled.  
I come guilty to be pardoned  
By the blood of Christ the Lamb.  
And I'm welcomed with open arms,  
Praise God, just as I am.

*Ending:* Praise God, just as I am.  
Just as I am.

## BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord's body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

**People: Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.**

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” *LSB 922*

1        Go, My children, with My blessing,  
          Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;

          You are My own.

          In My love’s baptismal river

          I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing—

          You are My own.

2        Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
          At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,

          What I can cure.

          Here you heard My dear Son’s story;

          Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven,

          At peace and pure.

3        Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
          Closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving,

          Joyful and free.

          Here My Spirit’s power filled you;

          Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished,

          Joyful and free.

4        I the Lord will bless and keep you  
          And give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you

          And give you peace:

          I the Lord will be your Father,

          Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, My children; I will keep you

          And give you peace.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Acts 16:9 – “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.’ ”* God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

**WOMEN OF EMMAUS** (18 and older), mark your calendars now to set aside time on Saturday, June 25th from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a special event. Watch for more details and registration information to come!

**WELCOME KITS COLLECTION:** During the month of June we will be doing a collection to help the John1516 kids with one of their summer projects. They will be putting together welcome kits for Jim Seeman’s ministry helping individuals returning from incarceration. His mission helps with basic needs they might have while getting settled and re-established in the community. Our collection will be of specific items for men and women: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, wash cloth, deodorant, nail clippers, shampoo, razor blades, shaving cream. Please bring them to church during the month of June and place them in the box in the Narthex. Thank you! Questions can be asked of Pastor Kooi or Marie G.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped with Jerry Reisem’s funeral. It’s a behind-the-scenes job that is very much appreciated by the coordinator and family.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please check the lost and found table set up by the office to see if anything is yours. We have hats, gloves, children’s items, sunglasses, and more. Leftovers will be donated or discarded after Sunday, June 5.

**ASCENSION SERVICE:** Come join us! On May 25th at 6:30 p.m., Emmaus and Jehovah will be having a joint worship service to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. The service will be at Jehovah Lutheran Church and is open to all. Come check out this special service.

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Imagine That!” Dr. Dean Nadasdy reflects on five images from the Book of Revelation and shows how God’s Word plus faith and imagination equals hope. (Revelation 22:1-7)

### **SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

All members and friends of Emmaus are invited to join us for our summer service projects for John1516s. We have a variety of service opportunities and organizations that we will be serving. If any sound interesting to you, or if there are any that you would like to tag along for, please talk with Pastor Kooi. Below is the serving schedule.

**June 14:** Global Health Ministries

**June 21:** Trinity First Lutheran Church and School

**June 28:** Southwood Nature Preserve

**July 5 and July 26:** Feed My Starving Children/Jeremiah Project

**July 12:** Prison Ministry

**July 19:** New Life Family Services

\*Also, if you have young children, and are looking for things to do with them on Tuesdays, please talk to Pastor Kooi about coming with to the “fun events” for our group discount. Some of the things we will be doing include a movie, Bunker Beach, Grandslam, Zero Gravity, and more!\*

If you would like more information about the John1516s summer program, please talk to Pastor Kooi. Registration forms should be available by the end of the week.