# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025 (9:00 a.m.)

# WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.

Our values are
Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,
Make Disciples...)

#### **PRELUDE**

## **GREETING**

# THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN "Voices Raised to You We Offer" LSB 795
Voices raised to you we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!

All creation joins to praise you; Earth and sky your works display. Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to you today. Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!

Christ, the song of Love incarnate, touching earth with heaven's grace, For your living, suffering, dying, for your rising, hear our praise!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!

Spirit, flaming through creation, kindle faith within each heart. Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands your love impart. Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!

How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voices gifts of love we can bestow. Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!

# **INVOCATION**

(ref. Matthew 18:20)

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

C: Amen

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. (ref. Ps 32:5)

- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (*Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23*)

C: Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is the Feast Of Victory" LW page 182-183 (Rev.5:11-13)

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C\*: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was

slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

# **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine, the best of meats and the finest of wines. <sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. The LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(John 6:68)

C: Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **HOLY GOSPEL** John 14:1-7

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup>My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told
you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and
prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you
also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can
we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the
life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really know me,
you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have
seen him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Lives, the Victory's Won" LW 139

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 there 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! And I am sure neither life nor death shall sever Me from him. I shall endure in his love, through death, forever. God will be my sure defense; this shall be my confidence. Jesus lives! And now is death but the gate of live immortal; This shall calm my trembling breath when I pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense; Jesus is my confidence!

# **SERMON**

# CONFESSION OF FAITH 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** - concluding with

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

# **OFFERTORY**

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

# THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## **PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

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.

- P: It is truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:
- C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: Lord Jesus, 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: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

# **AGNUS DEI**

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

# **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

#### BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light" LSB 411

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

## Refrain

In Him, there is no darkness at all The night and the day are both alike The Lamb is the light of the city of God Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain* 

Silent prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE