



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

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### *Seeing As God Sees*

#### **As We Gather**

A simple and poignant Sunday School song says simply, "God sees the little sparrow fall. It meets His tender view; if God so loves the little birds, I know He loves me too." The central theme of the song is the care of God for His creation. The words also serve as a reminder that God sees us, His children, in a special way. We are the crown of His creation, as are all the people He has fashioned. Seeing people as God sees them is central to our lives of faith!

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#### **Organ Prelude & Welcome**

#### **Ringling of the Tower Bell**

#### **791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make.  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.
- 3 O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto.  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure.  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure.

- △ 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

## Service of Prayer & Preaching

Lutheran Service Book, pg. 260

### Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.  
**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C** Teach me Your paths.  
**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C** Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** 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.

### Old Testament Canticle

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- C** The Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that His name is exalted.”

The Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation.

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation.

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.

**The Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation.**

## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Reading

**Acts 10:34-48**

**L** A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>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. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>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.

### Reading

**Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together**

<sup>9</sup>**before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

### Reading

### *1 John 5:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

### Reading

### *John 15:9-17*

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

## Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**  
**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**  
**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**  
**Honor your father and your mother.**  
**You shall not murder.**  
**You shall not commit adultery.**  
**You shall not steal.**  
**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**  
**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**  
**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## Apostles' Creed

- C** **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.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

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Sermon

"Seeing As God Sees, Through Lenses of Love"

Acts 10:34

## 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, ev'ry race;  
And in each person may I see  
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide  
Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue;  
Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred  
By loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak  
Whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be,  
Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.
- 5 With Thine own love may I be filled  
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,  
That all I touch, where'er I be,  
May be divinely touched by Thee.

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## Organ Offertory & Steward *MINUTE*

- Offering Prayer

### Mother's Day Devotion "A Bouquet of Dead Daisies"



By this we know love,  
that he laid down  
His life for us,  
and we ought to  
lay down our lives  
for others.

1 John 3:16

## Mother's Day Hymn: "Here, Amazed, I Stand"

Here, amazed, I stand in presence  
Of the Savior, Love's own essence;  
And I wonder why He loves me,  
Sinful though I am, and lost.

Yet He bore the cross one morrow,  
Taking all my sins and sorrows,  
Laid His life down on that altar;  
Yielding self, He died for me.

This is how we know what love is,  
And what true love does for others;  
As a mother loves her children,  
We lay down our lives in love!

## Prayer

### Collect of the Day

**L** 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.

### Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

### New Testament Cantic

*LSB 266*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.  
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.  
Death has no more dominion over Him.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.**

**Living, He lives to God.**

**Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ  
Jesus, our Lord.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Blessing**

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

### **829 Christ the Eternal Lord**

- 1 Christ the eternal Lord,  
Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise  
We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days  
And make Your glory known.
- 2 Christ the unchanging Word  
To ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture's page;  
Transform our thought and mind,  
Enlighten all who read,  
Within Your Word by faith to find  
The bread of life indeed.
- 3 Christ the redeeming Son,  
Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won  
For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray,  
To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today  
And follow Him as Lord.
- 4 Christ the unfading Light  
Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give  
To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live,  
Till earth's brief journey ends.

**5 Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last  
To know as we are known.**

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## **Postlude**

### **✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠**

To God Alone Be Glory

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