

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
May 25, 2025

**Opening Hymn #201**

***Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won***

1. Jesus lives! The victory's won!  
Death no longer can appal me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.

2. Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High o'er heaven and earth is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.

3. Jesus lives! For me He died,  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
Freely God doth aid dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

4. Jesus lives! I know full well  
Naught from me His love shall sever;

Life nor death nor powers of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure Defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

5. Jesus lives! and now is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,  
Jesus is my confidence!

### **Invocation**

P We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners  
confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean  
and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and  
deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy,

seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P & C O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C ♪Amen.**

### **Gloria Patri**

**C ♪Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

**C ♪Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)**

All glory be to God alone,

Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Salutation**

P The Lord be with you  
C ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

P Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C ♪ **Amen**

### **The First Lesson – Acts 16:9-15<sup>9</sup>**

A 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.” <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>One 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. <sup>15</sup>And 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.

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 67**

- <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us  
**and make his face to shine upon us,**
- <sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you!**
- <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you!**
- <sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase;  
**God, our God, shall bless us.**
- <sup>7</sup>God shall bless us;  
**let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

### **The Second Lesson – Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**

<sup>9</sup>Then 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.” <sup>10</sup>And 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, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It 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—<sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.<sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .<sup>21</sup>And 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.<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.<sup>23</sup>And 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.<sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,<sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.<sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.<sup>27</sup>But 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.

### **Verse of the Day – Romans 6:9, John 16:33b**

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.

### **The Gospel – John 16:23-33**

<sup>23</sup>[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.<sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.<sup>25</sup>“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. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” <sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now 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.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, 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. <sup>33</sup>I 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.”

## **Confession of Faith**

### ***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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #387 (v. 1, 4, 7-9)**  
***Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice***

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,  
How His right arm the victory won;  
Right dearly it hath cost Him.
  
4. But God beheld my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And, mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned my soul's salvation.  
A father's heart He turned to me,  
Sought my redemption fervently:  
He gave His dearest Treasure.
  
7. To me He spake: Hold fast to Me,  
I am thy Rock and Castle;  
Thy Ransom I Myself will be,  
For thee I strive and wrestle;  
For I am with thee, I am thine,  
And evermore thou shalt be Mine;  
The Foe shall not divide us.
  
8. The Foe shall shed My precious blood,



Me of My life bereaving.  
All this I suffer for thy good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life shall from death the victory win,  
My innocence shall bear thy sin;  
So art thou blest forever.

9. Now to My Father I depart,  
The Holy Spirit sending  
And, heavenly wisdom to impart,  
My help to thee extending.  
He shall in trouble comfort thee,  
Teach thee to know and follow Me,  
And in all truth shall guide thee.

**Sermon Text – Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**

**Sermon**

*We Pray to the Father in Jesus' Name*

**Offertory**

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Heavenly Father, direct and enrich the efforts of the faithful women of Your Church. Make them eager and wise in good works, serving the ministry of the Church as faithful Lydia served the mission of St. Paul.

**1. Oh, what their joy and their glory must be,  
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see!**

P: Almighty God, give wisdom to our leaders and government, that they may lead with integrity and according to Your perfect will. Protect police officers, emergency personnel, disaster-relief workers and the members of our armed forces as they serve in our defense and for the well-being of all.

**Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;  
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.**

P: Lord, as Paul preached the Word to the Macedonians, so You desire all people to hear the Gospel. We pray for the saving peace of Christ among the nations, both here and throughout the world. Call and equip pastors, missionaries and church workers to serve Your Church in Christ's name.

**2. In new Jerusalem joy shall be found,  
Blessings of peace shall forever abound;**

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, You never refuse the cries of Your children. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for help and protection and for the good of our families, our neighbors and rulers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our pastors, and our overseers.

**Wish and fulfillment are not severed there,  
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.**

P: Merciful Lord, You hear our prayers for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus. In His name, we cast our burdens upon You [*especially those of \_\_\_\_\_*]. Sustain us in the midst of terror and trial, and hear us as we cry out to You.

**3. We, where no troubles distraction can bring,  
Safely the anthems of Zion shall sing;**

P: We thank You, O Lord, for the milestone Annie Bode is about to cross as she graduates from High School. Help her to retain the knowledge and skills that she has learned, that she might be a productive member of society and the Church.

**While for Your grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
Your blessed people shall evermore raise.**

P: Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through *\*please stand\** Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **The Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C ♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn #9**

#### ***O Day of Rest and Gladness***

1. O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness,  
Most beautiful, most bright,  
On thee the high and lowly  
Before th' eternal throne  
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
To the great Three in One.
2. On thee at the Creation  
The light first had its birth;  
On thee for our salvation  
Christ rose from depth of earth;  
On thee our Lord victorious  
The Spirit sent from heaven,  
And thus on thee, most glorious,  
A threefold light was given.
3. Thou art a cooling fountain

In life's dry, dreary sand;  
From thee, like Nebo's mountain,  
We view our Promised Land;  
A day of sweet reflection,  
A day of holy love,  
A day of resurrection  
From earth to things above.

4. Today on weary nations  
The heavenly manna falls;  
To holy convocations  
The silver trumpet calls,  
Where Gospel-light is glowing  
With pure and radiant beams  
And living water flowing  
With soul-refreshing streams.

5. New graces ever gaining  
From this our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining  
To spirits of the blest.  
To Holy Ghost be praises,  
To Father, and to Son;  
The Church her voice upraises  
To Thee, blest Three in One.

## **Silent Prayer**

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