

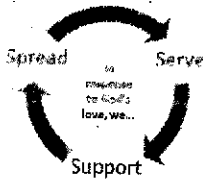
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Worship -9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – We are now far along in the season of Easter. The Easter lilies have faded. The world has gone on to other things, if it even paused for Easter at all. And, if we are honest with ourselves, sometimes we wonder about this odd tradition of celebrating a one-day thing—Easter—over a span of seven Sundays. We move so quickly on to the next best thing, that a season like Easter is a challenge for us—a significant number of days and weeks to contemplate, unpack, and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. While lilies fade and our attention wanes, today in Acts we hear that signs of Easter emerge all over the world every day, as people like Lydia, a dealer of purple cloth from Thyatira, hear of Jesus, die and rise with Him in Baptism, and then bring forth the fruit of the resurrection in their lives. Today we are called to consider how our lives, like that of Lydia, might be signs of the resurrection of Jesus. Lydia's response to being baptized was to offer hospitality to missionaries in her own home. While Satan works on us to make our lives stale and faded like six-week-old lilies, the Holy Spirit is at work in us to lead us, like the Spirit led Lydia, toward bearing the fruit of the resurrection in our lives.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

by Paul Manz

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

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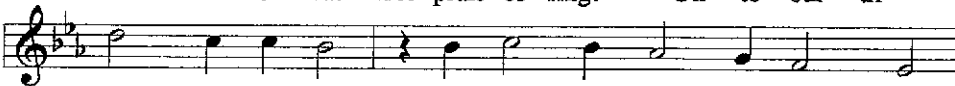
♯ OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

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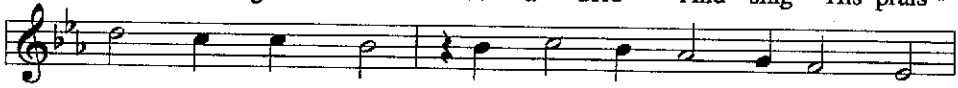
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



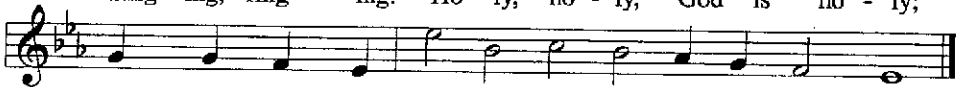
To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride - groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 65:3; John 16:33

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- P** *Let the peoples praise You, O God!*
- C** **Let all the peoples praise You!**
- P** *Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."
Let the peoples praise You, O God!*
- C** **Let all the peoples praise You!**

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *God of love, hear us as we confess our sin to You. We confess:*
- C** **Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.**
- P** *We have been anxious and impatient.*
- C** **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P** *We have lived in ways that do not give witness to Your mercy in Jesus.*
- C** **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P** *We have been attracted to other gods.*
- C** **Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are aware and those we do without thought. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.**

(continued)

- P** Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world." 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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: v. 22

- P** Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you;
C He will never permit the righteous to be moved.
P My heart is in anguish within me;
C the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
P But I call to God,
C and the Lord will save me.
P Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,
C and He hears my voice.
P He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
C for many are arrayed against 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.
- P** Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you;
C He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Mercy, God of Grace

Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.

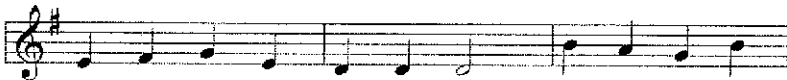
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 Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, Show the bright-ness
 2 Let the peo - ple praise You, Lord; Be by all that
 3 Let the peo - ple praise You, Lord; Earth shall then its



of Your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;
 live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing
 fruits af - ford. Un - to us Your bless - ing give;



Fill Your world with light di - vine; All Your sav - ing
 Glo - ry to their gra - cious King; At Your feet their
 We to You de - vot - ed live, All bc - low and



health ex - tend Un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
 trib - ute pay, And Your ho - ly will o - bey.
 all a - bove. One in joy and light and love.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: You called Lydia to lead her household in following Jesus. As Lydia was baptized and in her joy opened her home to Paul and his companions, so fill us with joy as we recall our dying and rising with Christ in Baptism. Lead us, like Lydia, to use our talents and resources to further the mission of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

✠ FIRST LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Acts 16:9–15

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23–33

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

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

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

✠ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
life be-came a liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.
on-ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf-fered.
did not choose the eas-y part But gave His dear-est trea-sure.

5. **God said to His beloved Son:**
 *"It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."*

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SERMON

"A WOMAN NAMED LYDIA"

Acts 16:9-15

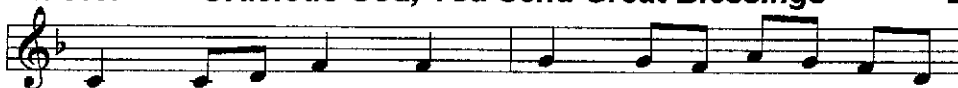
- I. God used Lydia's work and vocation to support Paul's ministry in Philippi.
- II. God uses us, whatever our vocations, to serve Him and support the work of the church.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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 there 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.

OFFERING "Dear Christian, One and All, Rejoice" by Michael Praetorius

OFFERTORY Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings LSB 782



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

John 16:23

- P** Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Rejoicing in the resurrection, then, we bring before the Lord the needs and concerns of the church, the world, and ourselves. For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body: That all who are called to ministry tasks—pastors, teachers, and all the people—fulfill their callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ. That missionaries called to various places in the world, speak the Gospel boldly and live in ways that draw people to following Christ. God of mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** For nations throughout the world: That governments and leaders strive for peace and exercise justice wisely. That care for the poor and justice for the oppressed never be neglected or forgotten. That those who serve in our armed forces fulfill their responsibilities well. That those victimized by warfare and terrorism find comfort and hope in Christ. That we and our enemies become reconciled. God of mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

P For the needs of our local community: That businesses flourish for the good of all. That workers do their work with a sense of vocation, giving glory to God. That those with difficult jobs be assured that their labor is not in vain and that God is with them. That corruption and injustice decrease, and integrity, honesty, and responsibility increase. In thanksgiving for those who gave their lives in service to our nation as we remember them on this Memorial Day weekend. God of mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P For the needs of our church community: That those who are sick, [especially . . .], experience healing according to God's will. That those with chronic or terminal diseases find comfort and hope in God's promise never to leave them nor forsake them. That our Board of Elders and Church Council lead us not only to consider our own needs but also the needs of others. That the households of our congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love. That we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord's call and welcome newcomers in our midst. God of mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire us to flourish; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

BENEDICTION

John 16:33; Numbers 6:24-26

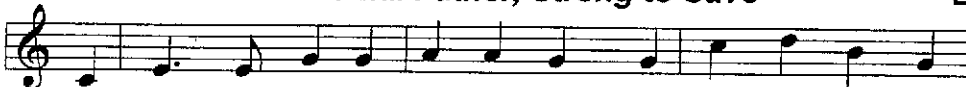
P Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world." The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

(continued)

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE "God of Our Fathers" by George W. Warren

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

June 2: "Advocate"; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, speaker
 The followers of Jesus do not wander through the wasteland of this world alone. We have a Guide! (John 14:15-21)