

*Welcome to*

**SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

*The Sixth Sunday after Easter*

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Right here. Right now. Jesus is present. Take a moment and let that sink in. Jesus —the very Son of God and King of the universe —is present! He is present with us today through the Word proclaimed and the “sign” received in His body and blood. The Table will be prepared. The bread and the wine will be plentiful. And you will be invited to come: “Take, eat. Take, drink.” Christ’s true presence is here for you, and you are richly blessed! Savor this hour as we gather and receive Jesus into our midst. What a holy hour this is! Right here. Right now. You are blessed by Jesus’ presence.

In the celebration of Holy Communion we joyfully receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is also a sign of our common confession of faith. We welcome to the Lord’s supper all those who are presently confirmed members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Speak to a Pastor or an usher if you would like to commune at St. Paul’s for the first time.

***Each week***, both guests and members are asked to fill out the attendance card found in the pew rack. Just jot down the names of you and your family members in attendance and place it in the basket on the table or hand it to an usher as you leave the service.

**Prelude**  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

## The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting One with Communion

**Opening Hymn** “*Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won*” LSB #490

**Invocation** (*please stand*)

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful  
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by  
nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned  
against You in thought, word, and deed, by what  
we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we  
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We  
justly deserve Your present and eternal punish-  
ment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have  
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so  
that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your  
ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for  
you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a  
called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His  
authority, I therefore 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. 66:1-2, 8,9; antiphon: Ps. 68:16*

P Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
C **and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
C **sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!**

P Bless our God, O peoples;  
C **let the sound of his praise be heard,**

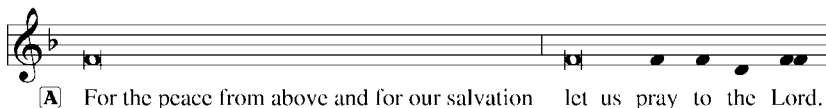
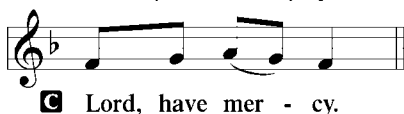
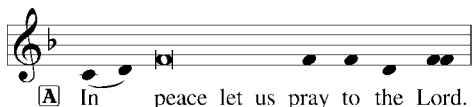
P who has kept our soul among the living  
C **and has not let our feet slip.**

P Blessèd be God,  
C **because he has not rejected my prayer or  
removed his steadfast love from me!**

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.**

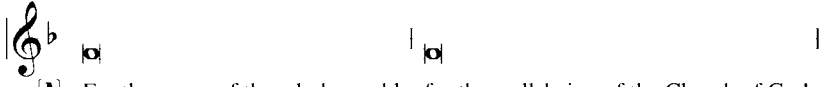
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### Kyrie

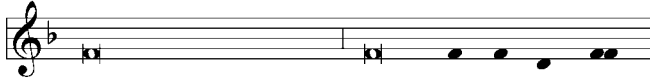




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



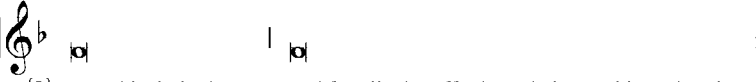
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



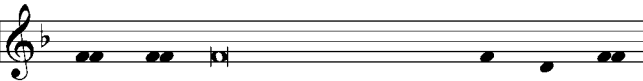
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation

P The Lord be with you.  
 C And also with you.

### Collect of the Day

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.

All Amen.

*(be seated)*

Chime Choir "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"  
 Ludwig Van Beethoven; Setting: Raymond H. Herbek

## First Reading

*Acts 10:34-48*

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> 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. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L      This is the Word of the Lord.

C      **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 John 5:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the

children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia and Verse (please stand)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

**Holy Gospel**

*John 15:9-17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*(be seated)*

### Hymn of the Day

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

LSB #700

### Sermon

Nicene Creed *(please stand)*

All 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 Christian 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.

*(be seated)*

## **Presentation of the Offering**

### **Prayers of the Church**

*(After each portion of the prayers)*

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

P     Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.

P     Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we  
pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord.

**C    Amen.**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface** *(please stand)*

P     The Lord be with you.

**C    And also with you.**

P     Lift up your hearts.

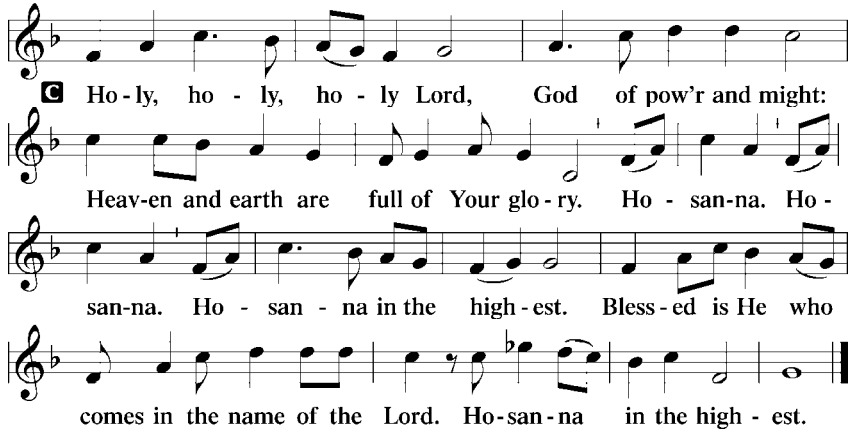
**C    We lift them to the Lord.**

P     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C    It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P     It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all  
times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord,  
almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation,  
humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant,  
becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross.  
Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death  
and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and  
archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud  
and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising  
You and saying:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All **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.

### The Words of Our Lord

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 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 it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution *(be seated)*

*(All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup.)*

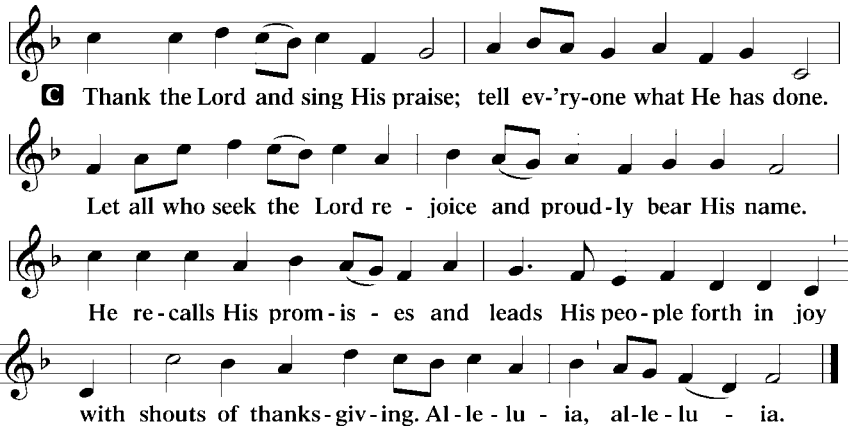
*The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. Gluten free wafers are available from a communion assistant.)*

## Distribution Hymns

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” LSB #623

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LSB #770

## Thank the Lord *(please stand)*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we ask You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy 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.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn

*“Love in Christ is Strong and Living”*

LSB #706

## Silent Prayer

*(be seated)*

## Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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