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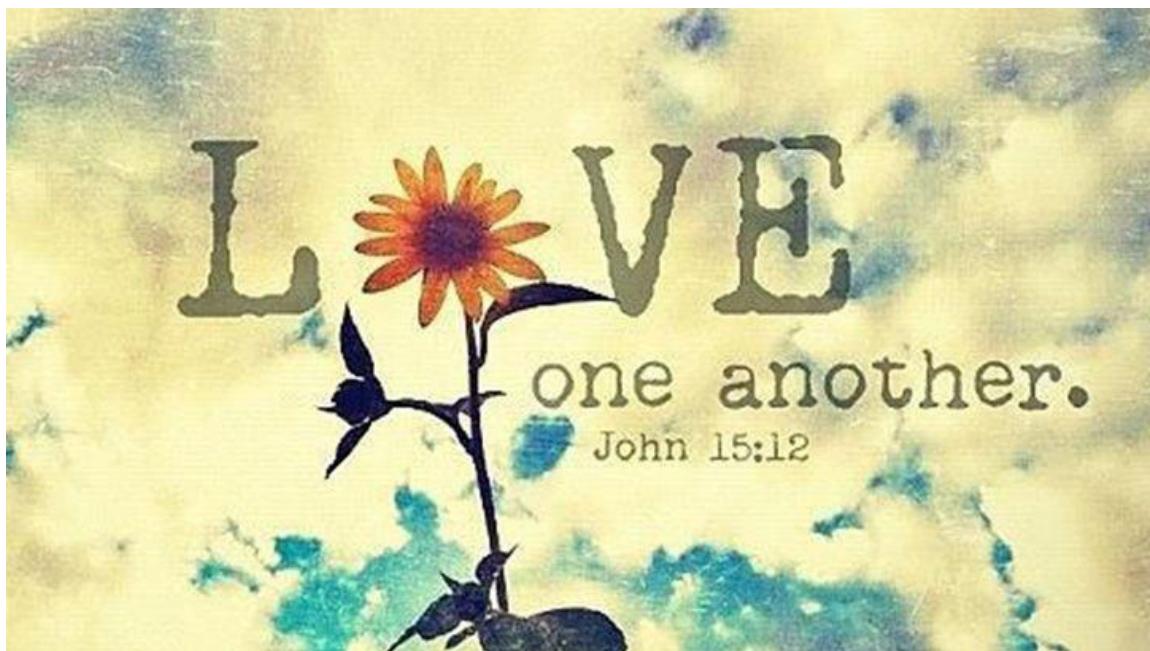
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

## “GOD’S BOUNDLESS LOVE”

*Whoever you are...*

*Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...*

*YOU are WELCOME here!*

## **WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

### **Welcome**

### **Gathering Music:**

*Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.*



### **Invocation and Prayer**

**Leader:** Jesus imparted a message to His disciples emphasizing the importance of love within their community. He encouraged them to love one another sacrificially as He loved them. These words ring true today. We must foster a community of selfless love, breaking down the barriers of division and hatred. By actively demonstrating God's boundless love through acts of kindness, understanding, and genuine care for one another, we become more like Jesus and can experience His boundless love that transforms us to be more like Him.

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All:** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Leader:** Today, we gather under the name of Almighty God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. We come with open hearts, ready to explore the richness of His transforming Word.

**All:** **We open our hearts before the Lord and in expectancy, we wait on Him.**

**Pastor:** I invite you to open up your hearts and minds to the Lord today. Whatever has filled your month, your week, your morning, lay it down before the Lord now and give it to Him. Allow His Holy Spirit to fill you with His love, peace, and joy.

**All:** **We go before the Lord in prayer.**

**Leader:** Let us pray: Heavenly Father, You are gracious and mighty. We are filled with awe of Your majesty and gratitude for the gift of this community. Today, as we gather in worship, we ask that we would experience the depth of Your Word and the transformative power of Your Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Leader: As we stand before the Lord, let us take a moment to confess our sin and seek His forgiveness.

