Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 25, 2025

Acts 16:9-15 NIV

9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. 12 From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. 14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

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Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 NIV

⁹One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

... 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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John 16:23-33 NIV

²³ "In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

²⁵ "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. 27 No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

²⁹ Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. 30 Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

³¹ "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. ³² "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

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Its temple

is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb

Revelotion 21:22

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

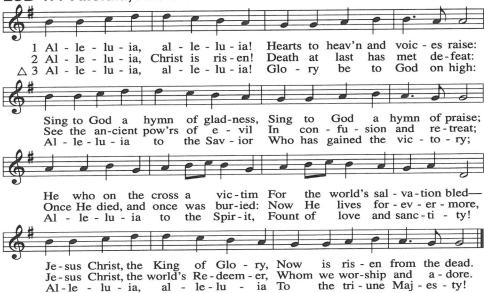
P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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**

LSB 477 Alleluia. Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



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POSTLUDE

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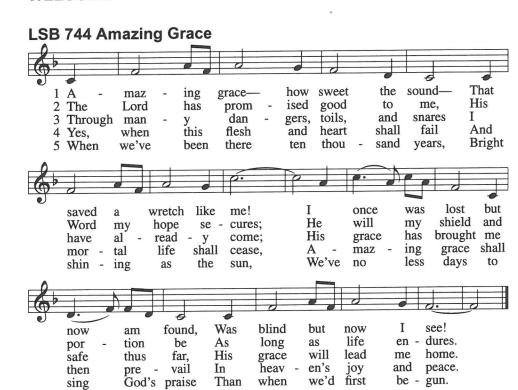
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME



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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said. I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

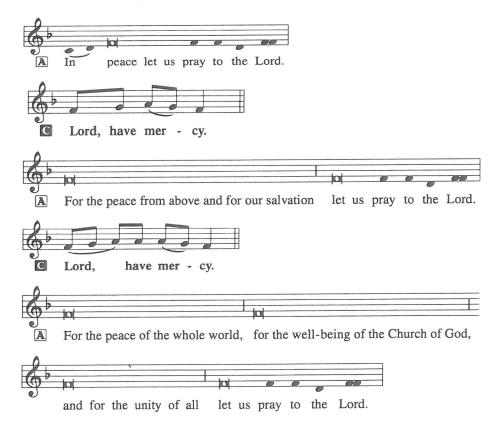
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

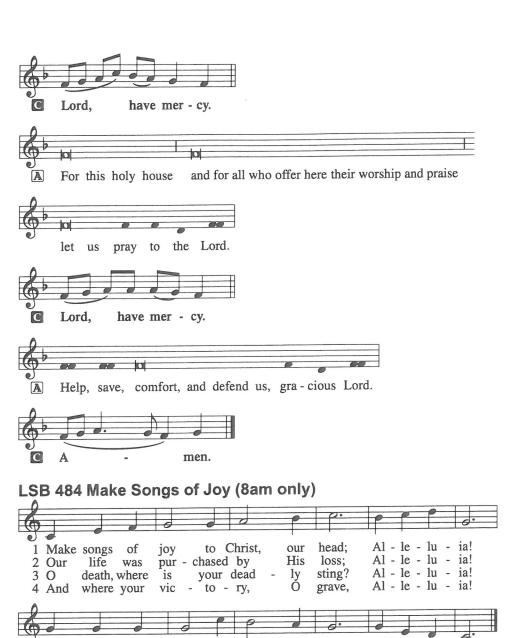
P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

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- For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia! The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P: 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. C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

