

# SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

## Mother's Day

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 **Zion Lutheran Sioux Falls**

### AS WE GATHER

Today is a day of overlapping identities and deep emotions. In the secular calendar, we celebrate Mother's Day ... a day of gratitude for the gift of life, nurture, and the hands that held us when we were small. In the Church's calendar, we stand in the bright, lingering light of the Resurrection, observing the Sixth Sunday of Easter. At first glance, these two might seem to pull us in different directions. One is about domestic love and biological or adoptive bonds; the other is about the cosmic victory of Christ over the grave and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Yet, in our Gospel text from John 14, Jesus speaks a word that bridges these two worlds perfectly. He says... "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

**OPENING PRAISE SONG:** "I Believe" Chris Davenport, Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham

#### Verse 1

I believe there is one salvation One doorway that leads to life  
One redemption One confession I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

#### Verse 2

I believe in the crucifixion By His blood I have been set free  
I believe in the resurrection Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

#### Chorus

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome  
The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

#### Verse 3

I believe in the hope of heaven He's preparing a place for me  
Far beyond what hearts imagine Ears have heard or eyes have seen

#### Verse 4

I believe that day is coming He's returning to claim His bride  
Light the altar keep it burning See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

#### Chorus

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome  
The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

#### Bridge

No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life

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#### Ending

In Jesus' mighty name I believe

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### **WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In view of our promised inheritance in heaven, let us implore God's mercy, that in the forgiveness of our sins we may be granted strength to persevere until we obtain the outcome of our faith. We come humbly before You, O Lord, recognizing that we have not always responded to Your grace in faithfulness and obedience. Often, we feel we deserve more or better, forgetting and rejecting Your Word and Your works of salvation.

**People: At times, we are lured by the world's deceptions, consumed by greed, passion, and desire. We fail to be thoroughly grounded in Your Word. Forgive us, dear Lord, for rejoicing in the temporal treasures on earth instead of the eternal treasures of heaven.**

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**People: Forgive my impatience and my neglect. By Your Spirit, lead me to greater faith, obedience, service, and repentance until Your call to eternal glory comes.**

Pastor: Our Lord invites us to come and see what He has done—He has given us solid promises that guard our faith in days of sorrow, suffering, confusion, conflict, and pain. He has sent His Son to be the Word of life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and through the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## MOTHER'S DAY LITANY (based on Proverbs 31)

Pastor: A woman is a blessing to her husband and children.

**Men: She brings her husband good, not harm; all the days of her life.**

Pastor: She welcomes all children, for they are gifts from God.

**All: She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family.**

Pastor: Her words are wise; her compassion knows no boundaries.

**All: She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.**

Pastor: She manages her household and nurtures her family.

**All: She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.**

Pastor: Her husband rejoices in her diligence and faithfulness.

**All: She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.**

Pastor: She teaches her children through daily example.

**All: She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.**

Pastor: Her hands work to serve the Lord our God.

**Women: a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised**

Pastor: She remains ever vigilant; she protects her family.

**All: She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.**

Pastor: She welcomes the future, for her faith is unyielding.

**All: She is worth far more than rubies.**

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

**All: And His mercy endures forever.**

**BAPTISM:** Rylee Robin Ellis

## 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.**

## **TIME IN THE WORD**

**Children’s Bible Reading:** Page 330

**First Reading:** Acts 17:16–31

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbler trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to

repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Here ends the Reading.

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Peter 3:13–22

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

**The Holy Gospel:** John 14:15-21

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who

loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Here ends the Reading.

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

## **OFFERING and TREASURE BOX**

### **OFFERING PRAISE SONG:** “Who You Say We Are” Steven Curtis Chapman

#### **Verse 1**

Oh how great is the love The Father has lavished on us  
That we should be called the children of God  
Oh how great was the cost The Father was willing to pay  
So we could be called the children of God

#### **Pre-Chorus 1**

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You  
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

#### **Chorus 1**

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are  
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father  
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

#### **Verse 2**

Oh how great is Your amazing grace That took us as orphans and slaves  
And made us Your heirs and gave us Your name  
There's nothing more that we could ever do You finished it all on the cross  
And rose from the grave and brought us with You

#### **Pre-Chorus 1**

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You  
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

#### **Chorus 1**

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are  
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father

Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are

#### **Pre-Chorus 1**

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You  
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

#### **Pre-chorus 2**

And all that we can say is thank You, thank You Jesus  
And all that we can say is thank You, thank You

#### **Chorus 2**

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are  
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father Hallelujah we are who You say we are

#### **Chorus 1**

We are Your sons we are Your daughters Hallelujah we are who You say we are  
So we lift our hands and cry Abba Father  
Hallelujah we are who You say we are Hallelujah we are who You say we are  
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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **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 OUR LORD**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**COMMUNION SONG: “Kings Arrival”**

Kyle Borcharding | Kip Fox | Anna Gruen | Adam Lamb

**Verse 1**

Shepherds ran with awe and wonder Left their fields to go and see  
And when they found Him in the manger, a humble child  
Bowed their heads and bent their knees

**Chorus**

Behold, your King’s arrival rich with grace on grace  
Real and present Savior here to meet us face to face

**Verse 2**

Here and now, this room, He’s present Bringing gifts to all His saints  
Simple things like Word and water, and bread and wine  
Miracles in common place

**Chorus**

Behold, your King’s arrival rich with grace on grace  
Real and present Savior here to meet us face to face

**Verse 3**

Someday soon the sky will peel back He’ll be coming on the clouds  
Ending all injustice, sin and suffering Bodies raised with trumpet sound!  
Bodies raised with trumpet sound!

**Chorus**

Behold, your King’s arrival rich with grace on grace  
Real and present Savior here to meet us face to face

**Ending**

Real and present Savior here to meet us face to face

**COMMUNION SONG: “The Same Power”** Jeremy Camp, Jason Ingram

**Verse 1**

I can see Waters raging at my feet  
I can feel The breath of those surrounding me  
I can hear The sound of nations rising up  
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

**Verse 2**

I can walk Down this dark and painful road  
I can face Every fear of the unknown

I can hear All God’s children singing out  
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

**Chorus**

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave  
The same power that commands the dead to wake  
Lives in us, lives in us  
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks  
The same power that can calm a raging sea  
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

**Verse 3**

We have hope That His promises are true  
In His strength There is nothing we can’t do  
Yes, we know There are greater things in store  
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

**Chorus**

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave  
The same power that commands the dead to wake  
Lives in us, lives in us  
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks  
The same power that can calm a raging sea  
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

**Bridge**

Greater is He that is living in me He’s conquered our enemy  
No power of darkness No weapon prevails We stand here in victory In victory

**Chorus**

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave  
The same power that commands the dead to wake  
Lives in us, lives in us  
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks  
The same power that can calm a raging sea  
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**DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS**

**PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING SONG:** “Take You At Your Word”

Aodhan King, Benjamin Hastings, Cody Carnes

#### **Verse 1**

Your word is a lamp unto my feet Your way is the only way for me  
It's a narrow road that leads to life But I want to be on it  
It's a narrow road but the mercy's wide  
'Cause You're good on Your promise

#### **Chorus**

I'll take You at Your Word If You said it I'll believe it  
I've seen how good it works If You start it You'll complete it  
I'll take You at Your Word

#### **Verse 2**

You spoke and the chaos fell in line I know 'cause I've seen it in my life  
It's a narrow road that leads to life But I want to be on it  
It's a narrow road the tide is high But You parted the water

#### **Chorus**

I'll take You at Your Word If You said it I'll believe it  
I've seen how good it works If You start it You'll complete it  
I'll take You at Your Word

#### **Chorus**

I'll take You at Your Word If You said it I'll believe it  
I've seen how good it works If You start it You'll complete it  
I'll take You at Your Word

#### **Bridge**

You said Your love will never give up You said Your grace is always enough  
You said Your heart would never forget or forsake me  
You said I'm saved You call me Yours You said my future's full of Your hope  
You've never failed so I know that You'll never fail me

#### **Chorus**

I'll take You at Your Word If You said it I'll believe it  
I've seen how good it works If You start it You'll complete it  
I'll take You at Your Word

#### **Chorus**

I'll take You at Your Word If You said it I'll believe it  
I've seen how good it works If You start it You'll complete it  
I'll take You at Your Word

#### **Ending**

You're good on Your promise I'll take You at Your Word

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## **SEND OFF**

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,  
**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**