

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday
25 May 2025**

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**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

*It is appropriate to stand during prayer and when receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season. The Easter emphasis is on justification: "Because of what God has done in Christ through the cross and resurrection, I am justified and can stand before him."*

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

All Glory Be to God on High arr. J.P. Sweelinck

**GATHERING**

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *Please stand as you are able.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

L Gracious God, ...

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*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

L God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you

have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

**No. 367**

### GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

### KYRIE

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### CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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L We pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit, we may love one another and the world you have made, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON A Reading from the Book of Acts

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 (*Acts 16:9-15*)

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM *Sung*

### Psalm 67

May God be merciful to | us and bless us,  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.  
Let your way be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.  
Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations |  
upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.  
The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own God, give | has blessed us.  
May God | give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and to the | Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the begin-| ning,  
is now and will be forever. | Amen.

### SECOND LESSON A Reading from the Book Revelation

And in the spirit he 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. (*Revelation 21:10, 22:22:8*)

A The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel...

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids— blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. (*John 5:1-9*)

L The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

No. 815

### NICENE CREED

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### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand as you are able.*

L We pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of your house. Grant and preserve to your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace. Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail. We commend to your care all our schools, that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labour, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise.

We pray for the sick and their caregivers, especially: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, Simret Bogale, Chrystina Cuch, Colleen Dehmke, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Genevieve Janssen, Julie Janssen Downe, Amy Lynch, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Karin Olafson (Dakota, Remi and Ada), Jerry Rasmuson and family, Jim and Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Ron Sauer, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, John Watt, those we name aloud ...

and those we carry in our hearts.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom, where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

**C Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

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L May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**C And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

*The congregation remains seated as the offering is collected*

CHORAL OFFERTORY “Christ is Risen, Indeed” arr. N. Sleeth

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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THE LORD’S PRAYER (I)

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## THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

**No. 763**

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**      Toccata   J.P. Sweelinck

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WELCOME to all gathered here today, especially all guests and visitors. We are blessed to have you worship with us. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby). Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship. Questions? Ask one of today's servants or talk with the pastor. We continue to provide online worship for those unable to attend in-person.

SPECIAL THANKS to Jennelle Hughes for leading us in our service today.

WE THANK TODAY'S SERVANTS

Usher:	Jerry & Clarice Rasmuson
Lector:	Audrey Sribney
Assistant Minister:	Pat Fedkenheuer
Refreshments:	Torres-Ferrsoa Family
Zoom Host:	Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Last week	18 May	Budget 2025
Current	\$ 2,419	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$ 0	
Building Fund	\$ 230	
Other	\$ 457.99	
Attendance	46	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	25 May	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	26 May	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	27 May	6:30 PM	S.A.F.E. Place Peer Support
Wednesday	28 May	9:30 AM	12 Step Program
		6:00 PM	12 Step Program
Friday	30 May	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	31 May	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship

Sunday	1 June	9:30 AM	Choir practice
		10:30 AM	Seventh Sunday of Easter
			Baptism Sunday

HLW BIBLE STUDY – will meet on Tuesday 3 June May 2025 for their June Luncheon at Passu Farms.

UNISON AT KERBY CENTRE celebrates Senior's Week 2-6 June 2025 with free presentations, activities, and more. RSVP is needed for some. See poster downstairs.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Highwood men and friends come and socialize on Saturday 7 June at 10:00 AM at Ace Casino Airport. Hear from our own Al Gummo on his life as a fireman.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26