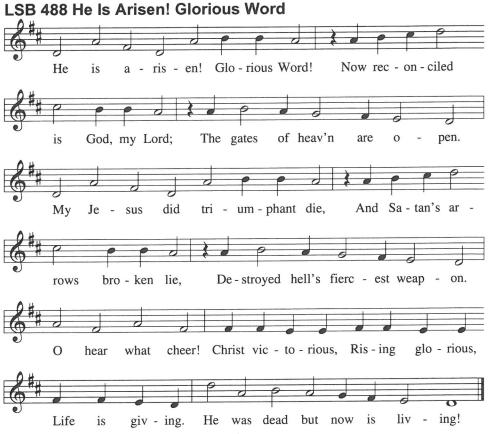
Old Testament Reading P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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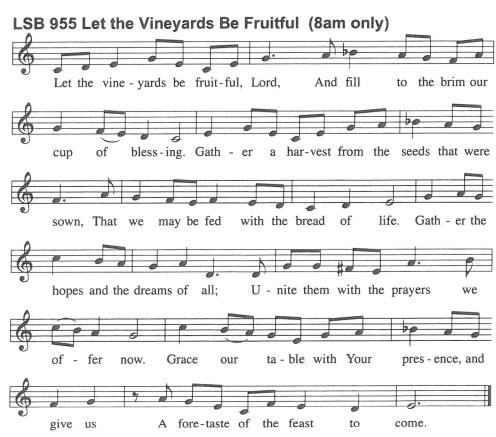
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING



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

Lord God, our heavenly Father, You never refuse the cries of Your children. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for help and protection and for the good of our families, our neighbors and rulers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our pastors, and our overseers. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, as Paul preached the Word to the Macedonians, so You desire all people to hear the Gospel. We pray for the saving peace of Christ among the nations, both here and throughout the world. Call and equip pastors, missionaries and church workers to serve Your Church in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, give wisdom to our leaders and government, that they may lead with integrity and according to Your perfect will. Protect police officers, emergency personnel, disaster-relief workers and the members of our armed forces as they serve in our defense and for the well-being of all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Merciful Lord, You hear our prayers for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus. In His name, we cast our burdens upon You. Sustain us in the midst of terror and trial, and hear us as we cry out to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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.

About the Cover: The lamb, an animal that appears vulnerable and weak, is the picture Scripture gives us of Jesus as the one who carries the ultimate standard of victory. Christ is that "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). His victory was not won by a worldly military conquest but by giving Himself up for us by dying on the cross. Christ's victory is not the way of the world, but it is the only victory that accomplishes forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation!

WELCOME to Zion! May God bless your time with us today!

- Children are welcome in worship! Should parents need quiet time for their child, please utilize the Gathering Place behind the rear of sanctuary.
 There you will find comfortable seating and a broadcast of the worship service.
- Baby changing tables are located in both restrooms.
- As a baptized Christian who believes in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion and the forgiveness this gift offers, you are invited to join in this sacred meal.
- For those unable to consume alcohol, red grape juice is available in the center cups of the communion trays.

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CALENDAR				
TODAY	8:00am 10:30am	Early Worship Late Worship Outside		
Mon May 26	6:30pm	Memorial Day - Office Closed		
Wed May 28	9:00am	Sewing Guild		
Sat May 31	5:30am	Baccalaureate Worship Service with Communion		
Sun Jun 1	8:00am 10:30am 11:45pm	Early Baccalaureate Service with Communion Late Baccalaureate Service with Communion Congregational Meeting & Vote		
Mon Jun 2	12pm-5:45pm 6:00pm	Blood Drive at Zion Personnel Meeting		
Wed Jun 4	9:00am	Sewing Guild		
Sat Jun 7	2:00pm 5:30am	Wedding in Sanctuary Worship with Communion		
Sun June 8	8:00am 10:30am	Early Worship Service Late Worship Service		

SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW: One of the symbols for Christianity is the fish, our window has this symbol which you will find in the New Testament side, second panel in from the right. The word "fish" is an anagram of the Greek word that stands for Jesus Christ Son of God the Savior.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leader Musician Pastor Mike Saylor Aedan McCauley

Ushers	8am Worship Fred Bierlein Megan Wollberg	10:30am Worship Joe Zerbel Garr Gast
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Cantor	Karen Stokes Chapo	N/A
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