

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022
10:30 a.m.

The altar flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by **Dan and Margo Wolf** in celebration of their **44th wedding anniversary.**God's richest blessings!

As We Gather

We are now far along in the season of Easter. The Easter lilies have faded. The world has gone on to other things, if it even paused for Easter at all. And, if we are honest with ourselves, sometimes we wonder about this odd tradition of celebrating a one-day thing—Easter—over a span of seven Sundays. We move so quickly on to the next best thing, that a season like Easter is a challenge for us—a significant number of days and weeks to contemplate, unpack, and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. While lilies fade and our attention wanes, today in Acts we hear that signs of Easter emerge all over the world every day, as people like Lydia, a dealer of purple cloth from Thyatira, hear of Jesus, die and rise with Him in Baptism, and then bring forth the fruit of the resurrection in their lives. Today we are called to consider how our lives, like that of Lydia, might be signs of the resurrection of Jesus. Lydia's response to being baptized was to offer hospitality to missionaries in her own home. While Satan works on us to make our lives stale and faded like six-week-old lilies, the Holy Spirit is at work in us to lead us, like the Spirit led Lydia, toward bearing the fruit of the resurrection in our lives.

God's Not Dead (Like A Lion)

by Daniel Bashta

Let love explode, and bring the dead to life; A love so bold to see a revolution somehow. Let love explode, and bring the dead to life; A love so bold to see a revolution somehow.

Now I'm lost in Your freedom; Oh, this world I'll overcome. My God's not dead, He's surely alive; And He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion. My God's not dead, He's surely alive; And He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion.

Let hope arise, and make the darkness hide. My faith is dead; I need a resurrection somehow. Let hope arise, and make the darkness hide. My faith is dead; I need a resurrection somehow.

Now I'm lost in Your freedom; Oh, this world I'll overcome. My God's not dead, He's surely alive; And He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion. My God's not dead, He's surely alive; And He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion. Chorus:

My God's not dead, He's surely alive;

And He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion.

My God's not dead, He's surely alive;

And He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion.

He's surely alive! Oh, He's surely alive!

Let heaven roar and fire fall:

Come shake the ground with the sound of revival.

Let heaven roar and fire fall;

Come shake the ground with the sound of revival. Chorus

Welcome

Invocation

Promises by Aaron Moses, Dante Bowe, Joe Barnes, Keila Marin, Lemuel Marin, Phillip Gaines

God of Abraham You're the God of covenant

Of faithful promises

Time and time again You have proven

You do just what You say

Pre-Chorus

Though the storms may come And the winds may blow

I'll remain steadfast

And let my heart learn when You speak a word

It will come to pass

Chorus

Great is Your faithfulness to me Great is Your faithfulness to me

From the rising sun to the setting same

I will praise Your name Great is Your faithfulness to me

God from age to age Though the earth may pass away

Your word remains the same yeah

Your history can prove There's nothing You can't do

You're faithful and true PreChorus/Chorus

Bridge (twice)

I put my faith in Jesus My anchor to the ground

My hope and firm foundation

He'll never let me down (He'll never let me down)

Chorus (twice)

Great is Your faithfulness to me Great is Your faithfulness to me

From the rising sun to the setting same

I will praise Your name Great is Your faithfulness to me

Opening Sentences

Ps. 55:4, 16-18; antiphon: 55:22

Pastor: Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; **People: He will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

Pastor: My heart is in anguish within me;

People: the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

Pastor: But I call to God,

People: and the LORD will save me.

Pastor: Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

People: and He hears my voice.

Pastor: He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

People: for many are arrayed against me.

Pastor: Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;

People: He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom

no secrets are hid, and confess the burden of our sins in the name of

Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

People: I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I

mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against my brothers and sisters. Except for the promise of Christ, I could not hope for reconciliation and peace. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

What He's Done by Anna Golden, Jacob Sooter, Kristian Stanfill, Tasha Cobbs Leonard

See on the hill of Calvary My Savior bled for me My Jesus set me free

Look at the wounds that give me life Grace flowing from His side No greater sacrifice

Chorus

What He's done What He's done All the glory and the honor to the Son My sins are forgiven My future is Heaven I praise God for what He's done

Sing for the freedom He has won Even death is dead and done His life has overcome

Speak say the Name above all names Over every broken place He is risen from the grave Chorus

Now on a throne of majesty The Father's will complete He reigns in victory

Sing hallelujah to the King
He is worthy to receive
All the worship we can bring Chorus (twice)

First Lesson Acts 16:9–15

⁹A 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." ¹⁰And 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.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴One 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. ¹⁵And 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.

