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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YOUTH SUNDAY

Amazing Love  
May 9, 2021 – 10:45AM



### AS WE GATHER

“In the sight of God” is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God’s unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man” (Proverbs 3:3–4). All our life is in God’s amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

### ✘ PREPARATION ✘

#### HYMN

“Father Welcomes” *LSB 605*

ref **Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam’ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.**

**1 Little children, come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. Refrain**

**2 In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. Refrain**

**3 Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. Refrain**

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#### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Amen.

#### OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10*

**Pastor:** Praise the LORD!  
**People:** Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
**Pastor:** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
**People:** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
**Pastor:** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**People:** whose hope is in the LORD his God.  
**Pastor:** The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
**People:** Praise the LORD!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

### HYMN

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus” LSB 606 Vs 1

1 I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

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Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**People:** Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### ☩ WORD ☩

#### INTROIT – Andrew R.

*Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

Reader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

**People:** Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

Reader: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

**People:** who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Reader: Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

**People:** 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.

Reader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

### KYRIE

LSB 944

1 Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

2 Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

3 Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
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## HYMN OF PRAISE -

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *LSB 816 (tune LSB 465)  
with instruments*

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator’s praise arise;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung  
Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 3 All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Text: Public domain

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.  
People: **Amen.**

## FIRST READING – Jose

*Acts 10:34–48*

(People from every nation are accepted by God.)

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 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. 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, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 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. 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. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 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. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM – Students help read***Psalm 98***People:** 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.*Women:* The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.*Men:* 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.**People:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*Women:* Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!*Men:* With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**People:** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!*Women:* Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.*Men:* He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**People:** 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 - Taylor***1 John 5:1–8*

(The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)

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. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 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. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.**People:** Thanks be to God.**VERSE***Romans 6:9; John 16:33b***People:** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.*Reader:* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.**HOLY GOSPEL - Aidan***John 15:9–17*

(Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. 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. 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. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

*Reader:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lift High the Cross” LSB 837 - *with Instruments*

ref **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

- 1 **Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**
- 2 **Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. Refrain**
- 3 **All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain**
- 4 **O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain**
- 5 **Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**
- 6 **So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

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## SERMON

“An Unconditional Love”  
John 15:9-17

## SONG

“We Believe” Video

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,  
People: **hear our prayer.**

## OFFERING

Youth Bells  
Directed by Rachel Rusch

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22*

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

## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your amazing love in all our days. Assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we would receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven, we praise Your glorious name:

## SANCTUS

LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** 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. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow securely and confidently as people of faith, filled with Your amazing love and limitless peace as we live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly Table. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

**Pastor:** 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."

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** 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.

## PAX DOMINI

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Who You Say I Am” Youth Choir

Isaac Anderson (Saxophone)  
Katelynn Albers (Piano)

### “Lamb of God” LSB 550

**1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain**

**ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**2 Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain**

**3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain**

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### “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” LSB 618

**1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain**

**ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain**

**3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain**

**4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain**

**5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain**

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## THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

People: Amen.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in the fellowship of the Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

## YOUTH PRESENT FLOWERS TO MOTHERS

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

## HYMN

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LSB 805*

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
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Youth Bell Choir:

*Isaac Anderson,  
Maggie Anderson,  
Taylor Adamski,  
Katelynn Albers,  
Kylee Gifford,  
Jonathan Nistler,  
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Aidan Quirk,  
Andrew Ring,  
Maisy Hinrichs,  
Monique Kuntz,  
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Kade Orstand,  
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