

*Abide
in my love*

JOHN 15:9



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

10:00 AM

THE DAY

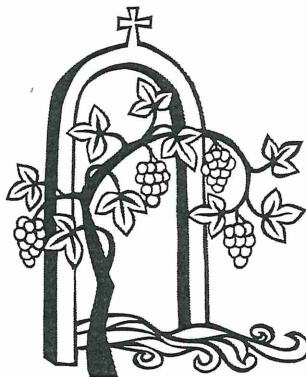
This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDE

Jesus, Once of Humble Birth—Pratt/Meyerbeer/arr. T. Max

Adult Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congregational responses (C) in bold print.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

P Almighty and merciful God,

C we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the desires of our own hearts, we have ignored your covenant of love for us, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord, as we confess our faults. Forgive us as we turn to you in repentance.

P In His goodness, God promises forgiveness in Jesus Christ for those who come before Him in confession. We are given time for the amendment of life and joy in His presence now, and forever.

C Amen.

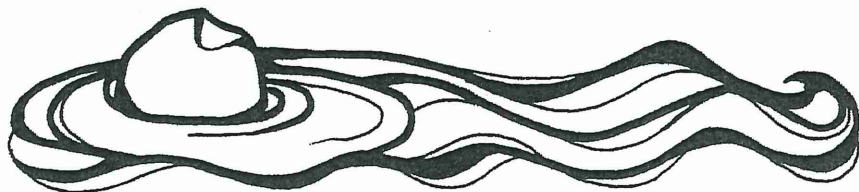
APOSTOLIC GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

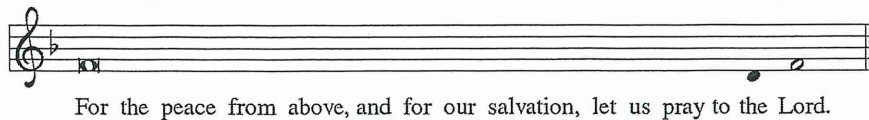
C And also with you.



KYRIE



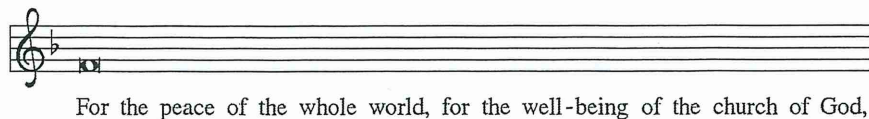
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



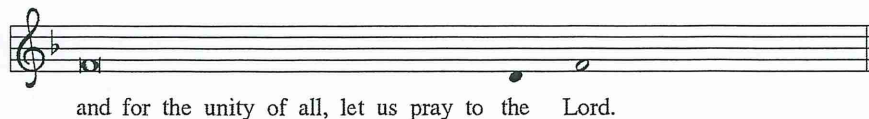
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



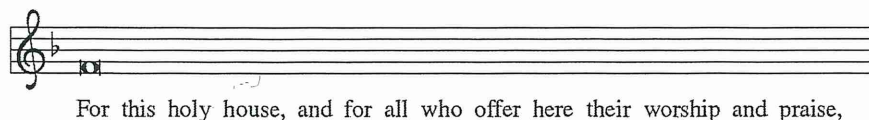
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



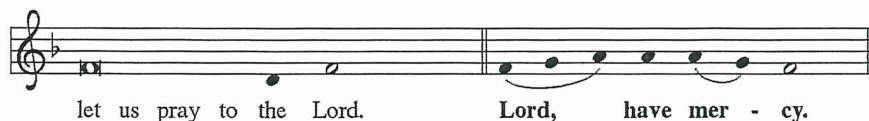
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



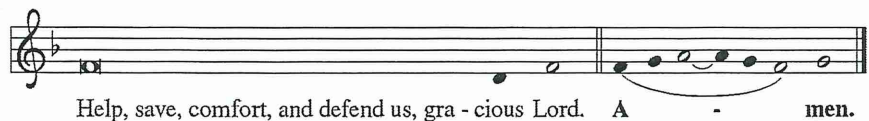
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
See Today's Readings insert

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

The Prayer of the Day is read.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING
Acts 10:44-48
See Today's Readings insert

The reading concludes:

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 98

Read responsively; see Today's Readings insert

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

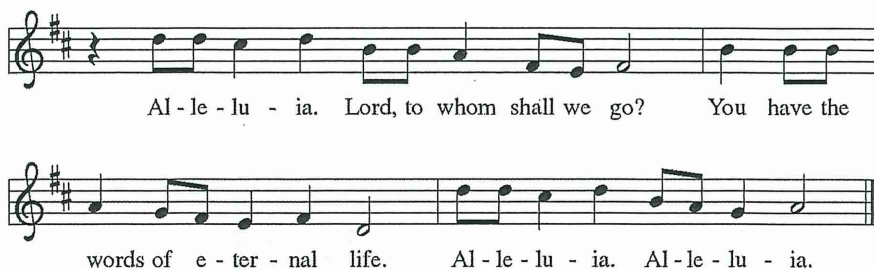
See Today's Readings insert

The reading concludes:

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

See Today's Readings insert

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows

HYMN OF THE DAY

369—Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

LLANFAIR

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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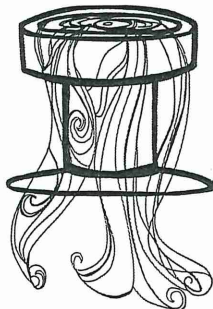
THE NICENE CREED

P Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these words:

P God of grace, **C** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

P ...and living Lord. **C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERTORY HYMN

880—O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

Offerings can be placed in the plates at both exits. If you need assistance, please speak to an usher and they will be glad to help.

