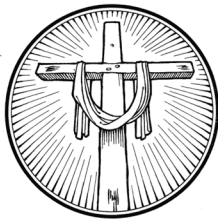


## A Prayer Up- on Entering Church

Dear Lord,  
teach us to  
pray. Give us  
such a long-  
ing for You  
that our  
hearts always  
pray, even  
when we  
don't pray  
with words.  
Let us live  
with prayer  
in such a way  
that we al-  
ways know  
Your eyes are  
on us and  
that we can  
always lift  
our eyes to  
You in joy  
because You  
are here...In  
Jesus' name.  
Amen.

~ Bo Giertz



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## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Rogate* + May 5, 2024 + 9:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** A common response to Jesus' presence and teaching was that of misunderstanding. Jesus prepared his apostles for this: "This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand" (Matthew 13:13). The apostles were no strangers to misunderstanding their Lord as well, hence their delight at Jesus speaking "plainly" (John 16:29). Even though they hear Jesus "speak plainly" to them, they still are missing something. The resurrection, ascension, and Holy Spirit will make it clear!

## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

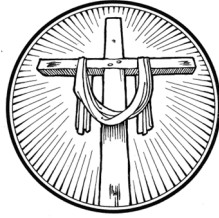
- Sunday's Radio Broadcast, flowers at the altar and bulletins are sponsored by the Holdorf family in loving memory of Marcene Scully.
- The sponsor charts for 2024 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

## **A Welcome for Those With Young Children**

This house is your children's home, too. Relax and enjoy your time here:

- Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please consider sitting towards the front where your children can easily see the worship leaders, hear the words, note the colors, wonder about some of the images up there, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in with their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And also with you! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them, too.
- Be sure to sing and pray your parts as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. There is a nursery downstairs for those who would like to use it, but like Jesus, we want your children in the liturgy, not out. *Let the little children come unto me.* (Luke 18:16).

If you need help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.



## PRELUDE

“Sonata VI” (based on “Vater Unser im Himmelreich” [Our Father, Who From Heaven Above]) ... Felix Mendelssohn

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Thine is the Glory”



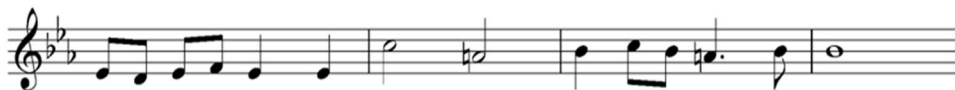
1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb!  
3. No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life;



End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!  
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom;  
Life is nought with - out thee; Aid us in our strife;



An - gels in bright rai - ment Rolled the stone a - way,  
Let his Church with glad - ness Hymns of tri - umph sing,  
Make us more than con - qu'rors, Through thy death - less love;



Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes Where thy bod - y lay.  
For the Lord now liv - eth; Death hath lost its sting!  
Bring us safe through Jor - dan To thy home a - bove.

*Refrain is on the next page.*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*~ Philippians 4:4-7*

Everyone who loves the Christian church and the gospel, and is concerned about their well-being, ought to remember that he must help sustain them. We can do this best of all through prayer... When you do this, then you and every Christian are like warriors on the field of battle with weapons drawn, helping to guard and protect the Christian church against the devil and the world...

*Refrain*

Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

### GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

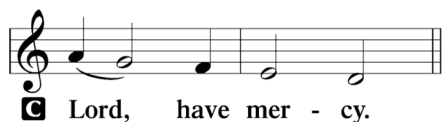
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



A - men.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

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



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

*... These two things, diligently preaching and earnestly praying, pierce the devil's heart. If he is to be defeated and overthrown, it must be done by these two weapons.*

*~ Martin Luther, Sermon on John 16:23-30, 1534 A.D.*

*Lord, teach us  
to pray.*

*~ Luke 11:1*



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so 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**

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT** Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY** *Psalm 107:1-9*

L: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

C: **Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,\*  
whom he has redeemed from | trouble**

L: and gathered in | from the lands,\*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and | from the south.

*The 107<sup>th</sup> psalm is a psalm of thanks for the help that God shows to all people in their distress, whether they are Gentile or Jew. This help the heathen have sought by various idols and we Christians and the heathen have sought by various saints up until now ... We have thus divided all of God's help among the saints, as the heathen among their idols, and have stolen and robbed from God - to whom alone this psalm is dedicated and to whom alone the psalm calls on us to thank.*

*~ Martin Luther, Summaries of the Psalms, 1531 A.D.*

**C: Some wandered in | desert wastes,\*  
finding no way to a city to | dwell in;**

L: hungry and | thirsty,\*  
their soul fainted with- | in them.

**C: Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.**

L: He led them by a | straight way\*  
till they reached a city to | dwell in.

**C: Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,\*  
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!**

L: For he satisfies the | longing soul,\*  
and the hungry soul he fills | with good things.