Epistle

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹Then 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." ¹⁰And 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, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It 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— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

²¹And 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.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And 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. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But 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.

Holy Gospel John 16:23-33

²³[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. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵"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. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³²Behold, 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. ³³I 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."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Only Jesus

by Bernie Herms, Mark Hall, Matthew West

Make it count leave a mark build a name for yourself Dream your dreams chase your heart above all else Make a name the world remembers But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams I got lost in the light when it was up to me To make a name the world remembers But Jesus is the only name to remember

Chorus

And I I don't want to leave a legacy I don't care if they remember me Only Jesus
And I I've only got one life to live I'll let every second point to Him Only Jesus

All the kingdoms built all the trophies won Will crumble into dust when it's said and done Cause all that really matters Did I live the truth to the ones I love Was my life the proof that there is only One Whose name will last forever Chorus

Bridge

Jesus is the only name
Jesus is the only name
Jesus is the only name to remember (Repeat) Chorus

Ending

I I don't want to leave a legacy I don't care if they remember me Only Jesus

Sermon	
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Goodness Of God

by Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson (sung by the Youth and Leaders)

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Bridge (twice)
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Chorus (twice)

Faith Stepping Stone: Graduate Blanket Blessing

We Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution Songs

The Commission

by Madison Cain, Logan Cain, Taylor Cain, Carter Frodge, Blake Neesmith

See my hands and look at my feet It's okay if it's hard to believe I have faith you will do greater things It's my time to go but before I leave

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end

Don't forget the things that I taught you I've conquered death and I hold the keys Where I go you will go too, someday But there's much to do here before you leave

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the

End of the journey, the end of the road My spirit is with you wherever you go You have a purpose and I have a plan I'll make you this promise I'll come back again but until then

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end go tell them about me
(Go tell the world) I've gotta go
(Go tell the world) for a little while
But goodbye is not the end

The Lord Is My Salvation by Keith and Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockels and Jonas Myrin

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea. And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls. I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus:

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love. My debt is paid and the vict'ry won: The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word. When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak. I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation. Chorus

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave. But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation. Chorus

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son, Glory be to God, the Spirit; The Lord is our salvation. (repeat)

The Lord is our salvation, the Lord is our salvation

Abide by Aaron Williams, Aaron Keyes, Dee Wilson, Jake Fauber

For my waking breath, for my daily bread, I depend on You, I depend on You. For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night, I depend on You. Yes, I depend on You.

Chorus:

You're the way the truth and the life. You're the well that never runs dry. I'm the branch and You are the vine. Draw me close and teach me to abide.

Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following, I depend on You, I depend on You. For the victories, still in front of me, I depend on You. Yes I depend on you.

Chorus 2:

You're the way the truth and the life. You're the well that never runs dry. I'm the branch and You are the vine. Draw me close and teach me to abide. Be my strength, my song in the night. Be my all, my treasure, my prize. I am Yours, forever You're mine. Draw me close and teach me to abide.

When I pass through death, as I enter rest, I depend on You, I depend on You. For eternal life, to be raised with Christ, I depend on You. Yes, I depend on You. Chorus 2

I depend on You, I depend on You. I depend on You. I depend on You.

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Alive & Breathing by Matt Maher and Elle Limebear

What holds your heart
What stirs your soul
What matters come to mind
The cares you keep
The thoughts you think
It's not all wasted time
Seek and you will find

Chorus

Joy still comes in the morning
Hope still walks with the hurting
If you're still alive and breathing
Praise the Lord
Don't stop dancing and dreaming
There's still good news worth repeating
So lift your head and keep singing
Praise the Lord

The years roll by
We wonder why
We lost our way from home
Our Father finds
The child inside
We left for growing old
Awake awake awake my soul

Bridge Let everything let everything Let everything praise the Lord

Bridge In the working in the waiting Let it praise the Lord In the blessing in the breaking Come on praise the Lord In the dying the rising Let it praise the Lord Let it praise the Lord Praise the Lord

Worship Leader: Pastor Chris A. Spelbring

Elder on Duty: Eric Batchelder

Praise Vocals/Band: Vocals: Ashley Shalenko, Paige Esser, Josh Davis; Band:

Josh Davis, acoustic; Jake Meyer, electric; Bill Heizer, bass quitar; Chris Baron, set; Ananda Baron, keys

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Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest and keeping hands folded. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.