



## Sixth Sunday Of Easter

*May 9, 2021*

*9:00am*

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### Introduction

*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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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*Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!*

*Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.*

*Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;*

*visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;*

*let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!*

*Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!*

## Announcements

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.  
Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Apostolic Greeting

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.**

## Easter Dialogue

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: Do not be afraid,  
for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

C: **He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.**

P: “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

C: **He is not here, but has risen.**

P: The tomb is empty.

C: **Jesus has filled our hearts full of love, forgiveness, and life.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

C: **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

## Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

L: <sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all  
who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had  
come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit  
had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them  
speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can  
anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have  
received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them  
to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited  
him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

L: <sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <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 the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This 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.  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

P: [Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have 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>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I 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.

<sup>16</sup>You 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. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you

these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Sue Lang

Reflection Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me

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*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.*

The Nicene Creed

**P: Living together in trust and hope, let us profess our faith.**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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 the People

**L:** Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we bring our prayers before God  
who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

**L:** Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church.  
Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches.  
Today we pray for the Moravian Church,  
giving thanks for the life and witness  
of Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf,  
renewer of the church and hymnwriter.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** Creating God, the earth praises you.  
The seas roar and the hills sing for joy.  
Fill the earth with your love so that by their song,  
all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring,  
may call us to join with them in praise.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons  
but with undying love.  
Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders

and give them your Spirit,  
so that the peoples of the world may live in peace.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Caring Healer,  
you forget no one and accompany the lonely.  
Be present with those who are sick or suffering (especially).

Gary Atherholt	All Military Personnel	Dorothy Brinkman
Brian Brooks	Ellen Brown	Christ's Lutheran
Gail DeReiter	Beverly Faulkner	Bruce Faulkner
Mary Jane Fitzgerald	George Ford	Kevin Fox
Lester Fox	Evelyn Gerhart (Paul)	Paul Gerhart, Sr.
Pauline Gerhart	Tommy Green	Vicky Griffin
Jennifer Griffith	Tammy Griffith	Jack Grove
Tom Karwowski	George Koshorreck	Kristina Lang
Nora Lynn	Kim Mallery	Walter Orłowski
Gerald Parvin	Annabelle Reith	Andrea Reynold
Mary Roberts	Miriam Schaub	Jacob Stauffer
Larry Sweigart	Edee Walters	Doug Whittam
Kimberly Whittam	Mark Wilkins	

Provide for those needing homes or medical care  
and point us towards life-changing responses  
to these needs in our own communities.

Be with the dying.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: For those who serve in all medical and helping professions  
who minister to those sick with Covid.

Renew their hope and their spirits  
as they serve in these difficult and overwhelming times.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We give you thanks, O God,  
for all those who serve in the fields of science and research,  
especially for those who are working tirelessly

on solutions for dealing with the pandemic.

Give them insight as they explore avenues that give us hope in the midst of fearful and uncertain times.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Gracious God,

as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us.

Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives.

Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: Gentle Redeemer,

all who die in you abide in your presence forever.

We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives (especially Wayne Reiss).

Keep us united with them in your lasting love.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Please share a distanced greeting of peace with one another.

### Offering

*There are a variety of ways to give*

*to the church's ministry during this pandemic:*

*Mail or hand deliver your envelopes during office hours*

*or use the Paypal link at <http://www.christslutheran.com/worship.html>*

*Also give through your purchases at Amazon Smile by designating Christ's Trumbauersville as your charity.*

### Offering Prayer

P: God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

### The 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.**

### Words of Institution

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.*



## 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.**

## Sharing of the Body & Blood of Christ

### Post Communion Prayer

**P:** Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Blessing

**P:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Dismissal

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.*

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