**All: 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**

**EPISTLE** James 1:22-27

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. <sup>26</sup>If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.



L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## VERSE

L: Alleluia. Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia.  
I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.  
Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.



<sup>23</sup>[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. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup>“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. <sup>26</sup>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; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” <sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>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.”

*He who prays in His name, prays in communion with Him. Because Jesus has communion with the Father, the prayers are already enveloped with God’s love, and his prayers go directly to God.*

*~ Bo Giertz, New Testament Devotional Commentary; Vol. II, 1984 A.D.*

*Since Christians are in the most intimate communion with one another and are all members of one body, one prays for all and all for one. Courage may fail a weak Christian when he looks only upon himself...*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” (Sts. 1 – 3) ... LSB #766

### SERMON

“Speaking Plainly”

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” (Sts. 4 – 6) ... LSB #766

*Please stand.*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(The following young people will be receiving their first communion today: Emerson Drenk and Emma Kieffer. Please pray for them as they begin a life of receiving the merciful gifts of Jesus' holy and precious Body and Blood.)*

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: ... O Lord of life,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

*... But when he recalls that every day millions include him in their Lord's Prayer, that he is in the rank and file of a great host of countless believing petitioners with whom he appears before God, this must strengthen him.*

*~ C.F.W. Walther, Gospel Sermons: Vol. 1, 1870 A.D.*

*Indeed, the human heart is by nature so hopeless that it always flees from God and imagines that he does not wish or desire our prayer, because we are sinners and have earned nothing but wrath. Against such thoughts (I say), we should remember this commandment [to pray] and turn to God, so that we may not stir up His anger more by such disobedience...*

## OFFERTORY

“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” (Sts. 7–9) ... LSB #766

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Living God,

**C: in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

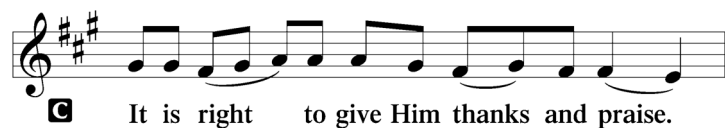
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

## SANCTUS ("Holy")

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 the 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 of it, in remembrance of me."

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, 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.**

*... For by this commandment God lets us plainly understand that He will not cast us away from Him or chase us away. This is true even though we are sinners. But instead He draws us to Himself, so that we might humble ourselves before Him, bewail this misery and plight of ours, and pray for grace and help.*

*~ Martin Luther, Large Catechism, 1529 A.D.*

*We need to know this: all our shelter and protection rest in prayer alone. For we are far too weak to deal with the devil and his power and followers who set themselves against us. They might easily crush us under their feet. Therefore, we must consider and take up those weapons with which Christians must be armed in order to stand against the devil...*

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

## ACCLAMATION

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

C: Alleluia!

## SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Arisen"

1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark  
pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still  
our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,  
We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



*Please be seated.*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

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|--|--------------------|
| "I Lift My Soul"                           | ... William Miller |
| "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"                | ... LSB #702       |
| "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"          | ... LSB #998       |
| "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" | ... LSB #631       |

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

*... For what do you imagine has done such great things up till now? What has stopped or quelled the counsels, purposes, murder and riot of our enemies, by which the devil thought he would crush us, together with the Gospel? It was the prayer of a few godly people standing in the middle like an iron wall on our side.*

*~ Martin Luther, Large Catechism, 1529 A.D.*

**A Prayer  
As You Go**  
My Lord,  
heavenly  
Father,  
praise be to  
You for the  
blessed  
child-like  
privileges  
You have  
given me.  
Praise be to  
Your name  
for allow-  
ing me to  
come to  
You as  
Your child.  
... We ask  
this in Je-  
sus' name  
because  
you are our  
Lord Jesus'  
Christ's Fa-  
ther, be-  
cause You  
Yourself  
have come  
to us in our  
Lord Jesus  
Christ.

~ Bo Giertz

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a fore-  
taste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's  
body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our  
days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, to-  
gether with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the  
Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Ho-  
ly Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

## 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.



## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!

C: **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

*Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

... LSB #549

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

"Concerto in C Major"

... Paul Fey

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*



## **Serving at Worship**

<u>Presiding:</u>	The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde
<u>Preaching:</u>	The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson (Pr. Gjerde to Bethany at 10:30 am)
<u>Organist:</u>	Kantor Irene Beethe
<u>Clarinet:</u>	Dan Maguire
<u>Choir:</u>	The Zion Kantorei
<u>Radio:</u>	Adam Holzschuh
<u>Lector:</u>	Jan Gaugush
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Joselyn Joanis, Troy Joanis, Hunter Renken
<u>Communion:</u>	Lois Jarosz, Grace Mueller
<u>Elder:</u>	Julie Fernstaedt
<u>Ushers:</u>	Sally Christoffersen, Frank Rodemeier, Ken Rodemeier, Tammie Rodemeier
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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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