

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

05/25/2025

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P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C **We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

P Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C **We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

P To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen**

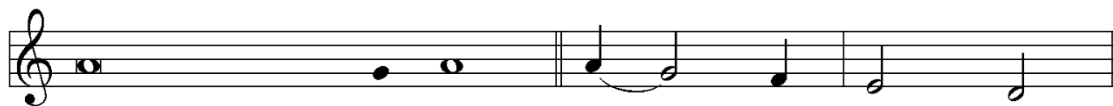
GATHERING HYMN: [ELW#379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"](#)

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

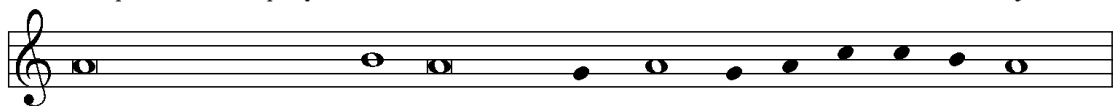
C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



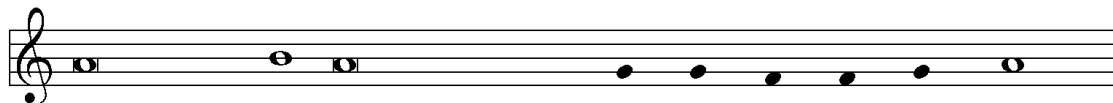
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE: [Glory to God in the Highest](#)



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, you are just in all your ways and your commandments are the greatest of treasures. Teach us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

PSALM 119:33-40

L ³³Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C ³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C ³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

L ³⁷Turn my eyes from be- holding falsehood; give me life in your way.

C ³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

L ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

C ⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

GALATIANS 2:15-21

L A reading from Galatians: ¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not gentile sinners, ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to

the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY: [ELW#590 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"](#)

SERMON: [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

Please stand, as you are able.

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING*: ([On-Line giving Link](#))

The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.

RESPONSE: [“Create in Me”](#)

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

L God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling, especially Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mark Hughes, Charlotte Leer, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Comfort loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L For whom else shall we pray?

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
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**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: [ELW#367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"](#)

P Go in peace. Love and serve God and neighbor.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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Upcoming Recitals

If you are interested in supporting a recital, please contact Ed Hawkins

Date	Time	Recital Type	Name
Sunday, June 1, 2025	5:00p - 8:00p	Cello Recital	Nicole Boguslaw
Saturday, June 7, 2025	10:00a – 11:00a	Senior Recital	Silvia Rocca
Sunday, June 8, 2025	3:00p - 7:00p	Piano Recital	Debbie Bondhus

Upcoming Events

- Church Outdoor Clean-up/Gardening Day – Contact Ed Hawkins
- Summer Outdoor Worship – 2nd Sunday of June/July/August

Upcoming Worship

Date	Liturgical Day	Preaching Texts	Worship Leader
June 1	Easter 7	Galatians 3:23-29	Heidi and Bob
June 8	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21, Galatians 4:4-7	Julie and Dave

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