



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Concordia Lutheran Church  
Sunday, May 5, 2024

Jesus spent His post-resurrection time with the disciples, opening their hearts and minds to the promises of God's Word. Martin Luther notes how having Jesus near at hand meant the disciples: ".....felt no need that urged them to pray in this name. They imagined that so long as Christ was with them they needed nothing and had enough of everything."

How the situation would change, when Jesus ascended to the Father's right hand! So this Easter Sunday is rightly named. A sign of healthy faith and discipleship is God's children always asking Him for more faith and greater loyalty to obey Him and serve others. Such requests are the evidence of Jesus' continuing Easter presence in our personal lives and congregational fellowship.



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### ***The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel***

**Welcome to Concordia!**

**Vacancy Pastor Team:**

Rev. Mark Brockhoff, Emeritus (Sun. 9am)  
Rev Chris Kolupa, Assistant Pastor (Weds. 7pm)

*(Please stand as you are able)*

#### **Invocation and Easter Verses**

**P:** In the name of the unbegotten Father and Creator of all life; and the only begotten Son who redeems our lives from sin and death; and the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and Son to sanctify us with faith, love, and hope.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** We plead with true trust and sincere expectation that our heavenly Father will always hear our pleas, because the Lord is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed.**

**P:** We pray on all occasions and without ceasing because the Lord is risen.

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

**P:** God our Father always turns His ear to the petitions and appeals of His royal priesthood, so we are joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithfully vigilant in prayer, because the Lord is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia and Amen!**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Introit**

*“How Awesome Are Your Deeds”*

**Psalm 66**

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**C: And I will tell what He has done for my soul.**

*(Sung)*

1. Let all the earth with shouts of joy To God its voices raise:  
Sing psalms in honor of His Name, and spread His glorious praise.  
O all you nations, bless our God, And loudly speak His praise;  
Who keeps our soul alive, and still Preserves our unsure ways.
2. But God to me, whene'er I cried, His gracious ear did bend;  
And to the voice of my request With constant love attend.  
Then blest forever be my God, Who never, when I pray,  
Withholds His mercy from my soul, Nor turns His face away.
3. O Christ, who shared our mortal life And ended death's long reign,  
Who healed the sick and raised the dead And bore our grief and pain:  
We know our years on earth are few, That death is always near.  
Come now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that conquers fear!

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**C: And I will tell what He has done for my soul.**

**Easter Gloria**

*“He is Arisen! Glorious Word!”*

**Maroon Hymnal # 488**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: We trust You are 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.**

P: We pray this for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
C: **Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

**The First Reading is taken from the tenth chapter of Acts.**

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how 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. And 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, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not 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. And 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. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And 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. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days. Acts 10:34–48

R: This is the word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EASTER GRADUAL** *“O Christ Who Called the Twelve”* **Maroon Hymnal 856**  
**vs. 1, 2, 5**

## **The Epistle Reading is from the fifth chapter of First John.**

Everyone 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. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This 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. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 1 John 5:1–8

R: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**      *The Triple Alleluia*      **Maroon Hymnal pg 190**

**C:** *(sung)* **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

**C:** *(sung)* **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15 th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O risen Redeemer**

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No 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. You 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. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.” John 15:9–17

P: This is the Gospel of the risen Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O resurrected Savior.**

## **The 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**

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon Hymn**

**Maroon Hymnal # 573**

*“Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose Thee”*

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*“Come, My Soul, With Every Care”*

**Maroon Hymnal # 779**

*( Please stand as you are able for verses 5 & 6)*

## Prayers of the Church

### The Order of Holy Communion

Maroon Hymnal pg 194-198

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**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: Blessed are You, Lord God, King of the universe, for It is truly good, right and healthy to body and soul that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You Holy Lord, Almighty Father and Everlasting God. But most of all we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, He has restored to us everlasting life. So now in the joy of Your feast of victory, we join with all the angelic hosts and heavenly saints, praising You, and singing:

### This is the Feast

Maroon Hymnal pg. 171-172

### Words of Institution

P: United as Your dear children in every time and every place, chosen as loyal citizens of Your holy Kingdom, and elected as royal ambassadors of Your priesthood of believers, we pray the petitions Jesus taught us to pray....

### The Lord's Prayer

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

**C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Distribution Hymn**

**Maroon Hymnal # 623**

*"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"*

**Easter Nunc Dimittis**

**Maroon Hymnal #770**

*"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

*Please stand as you are able for the last verse*

- P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's Body and Blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout all our days of pilgrimage on this earth so that, on the day of His coming again in glory, we may together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. Grant this through Jesus Christ, Your Son
- C: Who is our Lord and our God, now risen and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, because the Lord is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed.**

P: Let us go out to the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, because the Lord is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

P: Let us enter into our everyday lives, to lovingly obey our God and sacrificially serve one another, because the Lord is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia and Amen.**

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 His favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Maroon Hymnal #768**

*"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"*