

6TH SUNDAY IN EASTER
DIVINE SERVICE II
MAY 9, 2021 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH:

P “LORD, I Love the Habitation of Your House and the Place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.” (145)

BEFORE WORSHIP:

C “O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.” (146)

P Christ is Risen ! **C** He is Risen, Indeed!

✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION..... [LSB: pg. 167]

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. [Matthew 28:19b, 18-20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION..... [LSB: pg. 167]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will Forgive our sins and Cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:8-9

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
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.

ABSOLUTION..... [LSB: pg. 167]

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 Christ and by His Authority, I therefore Forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” [LSB: 525]

1.
Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His Throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all Eternity.

2.
Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God Incarnate Born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the Mystic Rose, Yet of that Rose the
Stem, The root whence Mercy ever flows, The
Babe of Bethlehem.

3.
Crown Him the LORD of Love,
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty Glorified. No angels in the sky Can
fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At
Mysteries so bright.

4.
Crown Him the LORD of Life,
Who Triumphed o'er the grave
And Rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His Glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died Eternal Life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5.
Crown Him the LORD of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to Whom is giv'n The Wondrous Name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is King of all.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE ≈ LORD, Have Mercy ≈ [Mark 10:47] [LSB: pg. 168]

P In Peace let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P For the Peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P For this Holy House and 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.

THIS IS THE FEAST [Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9] [LSB: pg. 171]

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, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, 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, Honor, 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY [LSB: pg. 172]

P (Sung): The LORD be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C And also with you.

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.
C Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-48 [LSB: pg. 172]

“³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶As for the Word that He sent to Israel, preaching Good News of

Peace through Jesus Christ (He is LORD of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God Anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit

and with Power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. ⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the One appointed by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him

receives forgiveness of sins through His Name.’ ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the Word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the Gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷‘Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

L Christ has risen | from the dead.*
[God the Father] has Crowned Him with Glory and | Honor,
He has given Him Dominion over the works | of His hands; *
He has put all things un- | der His feet.

EPISTLE READING: *1 John 5:1-8* [LSB: pg. 172]

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His Commandments. ³For this is the Love of God, that we keep His Commandments. And His Commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the

victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is He Who came by water and Blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the Blood. And the Spirit is the One Who testifies, because the Spirit is the Truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the Blood; and these three agree.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Please stand*) (Page 156)

C Alleluia. LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of Eternal Life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *John 15:9-17* [LSB: pg. 173]

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

C Glory to You, O LORD.

⁹As the Father has Loved Me, so have I Loved you. Abide in My Love. ¹⁰If you keep My Commandments, you will abide in My Love, just as I have kept My Father’s Commandments and abide in His Love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²[Jesus said:] ‘This is My Commandment, that you Love one another as I have Loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I

command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of our LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

1. (Pastor)
*Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice
And Holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the Vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!*

2.
**Fast bound in satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell;
My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.**

3.
**My own good works all came to naught, No
grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead
to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.**

4.
**But God had seen my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His Mercies great,
He planned for my Salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart;
He did not choose the easy part
But gave His Dearest Treasure.**

5. (Lector)
*God said to His beloved Son:
"It's time to have Compassion.
Then go, Bright Jewel of My Crown,
And bring to all Salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."*

6.
**The Son obeyed His Father's Will,
Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His Royal Pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore To lead
the devil captive.**

7.
**To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I Am your Rock and Castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I Am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I Am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.**

8. (Pastor)
*"Though He will shed My Precious Blood, Me of
My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing,
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.*

9. (Pastor)
*"Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n Ascending,
And, heavn'ly Wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into Truth shall guide you.*

10.
**"What I on earth have done and taught Guide
all your life and teaching; So shall the
kingdom's work be wrought And honored in
your preaching. But watch lest foes with base
alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."**

SERMON

CREEDAL STATEMENT: *Apostle's Creed* [LSB: pg. 175]

C 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 [1 Timothy 2:1-4] [LSB: pg. 175]

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY [Psalm 116:12-13; 17-19] [LSB: pg. 176]

- C** What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will take the Cup of Salvation and will call on the Name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His People,
In the courts of the LORD's House, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

⊕ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ⊕

PREFACE [LSB: pg. 177]

P The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
C We lift them to the LORD.

P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God. *Psalm 136*
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (seasonal)

P 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, through Jesus Christ, our LORD; for in the Mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a New Revelation of Your Glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ≈ *Holy, Holy, Holy* ≈ [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9] [LSB: pg. 178]

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of Pow'r and Might:
 Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
 Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the LORD.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING [LSB: pg. 178]

- P** Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth, for You have had Mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the Salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing Sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the Cross. Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O LORD, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His Own Testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom,
- C** Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD [LSB: pg. 179]

P "Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the 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 testament in My ⊕ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the LORD’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, LORD Jesus.

*I Corinthians 11:26
Revelation 22:20*

P O LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy Cross and Passion, Your Blessed Death, Your Rest in the tomb, Your Resurrection from the dead, Your Ascension into Heaven, and Your Coming for the final Judgment. So 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.
Matthew 6:9-13

P The Peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have Mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Peace, grant us Peace. *John 1:29*

1.
“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.

2.
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.

3.
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His Rise;
Christ has Opened Paradise.

4.
Lives again our Glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He Died our souls to Save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

5.
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.

6.
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!

1.
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.

2.
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.

3.
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.

4.
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.

5.
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!

THE DISMISSAL [LSB: pg. 181]

P The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ Strengthen and Preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.
C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: [LSB: pg. 181]

C Thank the LORD and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone 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 COLLECT [LSB: pg. 181]

P Let us pray ... O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all Goodness, Who in Loving Kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us Pardon and Peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your Children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

BENEDICTION [LSB: pg. 183]

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: "Hail Thee, Festival Day" [LSB: 489]

Refrain:
Hail thee, Festival Day!
Blest Day to be Hallowed forever;
Day when our LORD was raised,
Breaking the kingdom of death.

1.
He Who was nailed to the Cross
Is Ruler and LORD of all people,
All things created on earth
Sing to the glory of God: *Refrain*

2.
Daily the Loveliness grows,
Adorned with the glory of blossom;
Heaven Her Gateway unbars,
Flinging Her Increase of Light: *Refrain*

3.
God the Almighty, the LORD,
The Ruler of earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without;
Cleanse us from evil within: *Refrain*

4.
Jesus, the Health of the world,
Creator of all and Redeemer,
Son of the Father Supreme,
Only-begotten of God: *Refrain*

5.
Spirit of Life and of Pow'r,
Now flow in us, Fount of our Being,
Light that Enlightens us all,
Life that in all may abide: *Refrain*

6.
Praise to the Giver of Good!
O Lover and Author of Concord,
Pour out Your balm on our days;
Order our ways in Your Peace: *Refrain*

POSTLUDE

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT: Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise You for Feeding us the Life-Giving Body and Blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by Faith obtain and Eternally enjoy Your Divine Grace, the Forgiveness of sins, Unity with Christ, and Life Eternal, through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (158)

FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD: LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (150)