O God beyond All Praising



1 O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

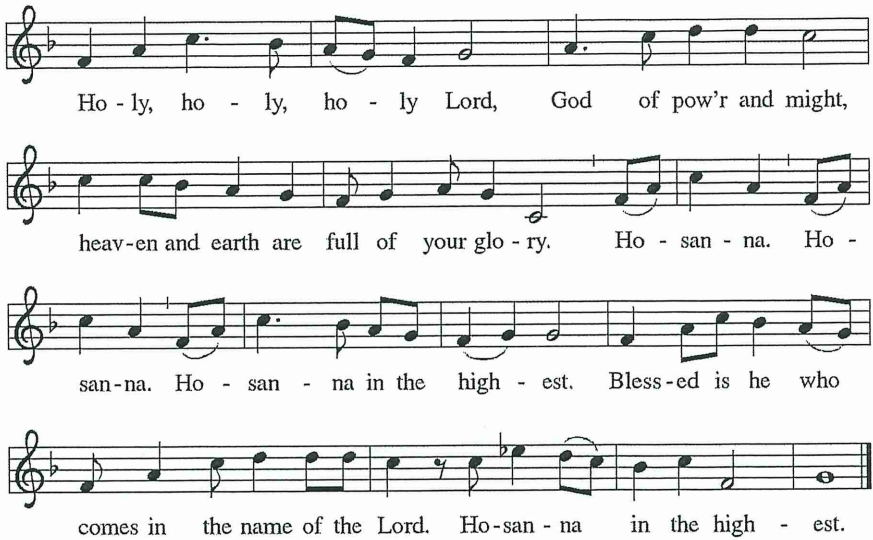
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS



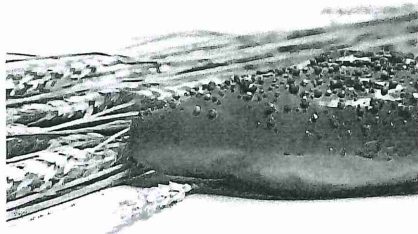
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.



P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with he Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.



AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that in this holy meal Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the elements. **Please come forward with hands extended** to receive the host (wafer) from the presiding minister, and wine from the communion assistant. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on the table at the center aisle. **If you do not wish to receive communion, please come forward with your hands crossed over your chest** to receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

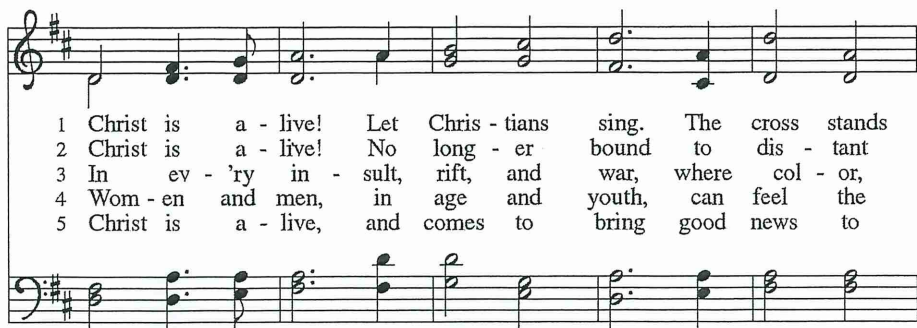
C Amen.

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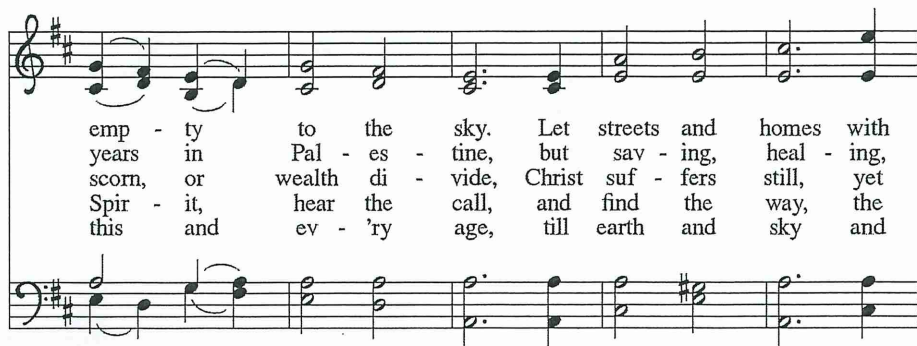
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TRURO

