

**Grow ... Go ... Gather**  
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# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## The Order of Service

*As you enter the sanctuary, please keep talking to a minimal so that you, and those around you, can prepare your hearts and minds for worship by praying, or by reading hymns, or focusing your thoughts on the preservice music. Thank you!*

### Preservice Music, Call to Worship & Welcome

**The Opening Hymn:** LSB 592, "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" (verses 1, 2, 4)

- 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here,  
Gladly Your command obeying;  
With this child we now draw near  
In response to Your own saying  
That to You it shall be given  
As a child and heir of heaven.
  
- 2 Your command is clear and plain,  
And we would obey it duly:  
"You must all be born again,  
Heart and life renewing truly,  
Born of water and the Spirit,  
And My kingdom thus inherit."
  
- 4 Gracious Head, Your member own;  
Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;  
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;  
Way of Life, to heaven lead it;  
Precious Vine, let nothing sever  
From Your side this branch forever.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

## **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (p. 268ff.)

### **A Hymn:** LSB 484, "Make Songs of Joy"

- 1    Make songs of joy to Christ, our head;  
      Alleluia!  
      He lives again who once was dead!  
      Alleluia!
  
- 2    Our life was purchased by His loss;  
      Alleluia!  
      He died our death upon the cross.  
      Alleluia!
  
- 3    O death, where is your deadly sting?  
      Alleluia!  
      Assumed by our triumphant King!  
      Alleluia!
  
- 4    And where your victory, O grave,  
      Alleluia!  
      When one like Christ has come to save?  
      Alleluia!
  
- 5    Behold, the tyrants, one and all,  
      Alleluia!  
      Before our mighty Savior fall!  
      Alleluia!
  
- D 6    For this be praised the Son who rose,  
      Alleluia!  
      The Father, and the Holy Ghost!  
      Alleluia!

## The Opening Versicles

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C: Teach me Your paths.**

L: Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C: Your Word is truth.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised. 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.**

## The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 67

L: The Old Testament lesson is Psalm 67. I invite you to read it responsively full verse by full verse.

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**The Second Lesson:** Acts 16:9-15

L: Our second lesson is Acts 16:9-15.

A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Choir Anthem:** "God So Loved the World"

**The Gospel Lesson:** John 5:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter is: John 5:1-9.

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **The Ten Commandments**

P: I invite you to speak with me the Ten Commandments. What are the Ten Commandments?

**C: You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

**A Hymn:** LSB 466, "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.  
Refrain

**ref** Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to  
destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show.  
**Refrain**

- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there."  
**Refrain**

4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won." **Refrain**

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.  
**Refrain**

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## The Sermon

**The Offering** (As we collect the offering, we will sing, LSB 588, "Jesus Loves Me.")

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. *Refrain*

*ref* Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
Lets His little child come in. *Refrain*

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## The Prayers

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, especially do we pray for ... let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

## **The Blessing**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C: Amen.**

# **The Closing Hymn: “The Blessing” (Brown, Carnes, Jobi)**

## **Verse**

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his  
Face toward you  
And give you peace (2Xs)

## **Chorus**

*Amen*  
*Amen*  
*Amen (2Xs)*

## **Verse**

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his  
Face toward you  
And give you peace

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## Events of the Week: May 22 – May 29

**TODAY:** Voter's meeting  
**Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Communion service  
7:30 p.m. Deacon's meeting  
**Wed:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell  
**Sunday:** **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotion on FB Page  
**9:30 a.m.** WORSHIP at St James & FBL.

### FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: May 15, 2022

General Fund	\$2,540.00
Plate Collections	\$114.00
On-line giving	\$30.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,714.00</b>

### Those who serve Today:

**Deacons:** Jerry Talen  
**Ushers:** Walt & Karen K., Orlin B.  
**Lector:** Cindy McAuliffe  
**Organist/pianist:** Beth McKay  
**Video/Sound/Recording:** Nathan Urbanski, John Weiss, Marjie Weiss  
**May Altar Guild:** Irene Talen

### Those who serve next Sunday on May 29

**Deacon:** Craig Popma & Bryan Ensing  
**Ushers:** Ben & Ashley J., Caleb Butler  
**Lector:** Charlie Kirt