



Easter

About the Cover: The hour of our Lord's death on the cross testifies to the power of the darkness of sin and death. But the darkness has not overcome Christ, our Lord. It cannot. He has inverted the cross's darkness into light by His victory. Now, by faith in the resurrected Christ, we see the cross for what it is: the power of God for our salvation.



**Take heart;
I have overcome
the world**

John 16:33

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019 10:00 AM

Welcome to Martin Luther Chapel! It is with humble hearts we greet you and invite you to join in worship with us of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. In this service, we will worship Him in prayer and song, while being fed by His holy Word and blessed Sacrament. Concerning the celebration of the Lord's Supper, we welcome to the altar those who share our confession of what takes place in this Meal. We encourage you to read our belief statement about Holy Communion in the enclosed informational insert. If you have any questions regarding who may commune with us, please speak with the pastor before the service. Peace be with you here in God's house.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" *LSB 671*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *p. 151*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our

whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

INTROIT

Psalm 55:4, 16-18; antiphon: v. 22

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

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

KYRIE

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

DISMISSAL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

⁹A 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."¹⁰And 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,¹²and 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.¹³And 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

CONTEMPORARY ANTHEM: “How Great Is Our God” (please see insert)

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

⁹Then 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.” ¹⁰And 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, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It 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— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And 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 glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And 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. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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C 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 16th chapter.

C



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.”

³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: “Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”

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SERMON

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(page 158 or inside back cover of hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor concludes each petition with

P Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/RETURN OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

OFFERTORY

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to

me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERING PRAYER

- L** Let us pray.
- C** We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

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

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** 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."
- P** 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

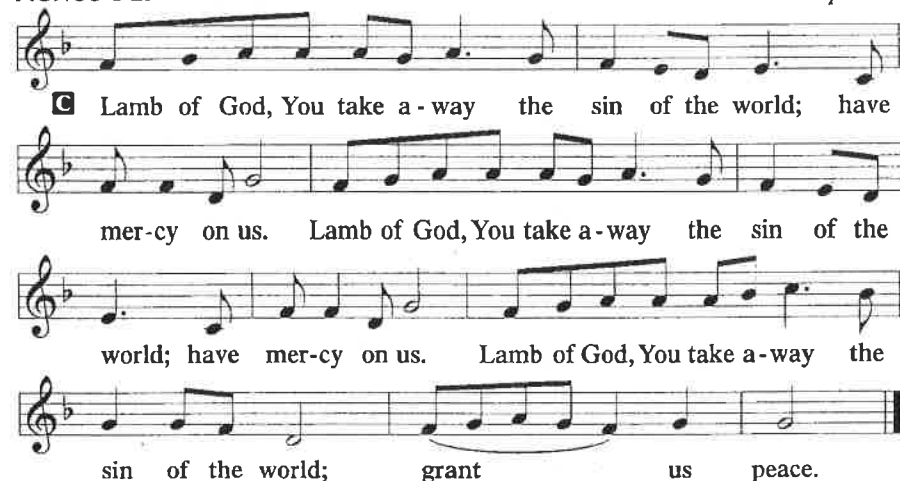
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

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AGNUS DEI

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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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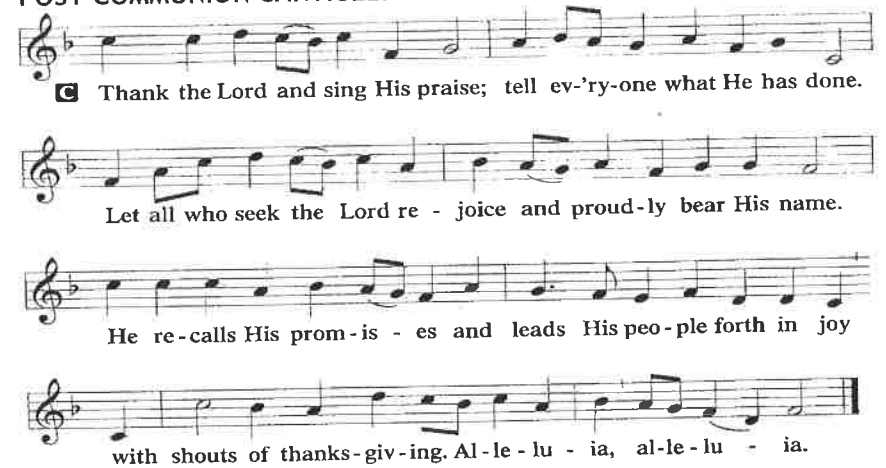
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"	LSB 650
"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"	LSB 637
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"	LSB 673
"Eat This Bread"	LSB 638
"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"	LSB 663

Stand

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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P 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 Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

CLOSING HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

LSB 660

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How Great Is Our God

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

YOU can bring 'Joy to the World'

Your gifts through the last National Offering made a lasting impact. Joyfully, you:

- Prepared and sent indigenous pastors to Eurasia
- Helped victims in the days immediately following natural disasters
- Provided help to students at the Lutheran seminary in Togo
- Bolstered the work of The Hope Center in the heart of Ferguson, Mo.
- Underwrote a new training module for the *re:Vitality* congregation revitalization program
- Sustained our LCMS seminaries as they prepared and sent out new pastors
- Are providing resources to teach grade-school students the sanctity of human life

It is time to again unite with other Lutherans as we share the joy of Christ with the world.

Over the next three years, the National "Joy to the World" Offering will turn your prayers and offerings into witnessing among new immigrants, reaching out and strengthening the faith of college students, empowering the missionaries of our partner churches, carrying the Gospel into spiritually abandoned urban areas, planting new churches in strategic locations both here and abroad, and more.

With every prayer and gift, YOU will make a difference as we share the true and lasting joy found in the Gospel of Christ. Whatever God leads you to provide can and will be used for His purposes, and we assure you it will be used wisely to share His word. **As the Lord allows, will you please make a gift to the LCMS National Offering?**

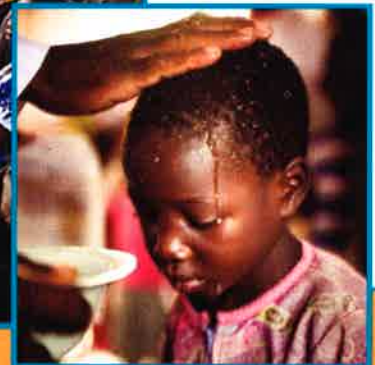
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JOY TO THE WORLD





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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul reminds us, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thess. 5:16–18).

When the Thessalonians heard Paul’s urging to rejoice, pray and give thanks, they did so. This July, so will we, when elected delegates and visitors from around the world gather in Tampa for the 67th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. And through that rejoicing, praying and giving thanks, we will bear witness to God’s love in Christ.

As we prepare joyfully to take on this work, **we invite you to join us and all of the LCMS in participating together in the 2019–21 LCMS National Offering.** This special collection of monetary gifts sets the tone for our next triennium under the theme “Joy to the World,” preparing hearts for prayerful rejoicing, gratitude and bold action. I assure you that any gifts received go directly to the mission of the LCMS to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, joy incarnate, to the world.

We know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings great joy to God’s people through the forgiveness of sins and the certain hope of eternal life. Your gift will help support work that reflects the Christ-centered joy of Lutheran Christians everywhere, and share

that joy across boundaries among those who have not yet heard the powerful message of His salvation.

Having joyfully received the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, let’s come together for the 2019 National Offering and watch how it emboldens the work that God has given His people to do and brings true and lasting joy to the world, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God for every good gift.

Rejoicing with you,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
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