

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**  
MAY 25, 2025



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## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

LSB 474

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
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 -  
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!  
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn 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!

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## 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!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Memorial Day Pledge of Allegiance

**C** I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## Opening Sentences

Psalm 98

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
**C** **for He has done marvelous things!**  
**P** His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD has made known His salvation;  
**C** **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**  
**P** He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
**C** **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

*-Kneel/Sit for a Time of Private Confession-*

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins. (*Ecc. 7:20*)  
**C** **The hearts of the children of man are fully set to do evil.** (*Ecc. 8:11*)  
**P** Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find? (*Prov. 20:6*)  
**C** **Who can say, "I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin?"** (*Prov. 20:9*)  
**P** For we all stumble in many ways... (*James 3:2*)  
**C** **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God** (*Rom. 3:23*). **Heavenly Father, forgive us our sins for the sake of him who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.**  
**P** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

$\text{✝}$  **Service of the Word**  $\text{✝}$

## Gloria Patri

LSB 186

**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a final note on a whole rest, and the second staff has a final note on a whole rest.

## **Kyrie**

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The lyrics are written below the notes.

## **Hymn of Praise**

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

LSB 671

I Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -  
rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,  
To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the  
clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall  
cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,  
Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The lyrics are written below the notes.

## **Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of one staff. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are written below the notes.

## **Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

*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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **New Testament Canticle**

LSB 266

*Refrain*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **Holy Gospel**

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

**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Confession of the Church**

*Augsburg Confession: Article XX - Faith*

**P** In the first place, our works cannot reconcile us with God or obtain grace.

**C** **Instead, this happens through faith alone when a person believes that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake.**

**P** For the conscience cannot find rest and peace through works but by faith alone,

**C** **when it concludes on its own with certainty that it has a gracious God for Christ's sake.**

**P** Faith alone always takes hold of grace and forgiveness of sin.

**C** **So, too, the Holy Spirit is given through faith and moves our heart to do good works.**

**P** For by grace you have been saved through faith,

**C** **it is the gift of God!**

### **Children's Message**

*\*Please Note: No Sunday School Today\**

### **Sermon Hymn**

"The Church's One Foundation"

*LSB 644*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more  
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

## **Sermon**

"5...4...3..."

John 15:8-9

*Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor*

## **Offertory**

LSB 192



**C** 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## **Gathering of Tithes and Offerings**

*To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give  
 at [www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving)*





## Prayer of the Church

*-8:15am continues with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction-*

### † THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

#### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

#### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who walked the way of suffering, took up His cross, and gave Himself as the ransom for the entire world, bringing forgiveness and life to all who believe. Bless us now in the public confession of our belief and remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

#### Lord's Prayer

*Mt. 6:9-11*

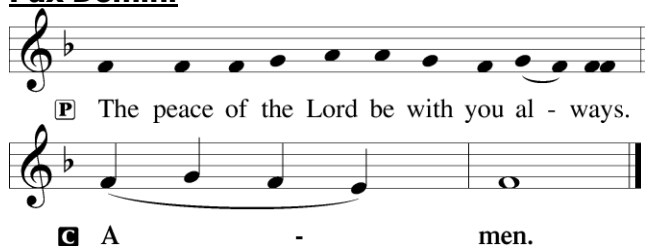
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

### Pax Domini

*LSB 197*

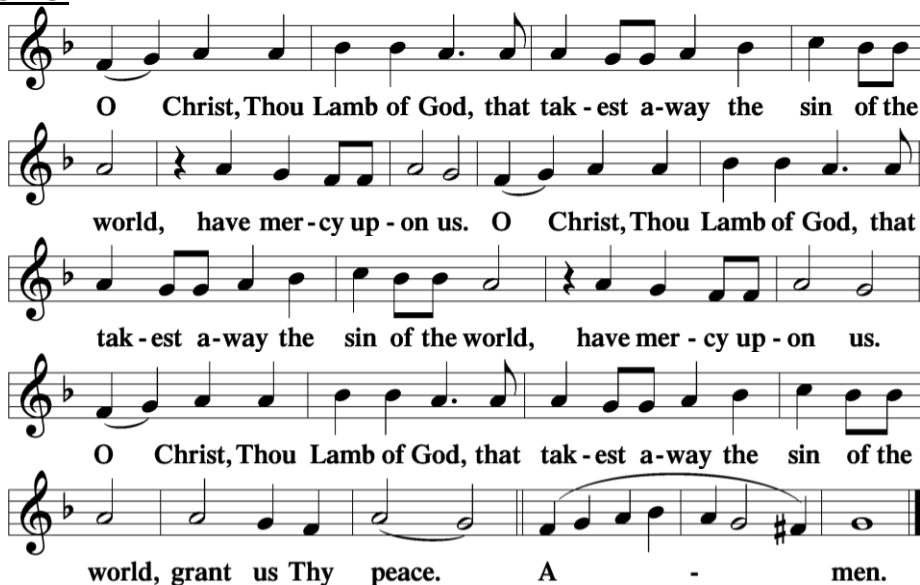


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**G** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*

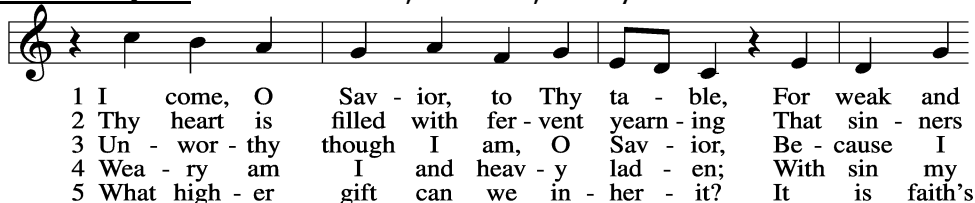


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### Distribution Hymn

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

*LSB 618*



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of  
 lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*  
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## **Distribution Hymn**

## **"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"**

*LSB 623*

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us  
 feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your  
 bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Your Son, who did all things well during His earthly ministry, and also continues to do all things well today in Word and Sacrament; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **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 ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **Closing Hymn**

### "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

*LSB 966*



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

## **Serving us in Worship**

Preacher	Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski
Music	Gregory Paul
Altar Guild	Amanda Brandt
Readers	8:15 Kevin Calhoun 11:00 Rita McClatchey
Elders	8:15 Kevin Calhoun 11:00 Jim Schultz

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