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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10th, 2026

Easter Proclamation

P: Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

C: Amen. Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

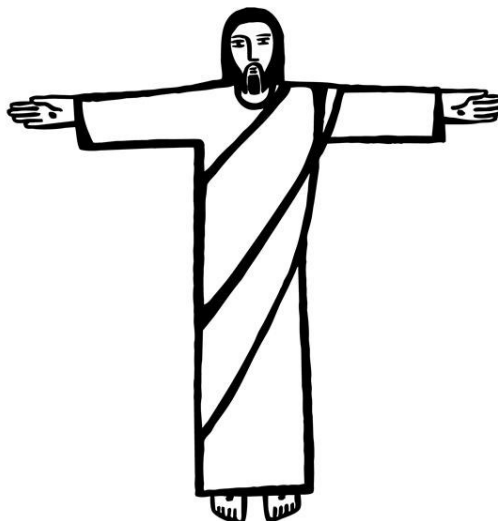
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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Processional Hymn

ELW #848 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

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.
C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“This Is The Feast”

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

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Hymn of Praise con't..

"This Is The Feast"

strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 66:8-20

Choir sings antiphon and odd verses

Congregation sings the bold verses

R: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. R**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised | with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats. R**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me. R

Second Reading

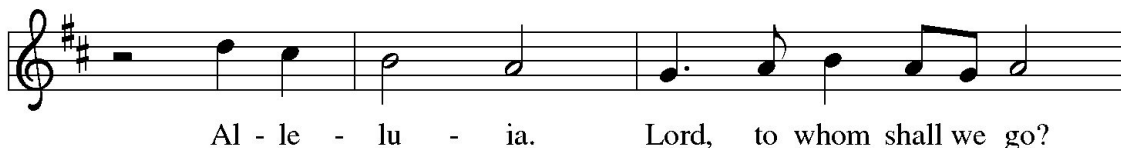
1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

John 14:15-21

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

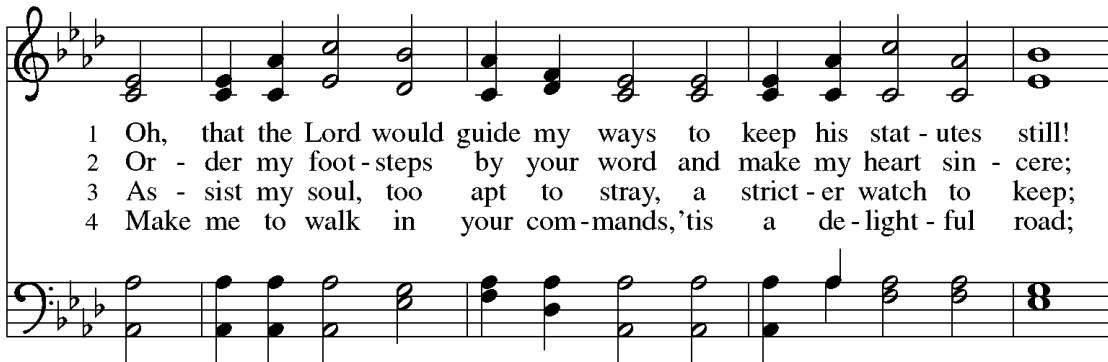
Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day ELW #772 "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.



Apostle's Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

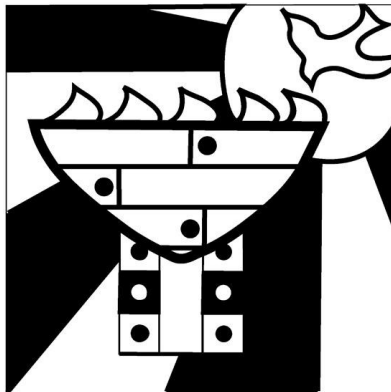
He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Easter Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially [*pause for names*], and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord God, with gratitude we lift up all mothers to you in thanksgiving. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with your peace and love, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

C: Amen.

The Peace

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

C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Anthem **“A Mother’s Hands” music and text by Ruth Elaine Schram**

The Offering



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Offertory Hymn

ELW #204 "Thankful Hearts And Voices Raise"



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

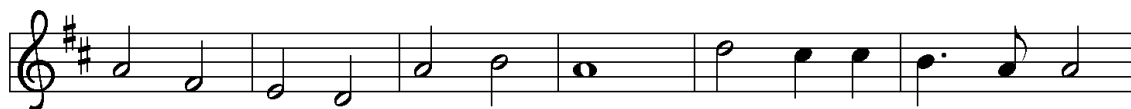
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

P: Blessed are you,
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By your great mercy
we have been born anew
to a living hope
through the resurrection of your Son
from the dead.
Once we were no people,
but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

P: By the baptism
of his death and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery
to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant.

C: 
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: On the night
he offered himself up for us
he took bread,
gave thanks to you,
broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

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P: When the supper was over
he took the cup
gave thanks to you
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking
of the bread and raise us up
as the body of Christ for the world.

C: Come Holy Spirit.

P: Through him, with him, in him,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God,
Now and for ever,

C: 
A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven,
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us,
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

Communion Hymn

ELW #493 "Taste And See"

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Lord; for God has been so good to me.

Refrain

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Communion Hymn con't...

ELW #493 "Taste And See"

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth - er let us
all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered
me; from all my trou- bles I was set free. *Refrain*
3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo- ple. You'll want for
noth- ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is
good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

A: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

C: Now we give ourselves for others.

A: Your love has made us a new people;

C: as a people of love
we will serve you with joy.

A: Your glory has filled our hearts;

C: help us to glorify you in all things.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

ELW #838 "Beautiful Savior"

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Announcements

Benediction

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude **Trio on “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” by Paul Fey**

Today’s celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook

Deacon: Kim Baratta

Lector: Marne Turner

Greeters: —

Soloists: Marisa Mladenovic, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Carl Ratner

Choir: Dan Lantvit, Kunying Li, Bates Larson, Maggie Larson, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Organist & Choir Director: Paul D. Dykstra

Announcements

Mother's Day

We honor our mothers today for the gifts of life, love and nurture, giving thanks to God whose love sustains them. May they be blessed with every grace and celebrated by their family.

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6th Annual Concordia Cup Golf Event

Concordia Place hosts its annual golf event on June 15th at River Forest Country Club. Golfers are wanted! If you are interested in playing, or are interested in sponsoring the golf tournament, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary for more information.

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Important Dates To Note

May 17th: Afternoon recital with Matt Flanagan & Paul Dykstra

June 7th: Annual Meeting of the Church

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Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

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ELW #848 "Give To Our God Immortal Praise"

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Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Hymn Of The Day

ELW #772 "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Offertory Hymn

ELW #204 "Thankful Hearts And Voices Raise"

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Communion Hymn

ELW #493 "Taste And See"

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34
Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.
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Closing Hymn

ELW #838 "Beautiful Savior"

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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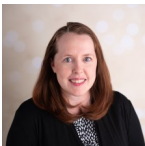
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