

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022



As We Gather

"In that day," Jesus told the disciples in the Upper Room, "whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." They could not understand, hearing Him before Easter and Pentecost. But we know now that the day has arrived, thanks to His death and resurrection, when our heavenly Father's ears are open to our every prayer. In this our day, we can anticipate by faith seeing Him and Jesus, the Lamb, in the perfect Jerusalem, as John writes in the reading from Revelation. Hearing the good news, Lydia, in the Reading from Acts, asked if the disciples deemed her worthy for Baptism. Indeed, with the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit, Christ's worthiness and her sins had been exchanged on the cross. She provided a home for Paul and Luke, and God had an eternal Jerusalem awaiting her entry. What Easter joy!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

LSB #474 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God of love, hear us as we confess our sin to You.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We confess:

People: **Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor: We have been anxious and impatient.

People: **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor: We have lived in ways that do not give witness to Your mercy in Jesus.

People: **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

Pastor: We have been attracted to other gods.

People: **Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do without thought. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world." Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM 67

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**C: that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**C: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

P: God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. *John 16:23-24*

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray...

You, O Lord, are present with us always. Empower us to take heart in Jesus, who has overcome the world, so that we now experience the peace that Jesus promised; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 16:9–15 (*Lydia is baptized.*)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27 (*A transformed city of God, with the Lamb at the center*)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN LSB #673 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

HOLY GOSPEL John 16:23–33 (*Peace in times of trouble*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 738 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

SERMON Rev. Bryan Rosnau, Emeritus

OFFERING (*The offerings previously collected are brought forward as the offertory is sung*)

OFFERTORY LSB #805 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH John 16:23

Pastor: Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.” Rejoicing in the resurrection, then, we bring before the Lord the needs and concerns of the church, the world, and ourselves...

For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body of Lutheran Church-Canada:

That all who are called to ministry tasks fulfill their callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ.

That missionaries called to various places in the world speak the Gospel boldly and live in ways that draw people to following Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For nations throughout the world:
That governments and leaders strive for peace and exercise justice wisely.
That care for the poor and justice for the oppressed never be neglected or forgotten.
That those victimized by warfare and terrorism find comfort and hope in Christ.
That we and our enemies become reconciled.
Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the needs of our local community:
That businesses flourish for the good of all.
That workers do their work with a sense of vocation, giving glory to God.
That those with difficult jobs be assured that their labor is not in vain and that God is with them.
That corruption, crime and injustice decrease, and integrity, honesty, and responsibility increase.
Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the needs of Your church in this place:
That those who are sick experience healing according to God's will.
That those with chronic or terminal diseases find comfort and hope in God's promise never to leave them nor forsake them.
That the households of this congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love.
That we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord's call to faithful service.
Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who have gone before us in faith and now rest from the labors of this life,
That we anticipate that day when we will join them in the city that 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.
Lord in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we
commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire us to
flourish; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *John 16:33*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world."
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.
People: Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN **LSB #830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"**