

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota

The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024

***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,  
which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23

**Weekly Discussion Question:**

What reassurance do you have since Jesus is over everything?

**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Hymn: “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”**

**LSB 663**

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| 1 | Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;<br>From your sleep awaken!<br>Be not by the evil day<br>Unawares o’ertaken;<br>For the foe,<br>Well we know,<br>Is a harvest reaping<br>While the saints are sleeping.           | Watch and see<br>Lest there be<br>Faithless friends to charm you,<br>Who but seek to harm you.   |
| 2 | Watch against the devil’s snares<br>Lest asleep he find you;<br>For indeed no pains he spares<br>To deceive and blind you.<br>Satan’s prey<br>Oft are they<br>Who secure are sleeping<br>And no watch are keeping. | 4 Watch against yourself, my soul,<br>Lest with grace you trifle;<br>Let not self your thoughts control<br>Nor God’s mercy stifle.<br>Pride and sin<br>Lurk within,<br>All your hopes to shatter;<br>Heed not when they flatter. |
| 3 | Watch! Let not the wicked world<br>With its lies defeat you<br>Lest with bold deceptions hurled<br>It betray and cheat you.  | 5 But while watching, also pray<br>To the Lord unceasing.<br>God protects you day by day,<br>Strength and faith increasing,<br>So that still<br>Mind and will<br>Shall unite to serve Him<br>And forever love Him.               |

**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** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

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Service of the Word

Kyrie

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**P** Glory be to God on high:



**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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** A - men.

## First Reading

*Acts 10:34–48*

<sup>34</sup>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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
 for he has done marvelous things!  
 His right hand and his holy arm  
 have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his salvation;  
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
 to the house of Israel.  
 All the ends of the earth have seen  
 the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
 break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
 with the lyre and the sound of melody!

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
 make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
 the world and those who dwell in it!

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands;  
 let the hills sing for joy together

<sup>9</sup>before the LORD, for he comes  
 to judge the earth.  
 He will judge the world with righteousness,  
 and the peoples with equity.

## Gloria Patri

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**☩ 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.**

## 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Anthem: “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

Vocal Choir

### Alleluia

LSB 190



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “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 lays 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.**

## Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

LSB 490

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
 But the gate of life immortal;  
 This shall calm my trembling breath  
 When I pass its gloomy portal.  
 Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
 Jesus is my confidence!

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## Sermon

## Offertory

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.



- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

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



- C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### Distribution Hymns:

#### “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

LSB 556

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| <p>1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,<br/>With exultation springing,<br/>And with united heart and voice<br/>And holy rapture singing,<br/>Proclaim the wonders God has done,<br/>How His right arm the vict'ry won.<br/>What price our ransom cost Him!</p> <p>2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;<br/>Death brooded darkly o'er me.<br/>Sin was my torment night and day;<br/>In sin my mother bore me.<br/>But daily deeper still I fell;<br/>My life became a living hell,<br/>So firmly sin possessed me.</p> <p>3 My own good works all came to naught,<br/>No grace or merit gaining;<br/>Free will against God's judgment fought,<br/>Dead to all good remaining.<br/>My fears increased till sheer despair<br/>Left only death to be my share;<br/>The pangs of hell I suffered.</p> <p>4 But God had seen my wretched state<br/>Before the world's foundation,<br/>And mindful of His mercies great,<br/>He planned for my salvation.<br/>He turned to me a father's heart;<br/>He did not choose the easy part<br/>But gave His dearest treasure.</p> | <p>5 God said to His beloved Son:<br/>“It's time to have compassion.<br/>Then go, bright jewel of My crown,<br/>And bring to all salvation.<br/>From sin and sorrow set them free;<br/>Slay bitter death for them that they<br/>May live with You forever.”</p> <p>6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,<br/>Was born of virgin mother;<br/>And God's good pleasure to fulfill,<br/>He came to be my brother.<br/>His royal pow'r disguised He bore;<br/>A servant's form, like mine, He wore<br/>To lead the devil captive.</p> <p>7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me,<br/>I am your rock and castle.<br/>Your ransom I Myself will be;<br/>For you I strive and wrestle.<br/>For I am yours, and you are Mine,<br/>And where I am you may remain;<br/>The foe shall not divide us.</p> <p>8 “Though he will shed My precious blood,<br/>Me of My life bereaving,<br/>All this I suffer for your good;<br/>Be steadfast and believing.<br/>Life will from death the vict'ry win;<br/>My innocence shall bear your sin,<br/>And you are blest forever.</p> |
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9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav’n ascending,  
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

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## “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

**LSB 844**

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, ev’ry race;  
And in each person may I see  
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide  
Thy children, Lord, on ev’ry side.  
My neighbor’s good let me pursue;  
Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
By loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak  
Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
Help me forgive, rememb’ring Thee.
- 5 With Thine own love may I be filled  
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where’er I be,  
May be divinely touched by Thee.

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# “Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”

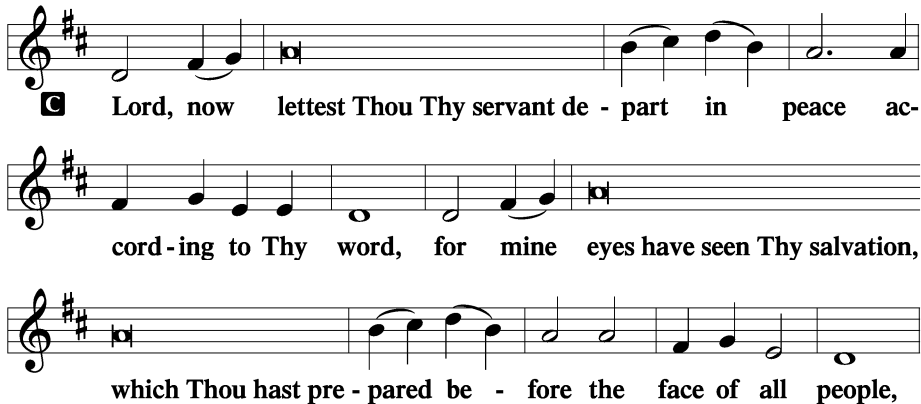
LSB 548

- 1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.
  
- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression,  
All my sins on Thee were laid;  
Thou hast won for me salvation,  
On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise  
And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory;  
I shall lift my head in glory.
  
- 3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,  
For Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,  
For Thy blest Communion board;  
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,  
For Thy resurrection morn,  
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,  
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



The musical score for "Nunc Dimittis" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter note G, followed by a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The third staff continues with a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The lyrics are: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,"

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in 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** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: “Christ the Eternal Lord”

LSB 829

- 1 Christ the eternal Lord,  
Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise  
We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days  
And make Your glory known.
- 2 Christ the unchanging Word  
To ev’ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture’s page;  
Transform our thought and mind,  
Enlighten all who read,  
Within Your Word by faith to find  
The bread of life indeed.

- 3 Christ the redeeming Son,  
Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won  
For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray,  
To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today  
And follow Him as Lord.
- 4 Christ the unfading Light  
Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give  
To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live,  
Till earth's brief journey ends.
- 5 Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last  
To know as we are known.

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