

## As We Gather

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

- •Those receiving communion have the choice of the common cup or the individual cup.
- •For those whose health or circumstance may require it, Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.
- •Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.
- •If you want communion in the pew, please let an usher or Elder know before service.
- •Place individual communion cups in the baskets without stacking them.

**ATTENDANCE PADS:** We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

**LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY:** Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website (<a href="https://ncross.com">https://ncross.com</a>). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service, Setting Four: May 24-25, 2025

Prelude: Kinasfold

James Biery Mark Bender

Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474

Prelude: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

PLEASE STAND

#### Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross № may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- $\mathbf{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $\mathbf{+}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

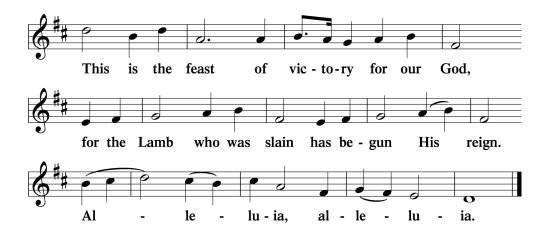
#### Service of the Word

This Is the Feast

LSB 171

[A] This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia





Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

C Amen.

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Please Sit

The First Reading is from Acts, chapter 16.

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." 10 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.

11So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> 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. 13 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. 14One 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. 15And 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.

- AThis is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

setting by David Gilson; Sunday

The liturgist sings parts marked "A"; the congregation sings parts marked "C"

- **A** Antiphon
- Antiphon



May God be gra-cious to us and bless us and make his face to shine u-pon\_ us

A Let your way be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

- **C** Antiphon
- A Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

- Antiphon
- A The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Antiphon

Epistle: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

A The Epistle is from Revelation, chapter 21.

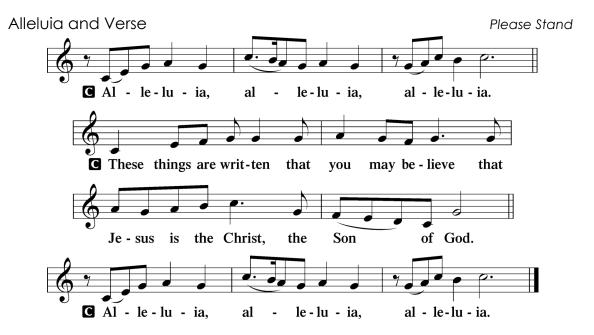
Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city

had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as alass.

<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city 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. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel: John 5:1-9

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Glory to You, O Lord.

A fter this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup>In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>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?" <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." <sup>9</sup>And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

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.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Sunday

Hymn of the Day: "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

LSB 846

Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

PLEASE STAND

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

Additional petitions conclude:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

Offering PLEASE SIT

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Voluntary: Jerusalem the Golden

Kevin Hildebrand

# ♣ Service of the Sacrament ♣

Preface LSB 208 PLEASE STAND

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **@** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

10 Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 24-25, 2025

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 Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

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 — The Peace of the Lord

And

grant

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peace,

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Aanus Dei: "Lamb of God" LSB 210 10 Je sus Christ. true Lamb of God. 2.0Je -SHS Christ, true Lamb of God. You take the sin of the world wav: You take the sin of the world way; Je sus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mer - cy on Je sus Christ, us, Have Lord. mer pray. cy on us, we

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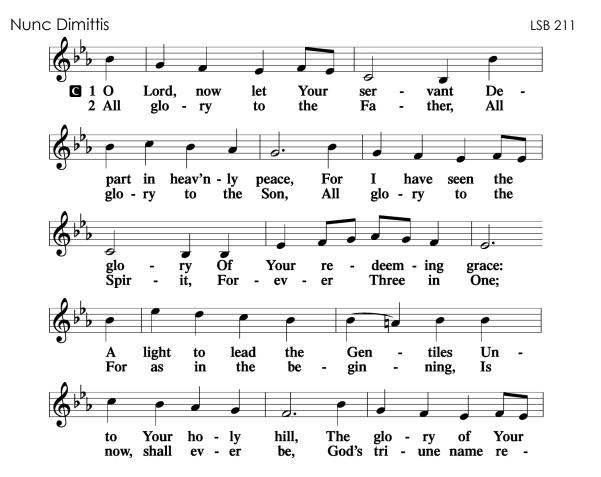
LSB 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

LSB 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"

LSB 556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

Dismissal PLEASE STAND

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- $\mathbf{c}$ Amen.





#### Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- Let us bless the Lord.
- a Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction

- 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: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ISB 411

Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude: Improvisation on "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

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# The New Jerusalem--Revelation 21:9-14, 22-27

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Mount of Olives
Apostle John
Lamb of God
new earth
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twelve tribes Glory of God foundations apostles west twelve angels twelve gates high walls shine east

New Jerusalem white robes new heaven south

Together We Serve May 24-25, 2025		
Preacher		Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel
Director of Christian Education		Charity Smith
Director of Music		David Gilson
Organist on Saturday		Jill Kirk
Elder	Saturday, 5PM	Rob Paoletti, Ralph Erickson
	Sunday, 8AM	Mike Claxton
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Joe Snyder
Hospitality Team	Saturday, 5PM	Linda Kettler
	Sunday, 8AM	Chris & Jayme Price
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Neal & Cynthia Menscher,
Ushers	Saturday, 5PM	Matt Benigno, Chloe Benigno
	Sunday, 8AM	Mike Vesper
	Sunday, 10:45AM	Refer to Elder

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