Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

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WELCOME

INVOCATION:

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

EASTER GREETING:

Pastor: Christ is risen! People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 67:4-5, 1)

- Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth
- Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.
- People: 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.

OPENING HYMN: "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" (<u>LSB</u>, #671; melody: Hymn to Joy)

Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking; Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!

Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits. Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the_eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head! Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown, When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!

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- Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 People: who made heaven and earth.
 Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.
- Pastor: Let us pray:
- People: With Your living breath, Lord Jesus, You have given us Your Spirit. By His strength empower us for discipleship that prays with confidence and embarks on service that makes Your saving grace evident to others; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: (11:00am) Helen Grace Vogel

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE 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.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 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.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter: **People:** Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: John 16:23–33

[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."

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The 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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "Jerusalem the Golden" (LSB, #672)

Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest— The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest— We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there: The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!

Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song, As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng. The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene; The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released, Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast. They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight, Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country, The home of God's elect! O sweet and blessèd country That faithful hearts expect! In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest. *Text: Public domain*

SERMON: "Beautiful Bride" (*Revelation 21:9*)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

PREFACE

- 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 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 singing:

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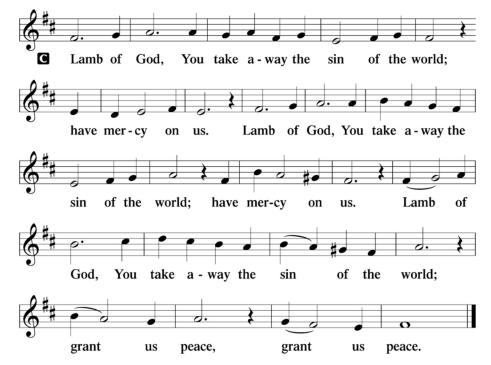
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

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

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DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "O Come to The Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within, Overwhelmed, by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself, Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling. O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today; there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy; From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ. (Repeat)

Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful; Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all; Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.

O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown; Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Christ Be All Around Me"

As I rise, strength of God, go before, lift me up; As I wake, eyes of God, look upon, be my sight.

As I wait, heart of God, satisfy and sustain; As I hear, voice of God, lead me on, be my guide, be my guide

Above and below me, before and behind me; In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me; Above and below me, before and behind me; In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.

As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side; As I rest, breath of God, fall upon, bring me peace, bring me peace.

> Above and below me, before and behind me; In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me; Above and below me, before and behind me; In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed For ev'ry moment, ev'ry moment; (Repeat)

Above and below me, before and behind me; In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me; Above and below me, before and behind me; In ev'ry eye that sees me, Christ be all around me.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (LSB, #469)

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Saints on earth and angels say; Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won; Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell. Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

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.

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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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" (LSB, #467)

Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done; Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun. My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb; But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom. For Christ again is free; In glorious victory He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.

This is a sight that gladdens— What peace it doth impart! Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart. No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won. Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn; Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn. Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright; It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm.

The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain; Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain. My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me. Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true; My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through. He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain; He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold, Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold: "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared; Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

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COMMON DISMISSAL:

- Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.
- People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- Pastor: Let us pray.
- People: You have blessed us, Living Lamb, with Your own vow of fidelity. You have given Your body and blood as pledge of love. Having feasted on Your goodness in a meal that unites us to You and all believers, we look eagerly to the Marriage Banquet that never ends. Until then, keep us faithful to You and tireless in sharing Your love with all the world; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EASTER GREETING:

- Pastor: Christ is risen!
- People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION: (Hebrews 13:20-21)

- Pastor: May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will,
- People: and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

<u>CLOSING HYMN</u>: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" (<u>LSB</u>, #490)

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me; Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me. Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given. I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven. God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living, Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving. All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever. Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever. God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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DISMISSAL:

+ + + Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus with Proclaimer – Rev. Walt Pohland Liturgist – Rev. John Selle

Musicians: Adam Perez and Amanda Theilen Organist: Karen Darby

> 8:15 Lay Reader: Al Basler 11:00 Lay Reader: Sonja Guyer

Children's Message: DCE Jonathan Loesch