

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts
of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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...we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...let the church say “Amen!”
Amen.

...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER**

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***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*At the direction of the usher, please come forward by the center aisle and
return by the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available upon request, and
you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To
receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All who seek to
receive Jesus in bread and cup are welcome to dine at this table.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

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“I Come With Joy”

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***TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep
you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.
Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

***SENDING HYMN**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ELW Hymn 650

***DISMISSAL**

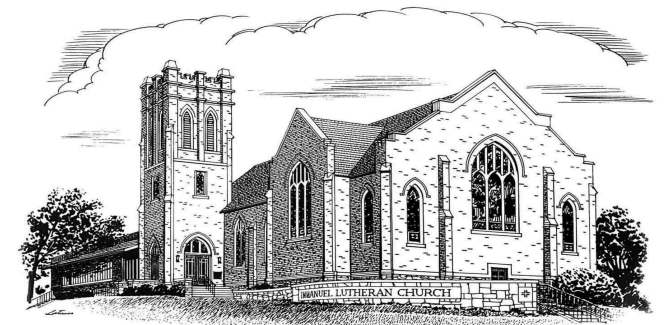
Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

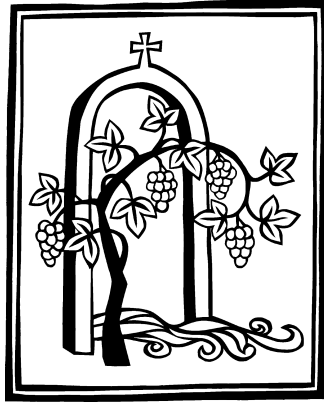
“Lasst uns erfreuen,” by Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)
Based on ELW 367

Welcome to Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 5, 2024
10:00 a.m.



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Find page numbers in the front of the ELW (red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

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*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

"Le point du jour," by François Couperin (1668-1733)

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***GATHERING HYMN**

"O God beyond All Praising"

ELW Hymn 880

***GREETING**

May 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.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"This is the Feast"

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***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.**

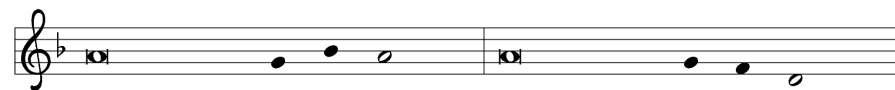
WORD

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, 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 98



1Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done | marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
2O Lord, you have made | known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.

3You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

4Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands; lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R

5Sing to the Lord | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.

6With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.

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

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

9The Lord will judge the | world with righteousness and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

1Everyone 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 9"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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

... Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (*Lobe den Herren*)"

Arr. Jason W. Krug

***OFFERING SONG**

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW Hymn 184