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**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 26, 2019**

Prelude  
Ring of the Bell  
Welcome

**Easter Sentence**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. "I am the first and the last, and the living One," says the Lord; "I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hell."

**C: Amen.**

Introit of the Day, .....worship insert  
chanted responsively by whole verses

**An Act of Adoration**

P: Let us adore our heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

**C: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

P: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened

the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.

**C: You are the King of glory, O Christ.**

P: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

**C: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.**

**An Act of Confession**

P: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise: #949, "Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship"

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual of the Season, chanted by Pastor

Second Reading: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message: "Jesus For Everyone"

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33

Responses

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

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

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

The Apostles' Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #547, "The Lamb"

Sermon: "The Wall, the Nations, and the New Jerusalem"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, have mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Memorial Day Weekend Prayer, spoken in unison

**Heavenly Father, as our nation pauses to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray You would have all of us look to You for strength, comfort, and guidance. Grant Your protection to those who serve in the Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Let peace prevail among all the nations and let Your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving Your past goodness to this country. If it is Your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry. Most of all, we pray that You would turn the hearts of all – military and civilian – to Your holy Word, where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us in repentance. Move us to know, cling to, and treasure Your saving grace. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Your beloved Son, who alone gives us true peace and hope for eternity. Amen.**

Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn for Our Country: "To Thee, Our God, We Fly"  
William W. How (with a new Hymn Tune by Pastor)

1)

To Thee, our God, we fly For mercy and for grace;  
Oh, hear our lowly cry And hide not Thou Thy face!  
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand  
And guard and bless our Fatherland!

2)

Arise, O Lord of hosts, Be jealous for Thy name  
And drive from out our coasts The sins that put to shame.  
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand  
And guard and bless our Fatherland!

3)

Thy best gifts from on high In rich abundance pour  
That we may magnify And praise Thee more and more.  
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand  
And guard and bless our Fatherland!

4)

The powers ordained by Thee With heavenly wisdom bless;  
May they Thy servants be And rule in righteousness!  
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand  
And guard and bless our Fatherland.

5)

The Church of Thy dear Son In flame with love's pure fire;  
Bind her once more in one And life and truth inspire.  
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand  
And guard and bless our Fatherland.

6)

Give peace, Lord, in our time; Oh, let no foe draw nigh  
Nor lawless deed of crime Insult Thy majesty!  
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand  
And guard and bless our Fatherland.

7)

Though vile and sinners, still Thy people, Lord, are we;  
And for our God we will None other have but Thee.  
O Lord, stretch forth Thy mighty hand  
And guard and bless our Fatherland. Amen.

Silent Prayer/Chimes  
Announcements  
Postlude

### **MILITARY DOOR OFFERING TODAY**

Faith Comes By Hearing seeks to get an audio Bible into the hands and ears of the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces of our country. It's a small device called a Military Bible Stick. Pastor has samples if you would like to own one yourself or examine how they work. They are greatly appreciated by our military personnel. Today's door offering will be sent to Faith Comes By Hearing in order to help bring God's Word to those who serve in the interests of freedom, peace, and justice.

### **QUILTS**

The Ladies Quilting Group have displayed some of the quilts they made this past year. They are single bed size (60" x 80"). We will be giving them to the Women's Shelter, but if anyone is interested in buying one, they are \$35.00 each.

### **LIFE QUOTE**

**May 26** "Ascension Day, a holy day falling inconspicuously on a Thursday in May, is the conspicuous declaration that we are not left as orphans. In the same post-resurrection body that He invited Thomas to touch, Jesus invites us to full humanity even today. He ascended with a body, He shares in our humanity, extending His own body even now, promising to return for our own bodies. Christ is preparing a room for us, and we can know it is real because He himself is real." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### **CONFIRMATION PICTURES/ROBES**

Pictures are in for the 2019 confirmation class. Please pick up your pictures in the narthex. If you have robes to return, please bring them back to church. If you would like to purchase your robe to keep, please speak with Pastor about the price.

### **LARGE PRINT HYMNALS**

Would you benefit from a large print hymnal? In reviewing the list of potential items for purchase with memorial donations, the elders noted that one or more people suggested large print hymnals. The elders have decided it would be better to purchase such hymnals for use now if we have people who would benefit from them. If you would like a large print hymnal for use at church, please speak with one of the elders (Jim Dicke, Don Kliever, Joel Kassen) or Pastor Sorenson at your convenience. Large print hymnals of the *Lutheran Service Book* are not available from Concordia Publishing House, but are available from Lutheran Braille Workers.