

# **HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Divine Service Three**

**May 26, 2019**





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**8:00 and 10:30 AM**

## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**(Missouri Synod)**

**9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.**

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.

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***Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:  
Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!***

## **Prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Dearest Jesus, as we anticipate the end of the Season of Easter, keep our thoughts turned to You so that we reflect on Your blessings:

Your incarnation when You appeared in human flesh to be our Savior;

Your life here on earth as our Brother. You deigned to come here to live in lowliness even though You created heaven and earth;

Your death wherein You came here as one of us to lay down Your life as a ransom for sinners;

Your resurrection from the dead for it proves that You are God's Son and seals Your sacrifice as the full payment for our sins;

Your promise to us in John 14:6: "No one comes to the Father except through Me." Your ascension to the right hand of our heavenly Father assures us that one day we too shall be in heaven in the presence of our Father.

We pray this for Your sake. You redeemed us that we might be justified by grace. Amen.



## Confession and Absolution

### 903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

*Stand*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** 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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C 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.**

**P** 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**



## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: Ps. 55:22*



Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;\*  
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

**My heart is in anguish with- | in me;\***  
**the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.**

But I | call to God,\*  
and the LORD will | save me.

**Evening and morning and at noon**  
**I utter my com- | plaint and moan,\***  
**and he | hears my voice.**

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage,\*  
for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;\*  
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



# Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



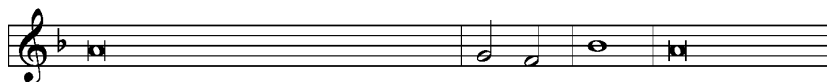
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



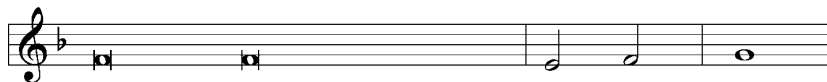
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.

*Sit*

## 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.

## Psalm 67

*Cantor: Refrain*

***Cong.: Refrain***

May God be gracious to us and | bless us\*  
and make his face shine up- | on us;

**may your ways be | known on earth,\*  
your salvation among all | nations.**

**May the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*  
for you rule the peoples justly and  
guide the nations | of the earth.**

***Cong.: Refrain***

Then the land will yield its | harvest,\*  
and God, our God, will | bless us.

**God will | bless us,\*  
and all the ends of the earth will | fear him.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit,  
as it was in the be | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

***Cong.: Refrain***

**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.**

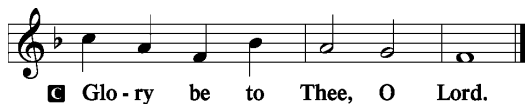
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## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel: John 5:1–9

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





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.



## Apostles' Creed

**G** 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.**

*Sit*

## **849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

### **Sermon**

#### **"A Bridge over Troubled Waters"**

Text: See the Holy Gospel Reading

*Stand*

### **Offertory**

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**☐** 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.

*Sit*

### **Offering**

*(Please add your name to the red fellowship  
book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayer:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## Lord's Prayer

- 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.

## Closing Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your  
presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and  
the assurance of Your love for us in Jesus Christ. We thank You  
for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we  
inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and **✠** give you peace.  
**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



# ***Soli Deo Gloria!***

*(To God alone be the glory.)*

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