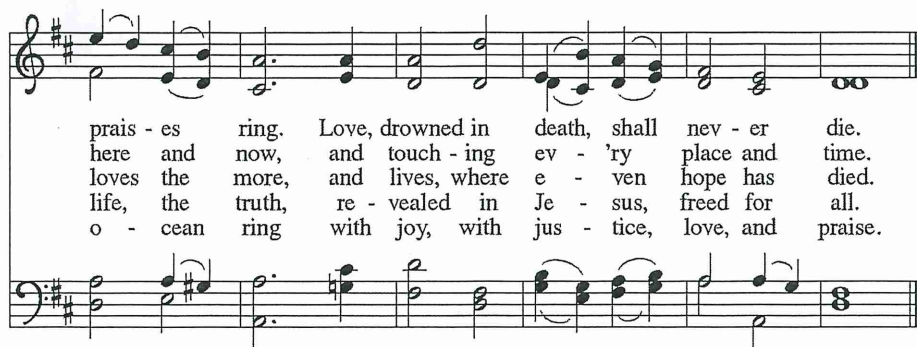
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (LLANFAIR) - setting: R. Williams



HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Hearing assistant devices are available upon request. To borrow a device for the duration of the service, please talk to an usher.

AN ABBREVIATED SERVICE ON YOUTUBE LIVE

The livestream broadcast of this worship service concludes before the distribution of Holy Communion because the Lutheran church teaches, "Concerning the Lord's Supper it is taught that the true body and blood of Christ are truly present under the form of bread and wine in the Lord's Supper and are distributed and received there." (Augsburg Confession "X. Concerning the Lord's Supper"). A recording of Holy Communion could be occasion of the use of the sacrament by individuals without the community gathered "there."

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Altar Care	Volunteer(s) Needed	Volunteer(s) Needed

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

4/28/24, 10am

4/28/24, online

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NOTE: The online service numbers are accurate as of the Tuesday after the service. The number of views may have increased after publication.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Sunday, May 5	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Adult Choir
	10:00 am & online	Easter 6
Monday, May 6	1:00 pm	Quilting
	6:30 pm	Worship & Music
Tuesday, May 7	1:00 pm	Card & Game Club
	8:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, May 8	6:30 pm	First Communion Class
	7:00 pm	Evangelism
Thursday, May 9	6:30 pm	Bell Polishing
	7:00 pm	Executive Committee
Sunday, May 12	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:10 am	Adult Choir
	10:00 am & online	Easter 7
	11:15 am	Prayer Group
	11:30 am	Council



Today's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling

God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm

Psalm 98; tone 9



Sing a new song to the LORD,
who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm
have ¹ won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹ known
your victory,
you have revealed your
righteousness
in the sight ¹ of the nations.**

³You remember
your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory
¹ of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD,
¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice,
and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the
¹ voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound
¹ of the horn
shout with joy
before the ¹ king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar,
and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those
who ¹ dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy
before the LORD,
who comes to ¹ judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world
with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And

this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you

do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

NEWS IN THE PEWS

MAY 5, 2024



SPRING FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 19 at 11am** so you don't miss our Spring Festival! We will be welcoming our neighbors to join us for an afternoon of food, games, a craft, fun, and conversation. *New this year*: we will have tents set up on the front lawn to provide a shaded area for people to hang out.

The Spring Festival is sponsored by the Evangelism and Fellowship Committees. If you have any questions, please speak to Bonnie Arner or Becky East.



CARD & GAME CLUB

The Card and Game Club meets on the **first Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in Memorial Hall** to play Dominoes, various card games, and more. If you are interested, contact Katie Smith for more information. **Our next game day will be held on May 7.**



"MILK MONEY" COLLECTION FOR MARY'S SHELTER

It's time for our annual baby bottle "milk money" donation drive for Mary's Shelter! This organization provides residential and non-residential services for pregnant women and women with newborns who are in need of a supportive environment. They prepare new mothers for independent living and a vision of hope for the future.

Our children and youth will be handing out the baby bottles on Sunday, May 12. Take your bottle home and fill it up! **The bottles are due back at the church by Sunday, June 2.**

Please make checks payable to Mary's Shelter.

Bottles can be returned to the church office during the week, or to the church on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Frantz.



PENTECOST GERANIUM ORDERS

Cost of geraniums: \$6.00 each (5" pots)

Mail your payment and order form to the Church Office, place it in the offering plate, or in the Office drop box. Please mark any envelopes with "Pentecost Geranium Order." Order early to ensure you get your flowers!

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2023

Total Plants Ordered: _____ Total Cost: _____

(Make checks payable to Advent Lutheran Church)

*** DO NOT STAPLE PAYMENT TO ORDER FORMS ***

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Other Notation: _____

_____ *I will pick up my plant(s) after the service on Pentecost Sunday.*

_____ *I will pick up my plant(s) Monday-Thursday between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.*

