

# As We Gather Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

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!

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Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.

A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily.

(1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- \*Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
- \*Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?
- \*Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

# Please Note

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church can come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.
While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

# PRELUDE WELCOME

# HYMN #903 "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

## **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33

- **P** This is the day that the LORD has made.
- **C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 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, on 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.

- P Almighty God,
- have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- 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. Peace be with you.
- C And also with you. Amen!

#### WORD

# **HYMN** "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" St. 1,2 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.

# **KYRIE** *John 16:23, 33*

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- 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.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world." For the peace of the whole world, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- 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.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

# **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**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.
- C Amen.

### FIRST READING Acts 16:9–15

"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."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND READING** Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

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.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# **VERSE** Romans 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 16:23–33

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
- **C** 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."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

# HYMN OF THE DAY #475 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice And Sing"

**SERMON** "Whatever You Ask!" John 16:23-33

# THE APOSTLE'S 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** Psalm 67:3

"In that day," Jesus said, we would pray directly to our Father in heaven. This side of Easter and Pentecost, we know that all we ask is based on our Lord's death and resurrection. Let us therefore take our concerns to our heavenly Father.

We pray that the Spirit work faith in the hearts of many people who do not know about our Lord's overcoming the world through His death and resurrection. Grant that they join us to pray to our Father in heaven, to hallow His name, and to be instruments of His kingdom and will. Let the peoples praise You, O God;

- **C** let all the peoples praise You!
- P [Petitions...] Let the peoples praise You, O God;
- **C** let all the peoples praise You!
- We ask God to answer those prayers we have not put into words, but are still known to Him, our heavenly Father. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of the death and resurrection of Your Son, in whose name we pray.

  Let the peoples praise You, O God;
- let all the peoples praise You! Amen; yes, yes, it shall be so.

#### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY** LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

#### **SACRAMENT**

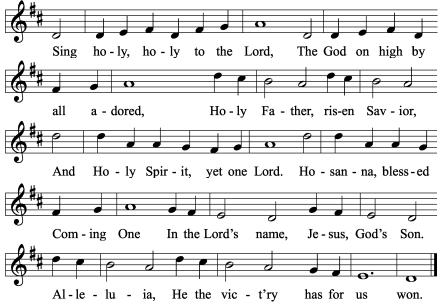
## **PREFACE**

- **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

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, who has overcome the world and given us grace to approach Your throne, confident that You will hear us. 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:





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# **WORDS OF OUR LORD** "Remember Me" G. Gustafson & M. Nystrom

(Sung) "On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me."

(Sung) "So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;

For we see the life You gave And the blood you shed.

And we remember Your wondrous love

You gave your body You shed Your blood

And we remember Your wondrous love

You gave your body You shed your blood."

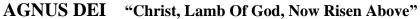
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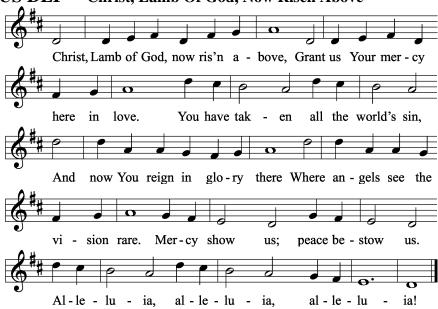
# LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### **PAX DOMINI**

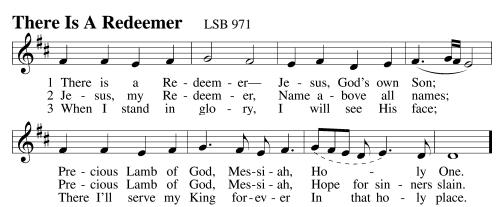
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





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#### #770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus #801 How Great Thou Art

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- $\mathbf{P}$ 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.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Give us confidence as we pray each day, knowing that You hear our every petition and that Your answers are better than our requests;
- through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with P You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

# BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you.  $[\mathbf{P}]$ The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

#### CLOSING HYMN # 922 " Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE** +

Altar flowers today are given by Sandy Copeland

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Reader Today: Jan Aslin

in memory of her husband, Dennis

**PRAYER LIST:** Ken Johnson, recovery (stents); Don Selking and family at death of wife Alice on Tuesday; Michael Quinton, cancer (Pastor @ Mesquite Baptist Church); Lori Ammons, cancer (Step-Sister of Bill Warner); Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie Halterman; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

# **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

# **Today** Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship

Wed May 25 11:00 a.m. Childcare Chapel

Thur May 26 10:30 a.m. Jesus Time

Thur May 26 10:30 a.m. Grief Support Group

# There will be no MLC of MLC meetings until Sept. 6, 2022

# **BIRTHDAYS**

May 19 Caleb Seamann May 22 Jim Bean May 23 Karron Knight
May 25 Scott VanLente May 27 Mary Bollenbecker May 28 Jean Anderson

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

May 26 Rev. David & Christine Constien May 28 Jim & Kathy Hammar

**10 a.m. service available online at our Facebook page** (live and recorded - @MesquiteLCC). You do not need a Facebook account to view. Go to bookface.com/MesquiteLCC/live

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