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The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

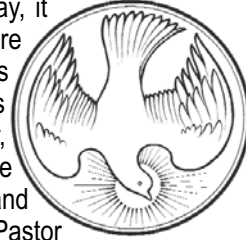
9 May 2010

8 & 10:30 a.m.

*"In the world you will  
have tribulation."*

To us who live in so much trouble every day, it almost seems as though our Lord's words are understatement. The Lord Jesus is telling us that we ought not expect a 'bed of roses' as

Christians. The world is troubled because of sin and death, unbelief, rebellion, fear, pride, all manner of lust, egoism, and all of the other sins of the world. AND we Christians live amongst the world's sinfulness and trouble. And it wearies us and tempts us. Jesus reminds us that He has overcome this fallen world. Be blessed as Pastor preaches on **John 16:33** on the theme: **"THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU!"** ✠



✠ **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

✠ **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS &  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

✠ **PASTORAL WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✠ **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We are delighted to have you

join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

**P** Here Christ's Church is gathered to hear His Word.

**C** Although God's Law shows us our sins, His Gospel comforts and reassures us and helps us to live in hope.

**P** In this worship service, hear the words of Jesus which assure us that, though the world is so full of trouble and evil, He is our help, and our hope, and He Himself is our peace.

**C** He gives us peace with God, and He gives us peace with one another. All this He has done by His work at the Cross.

**P** And He gives us the Holy Spirit so that we will believe in Him.

We are:

*"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of  
Jesus Christ to Everyone!"*

**OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Sunday School & Bible Classes: **Sundays, 9:10 a.m.**

**DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.**

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Sponsoring: **THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 7:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3**

**Worship Services BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3**

† THE HYMN — “O Blessed, Holy Trinity” — LSB 876

† THE DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE — LSB 184 †

† THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND DECLARATION OF GRACE — LSB 184

† THE INTROIT (Antiphon, Ps. 55:22; Ps. 55:4, 16–18)

**P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;

**C** He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**P** My heart is in anguish within me; **C** the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

**P** But I call to God, **C** and the LORD will save me.

**P** Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

**C** and He hears my voice.

**P** He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

**C** for many are arrayed against me.

† THE GLORIA PATRI, KYRIE, AND GLORIA IN EXCELSIS — LSB 186-189

† THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY — LSB 189


**ALL** (spoken) 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. (sing) Amen. (Here all may be seated.)

† THE FIRST READING — **ACTS 16:9–15** — *God expands the Church's mission when He leads Paul and company to extend the message of grace into Europe.*

<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.

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

† **THE GRADUAL**

**P** *Christ has risen from the dead.*

**C** **[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

**P** *He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;*

**C** **He has put all things un der His feet.** (adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6)

† **THE SECOND READING — REVELATION 21:9–14, 21–27** – *Persecuted and suffering Christians, see the glorious heaven which awaits you.*

<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.

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.* 

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

† **THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE** (At Pastor’s invitation, please stand.)

**P** *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.* (Rom. 6:9; John 16:33b)

**ALL** (sing) **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† **THE HOLY GOSPEL— John 16:23–33** – *Speaking with the disciples on Maundy Thursday, Jesus reminds them (and us!) of this life’s tribulations – AND that He has overcome the world.*

**P** *The holy Gospel written in the Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter:*

**C** (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<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

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| <p>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.”</p> <p><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</p> | <p>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.”</p> |
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**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  **C** (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

✝ **THE CREED — The Apostles’ Creed —** LSB 192

✝ **A CHILDREN’S SERMON** - Here the children, from as little to as old as would like to come forward, may come forward for a short teaching with Pastor.

✝ **THE HYMN OF THE DAY —** “O Day of Rest and Gladness” — LSB 906


✝ **THE SERMON — Text:** John 16:33


**Theme:** “THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU!”

✝ **THE OFFERTORY —** LSB 192-193

✝ **THE OFFERING —** DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshipping with you and greet them in the Lord! Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Kindly check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

✝ **THE OFFERING HYMN** (stand to sing) “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” — LSB 919:1-2

1.  **ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS,**  
**AMONG US WITH YOUR GRACE**  
**THAT SATAN MAY NOT HARM US**  
**NOR WE TO SIN GIVE PLACE.**

2.  **ABIDE, O DEAR REDEEMER,**  
**AMONG US WITH YOUR WORD,**  
**AND THUS NOW AND HEREAFTER**  
**TRUE PEACE AND JOY AFFORD.**

✝ **THE PRAYERS —** after each petition:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy . . .

**C** Hear our prayer.

✝ **THE LORD’S PRAYER —** in unison ↴

**P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**ALL** 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 COLLECT** — responsively ↴

**P** *Lord God, heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism You began Your good work in our catechumens, and You have blessed their instruction and training in Your Word.*

**C** **We implore You to pour out Your Holy Spirit on their hearts and minds so that they will truly love and revere You, confess the faith with joy and boldness, endeavor to live according to Your commandments, and praise and glorify You as their faithful God and Lord,**

**P** *This we pray for the sake of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

**C** (spoken) **Amen.**

✠ **THE BENEDICTION** — LSB 202

✠ **THE HYMN** — “When Peace, like a River” — LSB 763

✠ **THE SILENT PRAYER** — Here worshipers are encouraged to take a private moment for personal reflection and a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His Word of salvation which we have here received. Then, when Pastor leaves, worshipers may remain to visit with those near them or exit on their own.

✠ **THE POSTLUDE/RECESSIONAL**

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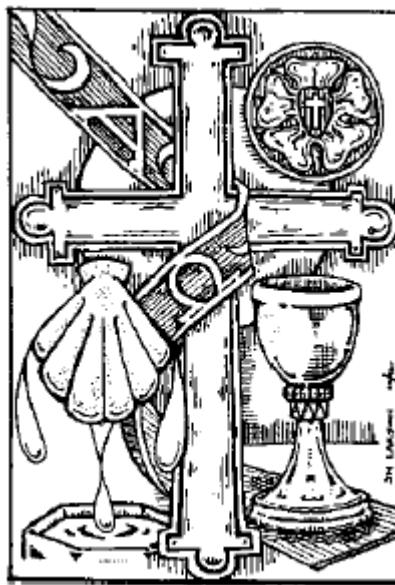
He lives!

**YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE,  
FOR OUR CATECHUMENS:**

- + **Caleb Birk**
- + **Rachel Birk**
- + **Aaron Birk**

The Catechumens share their faith via a public examination at the 10:30 a.m. Service this morning. The Examination Service does NOT determine their suitability for being admitted to the Lord's Supper (Pastor, to the best of his ability, has already determined this). Rather, the Examination Service serves these purposes (at least):

1. It causes catechumens and pastor to do a thorough review of what they



- have been studying.
2. Assures the congregation that: [a] the Pastor is fulfilling his Divine Call to be a teacher to the whole flock of God; and [b] the children (and their parents) have been brought to the study of God's Word and are studying it.
  3. It causes members of the congregation to also review at least some of the chief teachings of Scripture.
  4. It helps all of us to be better at speaking about and defending the holy faith in our congregation, families, and daily vocation.