



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting One

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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.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: "How Great Thou Art"

The THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism as the Pastor begins

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the Pastor gives thanks.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The GATHERING HYMN

Please follow the Cross of Christ as we gather and sing. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

"All are welcome"

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The GREETING

The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

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The HYMN OF PRAISE ELW p. 101

The PRAYER OF THE DAY ELW p. 102
The assembly is seated

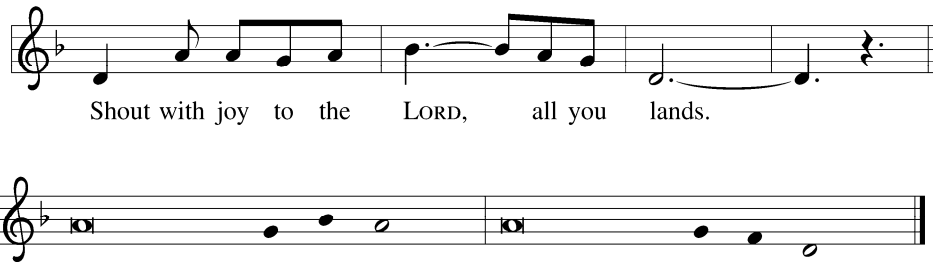
WORD

The FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While 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, ⁴⁷Can 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.



- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹won the victory.
- ²**O LORD, you have made ¹known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight ¹of the nations.**
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹of our God.
- ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹joice, and sing. *Refrain***
- ⁵Sing to the LORD ¹with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹voice of song.
- ⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹king, the LORD.**
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹dwell therein.
- ⁸**Let the rivers ¹clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to ¹judge the earth.**
- ⁹The LORD will judge the ¹world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ples with equity. *Refrain*

The SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

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.

The assembly stands

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

⁹As 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.

¹²This 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.

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands

The HYMN OF THE DAY

"We are called"

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The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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**

The PRAYERS & PEACE

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The assembly is seated

MEAL

The OFFERING

The SENIOR CHOIR

The assembly stands

You Are Holy

Du är helig

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)

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The LORD'S PRAYER

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly is seated

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

*To reflect the celebratory nature of the Fifty Days of Easter, **the Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the altar rail. Please remain standing.** Standing, a symbol of rising and resurrection, is the posture for the Fifty Days of Easter.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838

“How Great Thou Art”

ELW 856

The assembly stands.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray...Good Shepherd,
lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal
to bring joy and fulfillment to others.
Guide us on paths of justice.
Teach us to live for you as servants to one another.
Enfold us in your abiding love.
We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.
Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Children by the grace of God,
one in Christ,
and inspired by the Holy Spirit,
rejoice in the resurrection
and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

The SENDING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee”

ELW 836

The SENDING

Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

The SENDING MUSIC: "Ode to Joy"

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Altar Guild:

Carol Lautenschleger, Sandy Samsa

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Mike & Doris Keener in memory of their daughter Debbie, who would have been 58 today and in recognition of their 59th wedding anniversary on May 19.

The **Eternal Candle** is given in honor of Eric's 15th birthday today by Ma & Pa Weber.

PRAYER CONCERNS—Dave Himes, Judy Himes, Rick Staley, Sam Seward, Alvin Himes, and all nursing home residents.

SOCIAL MISSIONS - There will be a Social Missions meeting on Monday, May 18th at 6:30pm. If you are a member of this committee please plan to attend.



**SUNDAY, MAY 17TH - AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN
BBQ – MALCUI'T'S PARKING LOT – DON'T MISS OUT ON SOME GREAT
CHICKEN !!**



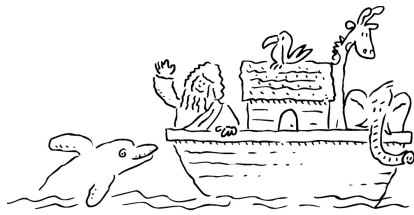
A new sign up sheet for janitorial duties is posted in the Narthex. It will be broken down into a weekly schedule starting with the month of July. Please sign up and help maintain our church.

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you purchase the Altar Flowers on any given Sunday you are now responsible for taking them. The Altar Guild will no longer be delivering the flowers. This decision was made by Church Council on May 12, 2009.

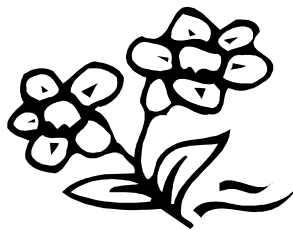
COOPERATIVE CATECHISM DINNER—is scheduled for **Saturday, May 30, at 6pm** at Grace, Dover. It's the end of the year event of our area confirmation partnership for this year. The dinner is open to catechism students and their families.



Vacation Bible School will be held from June 22 – 26, 2009. It will be held this year at St. John UCC. We are looking for teachers and helpers. If you would like to help please call Janelle Allensworth at 330-878-0400 or the Church Office. The VBS will also need 30 dozen cookies from First Lutheran for Wed., June 24th. There will be a sign up sheet located in the Narthex beginning the middle of May. **Registration forms are located in the Narthex.**



Please sign up to help out in the Noah's Ark Nursery. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



Special thanks to Ben McGrath and his landscaping crew for donating their time and materials in the great landscaping job here at First Lutheran!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 5/17—5/24)

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| Sunday | <u>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> (Norwegian Independence Day!!)
9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations)
10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |
| Monday | 6:30 PM—Preschool program (Social Hall)
6:30 PM—Social Missions (Lounge)
7 PM—Beach City Church Council |
| Tuesday | 12 Noon – Rachel Circle |
| Wednesday | 10 AM— <i>Divine Drama</i>
7 PM—Senior Choir |
| Thursday | 7 PM— <i>Divine Drama</i>
7 PM - Evangelism |
| Friday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Saturday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Sunday | <u>The Ascension of Our Lord</u>
9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations)
10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |

Pastor Steven, serving part-time (75% time or 30 hours), office hours for this week

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| Sunday | Worship |
| Monday | 5-9 |
| Tuesday | 9-5 |
| Wednesday | 9-5 |
| Thursday | 12-9 (includes <i>The Divine Drama</i>) |
| Friday | OFF |
| Saturday | OFF |

*These hours include sermon/worship preparation, meetings, and visitation. **Of course these hours do not apply if a pastoral emergency occurs.***