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May 25, 2025
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

6121 E. Lovers Lane

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Dallas, Texas 75214

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WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today and hope you will come again soon. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church. —Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor



ZION'S NURSERY — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

THE EVERGREEN THREAD—A meditation on today's lectionary and appointed psalm (67) from an evangelistic perspective—*Work The Plan*: So after being directed away from where they thought they would evangelize, and by favorable winds brought several hundred miles in the opposite direction, Paul and the others must've asked themselves, "What's God's big plan for us?" Turns out it was to be a small prayer meeting down by the river. It was important to God's Plan that the missionary trip went to Philippi where there weren't even enough Jewish men with households (ten, minimum) to warrant a synagogue. Turns out it would be the first mission trip into what is now Europe. (And where did it go from there? Look around you. Here we are.) Today's lectionary forms an Evangelism Master Plan continuum from prophecy (psalm 67) to execution (Acts) to result (Revelation). Psalm 67 is a prophetic hymn of evangelism, expressing the joy of salvation through Christ among all nations. Many hundreds of years after this psalm was written, John was shown in a vision the results of the Holy Spirit's work through all evangelists, continuing thousands of years into the future and even today: disciples are being made of all nations.

God stopped the movement of Paul's evangelism team, from where the group thought they should go and pushed them -with great urgency - to where He wanted them to go. His Plan rather than their plan. As God's mission outpost at the corner of Lovers and Skillman, how do we propose to further His Plan? What's our evangelism plan? God has a Plan to rescue the world, and we are part of it, individually and corporately. There will be no plan 'B'. Just ask Jonah. In these weeks before Pentecost ("Eastertide"), we rejoice with Paul, Silas, Luke, Timothy, Lydia and her household, the jailer and his household and with every worship service happening right now worldwide where the Gospel message is being shared. And as we are leaving, we read what is written in the stained glass: "Make disciples." God planned the work. Go work the Plan.

8:00

✠ Morning Prayer ✠
LSB 235

PRELUDE

Please stand and face the Processional Cross, turning as it passes by.

PSALMODY

VENITE

LSB 236

OFFICE HYMN *Sit*

The Rescue We've Been Waiting For
The hymn text may be found on page 8.

READINGS

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9–15

A 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.” And 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.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and 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 some days. And 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. One 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. And 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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

And 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.

And 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 gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But 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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

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HOLY GOSPEL (*We remain seated for the Gospel.*)

John 16:23–33

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

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

His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now 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.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now

believe? Behold, 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. I 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.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

HOMILY

CANTICLE *Stand*

Benedictus

LSB 238

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY *Sit*

PRAYER

LSB 241

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Stand*

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.**

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 241

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917

POSTLUDE

WELCOME OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lector

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Rev. James Ebersole

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Richard Magers; Board of Elders

Larry Wagner, Ryan Hudson



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The Rescue We've Been Waiting For

1. The rescue we were waiting for Has come most undeservedly.
While we were groping on the floor Of deep despair, what did we see?
The hand of Jesus, God's own Son, Came reaching down to us alone:
No one but he could save us.
2. Chained by the law and its demands And crippled by the curse of sin,
All offerings smeared by guilty hands The walls of hopelessness closed in,
While in the mirror all I saw Was weakling, rebel, fatal flaw—
And found no one to save me.
3. The law, I found, was not the way To life and health, to joy and peace;
I'd piled up debts I could not pay. From death there was no sure release.
And then, when in the deepest throes Of gloom, I heard the hammer blows
Constructing my salvation.
4. The gift I had no right to claim, A life to compensate my loss,
By grace from God the Father came: My Substitute upon my cross.
My pardon there was read to me, Beneath that God-forsaken tree—
And I am free forever!
5. Secure within his warm embrace. Join in the Savior's freedom song:
Show Christ to every downcast face, Shout Christ to all the dying throng!
Sing loving Father, gracious Son, Sing living Spirit, freedom won,
For now and through all ages!

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10:30 A.M.

DIVINE SERVICE I
LSB 151

PRELUDE

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

SERVICE OF THE WORD
LSB 152

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 A - men.

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L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

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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.

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C Thanks be to God. *Stand*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

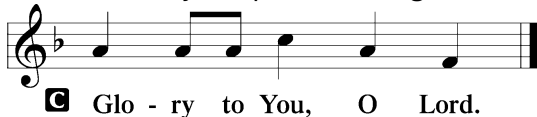


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT LSB 160

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	<i>I Walk in Danger All the Way</i>	LSB 716
	<i>Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise</i>	LSB 680
<i>Stand</i>		
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE	<i>Thank the Lord</i>	LSB 164
RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise</i>	LSB 917

POSTLUDE

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