

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
2107 Three Oaks Rd, Cary, IL
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Observing the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Inspired by Christ • Serving under Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ

Order of Service from Setting IV, page 203 in the Lutheran Service Book

OPENING HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB 845

**Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love By love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other’s faults As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;
Be God’s the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.**

**Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.**

**For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior’s name;
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.**
John 13:1-17; 1 John 4:17-21; Ephesians 4:29-32

Please stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. [*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [*Psalm 124:8*]

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. [*Psalm 130:3–4*]

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. [*Luke 18:13*]

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen. [*John 20:19–23*]

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. *Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

KYRIE [*Mark 10:47*]

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS [*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*]

**To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing--
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high.**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with You.

P: Let us pray. 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,

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–48

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because

the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 5:1–8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

THE ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. [John 20:31]

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 15:9–17

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Please be seated

**Lord whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need
Who upon the cross forsaken offered mercy's perfect deed
We your servants bring the worship Not of voice alone but heart
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart**

**Still Your children wander homeless Still the hungry cry for bread
Still the captives long for freedom Still in grief we mourn our dead
As O Lord in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole**

**As we worship grant us vision Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quicken sight
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to tireless striving Your abundant life to share**

**Called by worship to Your service forth in Your dear name we go
to the child the youth the aged love in living deeds to show
hope and health good will and comfort counsel aid and peace we give
that Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live**
Matt. 25:34-40; Gal. 6:10; Rom 12:1

SERMON

Your offering may be placed in the collection plate in the Narthex as you depart the church.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord. [*Colossians 3:1*]

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise. [*Psalm 136*]

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored,
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating and drinking His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Here us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution today is by station communion. Ushers will invite people to the front by family or individual. Pastor will drop the wafer into your cupped hands and you may take the individual cup yourself and dispose of it into the basket provided.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.**

**Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.**

**By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.**

**One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.**
1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Romans 5:1-2; Revelation 2:10

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29-32*

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill, the glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding, through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore
You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love
toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

LSB 653

**In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**With God there is no tribe or race; In Him we all are one.
He loves us as His children through Our faith in His dear Son.**

**So, brothers, sisters, praise His name Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and shame, From spite and enmity!**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as His child Is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west; In Him meet south and north.
All Christian souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.**

Colossians 3:11-17; Galatians 3:26-29; John 10:16; John 17:11