

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude:

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

Paul Manz

Based on hymn 490

Opening Hymn

“This joyful Eastertide”

Hymn #192

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord God of our fa - thers;

you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. _____

Glo - ry to you _____ for the ra - diance of your ho - ly Name;

_____ we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; _____ on the

throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you. _____ Glo - ry to you,

seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we wil praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____ Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

holding the depths; — in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you. —

Glo-ry to you, — Fa-ther, Son, and Ho ly Spi-rit; — we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

(Acts 16:9-15)

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

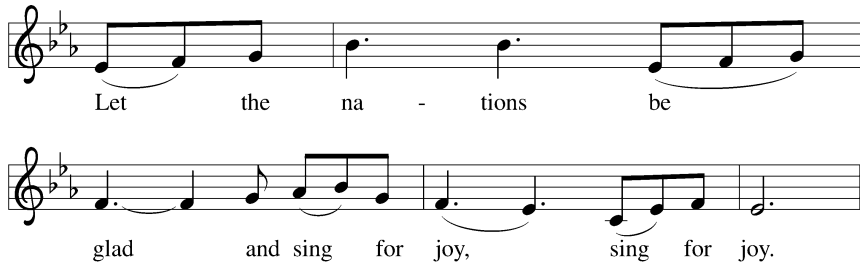
We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia

and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. ***Antiphon***

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ***Antiphon***

⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

(Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5)

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation:

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

Hymn #490

The Gospel

(John 14:23-29)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does

not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For all public officials: Donald the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, and Cory the Mayor of Racine. For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Matthew our Diocesan Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for the staff, volunteers, and guests of the Hospitality Center, Brown Bag ministry and Racine Vocational Ministries. And we pray for those who are sick [especially_____].

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life [especially_____].

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom [especially_____].

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Offertory Voluntary “The Peace may be exchanged” from ‘Rubrics: A Liturgical Suite for
Organ’ Dan Locklair

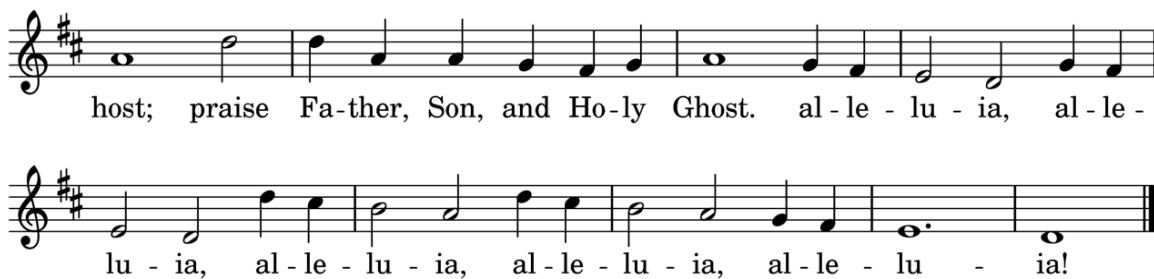
Doxology

Please Stand

As the gifts are being brought forward, the people sing:

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -

low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly



Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

Music: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen", LM. al: *Geistliche Kerchengesange*, Cologne, 1623.

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

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

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may kneel or stand

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

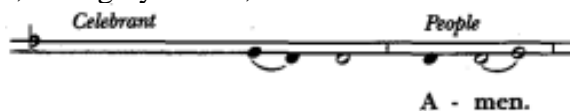


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts . . .

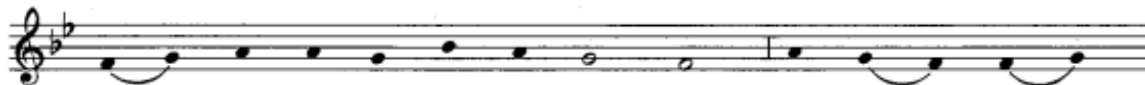
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed



be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,



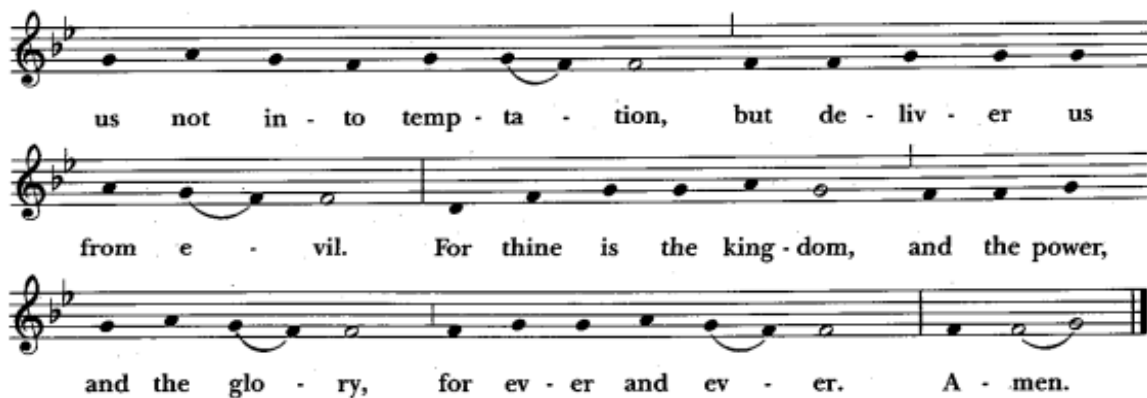
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our



dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,



as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead



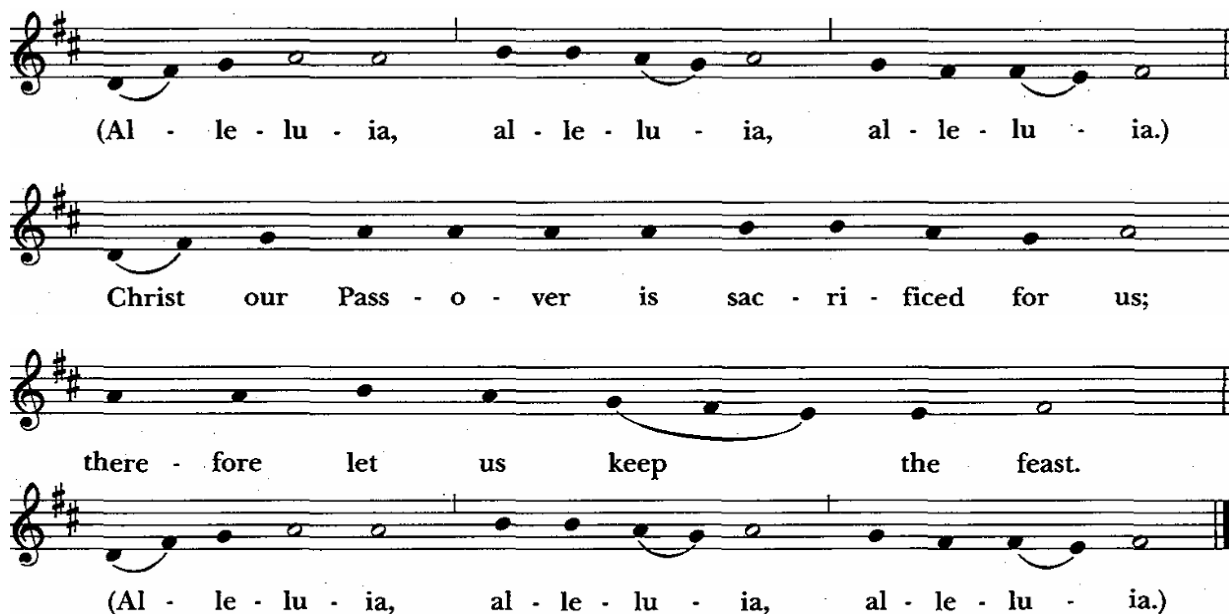
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord.

If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine. For a gluten free host, please come to the celebrant and place your thumb in your palm.

Communion Hymn

“Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise”

Hymn #345

Post-communion Prayer

The people kneel, if able.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “Jesus shall reign where'er the sun” Hymn #544

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude “Fanfare” Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

If you are visiting St. Luke’s, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord.
If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke’s Church, please speak with an usher

TODAY’S MINISTERS

ACOLYTES: Chris and Sam Schatzman

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost

FIRST READER: Becky Turk

SECOND READER: Marshall Cushman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Cindy Ganzel

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Mick Burke

USHERS: Brian Paulhus, Debbie Bruno

CANTOR: Victoria Vollman

COFFEE HOUR: Vestry

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Olivia, Bill, Katie,
Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Gregory

Homebound: Barbara, Jeanne

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Wisconsin

Brown Bag Ministry

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

Anglican Communion Sunday, The Anglican Church of Kenya

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

For Those who have Departed: Al Ellingham

Thanksgiving for Birthday: Wally

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Discretionary Fund**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Jeri Cushman by Marshall Cushman

Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, St. Luke's will be visited by His Grace, The Most Reverend Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate of Kenya. Archbishop Sapit will be spending a part of his sabbatical at the DeKoven Center and will be visiting our parish on his first Sunday in the U.S. We will be celebrating part of our liturgy according to the Kenyan Prayer Book. That same Sunday, we will also have the baptism of Justin Skord.

Garden Angels Make a Plea

The Garden Angels who plant the beautiful flowers in our showpiece garden have asked for donations to purchase flowers for the Spring/Summer planting. If you can contribute to this wonderful cause, see Debbie Bruno or mail donation to the church office. On memo write “Garden Flowers.” Thank you!

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Have a Safe and Blessed Memorial Day



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