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Cross Lutheran Church

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book – Holy Communion Setting One

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together; pew Bibles can be found in front of you, children's Bibles and large print lessons are available from the ushers. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

Bold Print – indicates congregation responds as a whole

* – indicates congregation should stand as able

PRELUDE *In Heavenly Love Abiding* Michael Cox

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** p. 94 (red tab)

***OPENING HYMN** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW # 367

***GREETING** p. 98

***KYRIE** p. 98

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast* p. 101

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Acts 17:22-31 N.T. p. 137

PSALM – Psalm 66:8-20

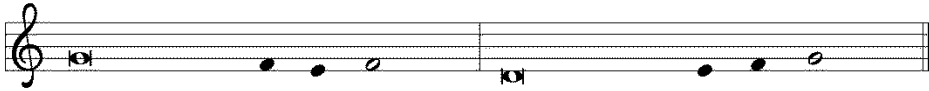
Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.

Congregation on pulpit side sings odd numbered verses with Cantor

*Congregation on lectern side sings even numbered **bold verses** with second Cantor.*



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.



Bless our¹ God, you peoples;

let the sound of¹ praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us a-¹mong the living

and has not allowed our¹ feet to slip. R

¹⁰For you, O God, have¹ tested us;

you have tried us just as sil-¹ver is tried.

¹¹You brought us in-¹ to the net;

you laid heavy burdens up-¹ on our backs.

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through¹ fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place¹ of refreshment.

¹³I will enter your house¹ with burnt offerings

and will pay¹ you my vows—

¹⁴those that I promised¹ with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I¹ was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the¹ smoke of rams;

I will give you ox-¹en and goats. R

¹⁶Come and listen, all you¹ who believe,

and I will tell you what God has¹ done for me.

¹⁷I called out to God¹ with my mouth,

and praised the Lord¹ with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished evil¹ in my heart,

the Lord would¹ not have heard me;

¹⁹but in truth¹ God has heard me

and has attended to the sound¹ of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject-¹ed my prayer,

nor withheld unfailing¹ love from me. R

SECOND LESSON I Peter 3:13-22

N.T. p. 234

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

p. 102

***GOSPEL**

* (P) The Holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21 N.T. p. 109

***(C) Glory to you, O Lord.**

* (P) The Gospel of our Lord.

***(C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ELW # 733

***RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

OFFERING *Children of the Heavenly Father* James Pethel

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Let the Vineyards* ELW # 184

***OFFERING PRAYER** p. 107

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD’S PRAYER** p. 112

DISTRIBUTION

To make the distribution of the Lord’s Supper as easy as possible, we ask that people who wish to commune and who use a wheelchair or walker come to the front first to receive the Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD p. 112

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW # 471

I Love to Tell the Story ELW # 661

Just As I Am, without One Plea ELW # 592

Jesus Loves Me! ELW # 595

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION** p. 114

***CLOSING HYMN** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* ELW # 536

***DISMISSAL** p. 115

POSTULDE *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren’t taking your bulletin home,
please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex.

To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord's Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing. ***Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring the Supper to you in your pew.***

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Sunday, May 219:30am Worship Service – New Member Sunday
10:30am Board of Church Properties Meeting
11:00am Worship Service at The Homestead of Maplewood
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church
3:00pm 7th Day Adventists Meeting
6:30pm YOUTH Summer Trip Meeting

Monday, May 22.....1:00pm – 9:00pm Life Touch Portrait Sessions
7:00pm Parish Planning Council (PPC) Meeting

Tuesday, May 231:00pm – 9:00pm Life Touch Portrait Sessions

Wednesday, May 242:00pm – 9:00pm Life Touch Portrait Sessions
6:30pm Confirmation Class – BIG TEST
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25.....9:00am Garden Club
10:30am Ascension Day Worship Service
11:30am Soup Luncheon
3:00pm Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
7:00pm 7th Day Adventists Prayer Group

Saturday, May 27.....9:30am 7th Day Adventists

Sunday, May 28.....9:30am Worship Service
12:30pm – 4:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don't pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



Table Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, our morning joy, our evening rest. And with our daily bread impart, your love and peace to every heart. Amen.

Stewardship Verse
II Corinthians 9:6-7



The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.