All: **We confess that we have fallen short of Your glory. We have held in our hearts prejudices, built invisible walls out of protection or fear, and have failed to recognize and live out Your boundless love in our lives. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to live as instruments of Your peace.**

Pastor We find complete forgiveness and redemption in Jesus alone, who knows no bounds, and cleanses us of all unrighteousness. We are forgiven by the blood of the Lamb! We are washed clean and renewed. Thank You, Lord. Amen.



Hymn: "Dear Christians, One and All" – LW# 353 vs. 1, 3 & 5

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD** *(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)*

**First Reading: Acts 10:44 – 48**

Reader: This is God's Word  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1 – 6**

Reader: This is God's Word.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**



**Gospel Reading: John 15:9 – 17**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**


Love one  
ANOTHER  
as I have  
LOVED  
you  
-JOHN 15:12



Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" – LW #516

Message: "God's Boundless Love" – Pastor Tom Hurley

## **WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

 **Nicene Creed** – *(All speak together)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

 **The Prayers** – Congregation response, “Hear our prayer.”

**Offering** – The offering plate is by the door as you exit today.

## **WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD’S GRACE**

**Pastor:** Let us approach this communion table in remembrance of the sacrificial love of Christ. In Acts 10, Peter realized that God showed no partiality but accepted those who feared God and did what was right. This correlates with the truths in John chapter 15.

**All:** *“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.”*

## **Words of Institution**

 **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.

## Communion



*Please come to the Altar to participate in the Sacrament. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, “**The Body of Christ, given for you...**” “**The Blood of Christ, shed for you.**” The communicant may say, “**Amen.**” Non-communicating adults and children can cross (X) their arms while at the Altar and receive a blessing.*

## Dismissal Blessing

### **WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD’S GRACE**

#### **Closing Litany: Litany of Love**

Leader: Oh God, open our hearts now;

**All: Grant that we may become a people fragrant and suffused with LOVE. The unforgettable Love of God.**

Leader: We set aside our own agendas in favor of Love’s agenda,

**All: And desire that the Love of God may live and move within and among us,**

Leader: Saturating us so that excess spills out wherever we go.

**All: Re-orient us around LOVE**

Leader: Our God is LOVE.

**All: Refashion us to LOVE’s image;**

Leader: Our way is LOVE.

**All: May we be delivered into love’s hands,**

Leader: Following Love’s direction, Under Love’s authority, Helpless but to fall under Love’s sway.

#### **Benediction**

Pastor: As we depart, go in peace. Live as children of God, breaking down barriers and living out God’s boundless love to your families, neighbors, friends, and strangers.

Pastor: Hear the blessing of our God: The Lord bless you and keep you...



**Closing Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” – Songbook #100**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADULT FORUM** – Join us Monday mornings at 9:30 on ZOOM. Look for the ZOOM invitation in your email each Sunday afternoon.

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### **SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY:**

**Lay Leader:** Dwayne Warren  
**Comm. Assistant:** Dwayne Warren  
**Ushers/Greeter:** Chuck & Elfi Bakken  
**Reader:** Nancy Warren  
**Altar/Pre-Post Clean:** Marcia Hurley  
**Counter:** Chuck Bakken  
**Fellowship:** Dwayne & Nancy Warren

### **SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Lay Leader:** Judy Montoya  
**Comm. Assistant:** *\*No Comm.*  
**Usher/Greeter:** John & Gail Hutson  
**Reader:** Doug Holm  
**Altar/Pre-Post Clean:** *Daina Vitols\**  
**Counter:** Dan Bastien  
**Fellowship:** John & Gail Hutson

*\*No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

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**BIRTHDAY:** None

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** None

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Joseph Worthington (*Grandson of the Bakken's*), Esteban Ramirez (*Grandson of Mercedes See*), and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Charles Gremmels: Charles' squadron are in Korea for a 9 month deployment. His unit is assigned to the DMZ and are deployed to the watchtower area (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels and Grandson of Nelson & Shirley*).

### **SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:**

**Warren Family** – Prayers of comfort with the passing of Xanthia Warren.

**Shane** – Needs prayer for burns on 30% of his body (*John Surinchak*).

**Jeanette Genovese** – She is recovering from hernia surgery (*Ken Benson's daughter*).

**Steve Hendricks** – Prayers of comfort, he's been diagnosed with liver cancer (*Diana Goebel's brother*).

**Mike Gremmels** – Continued prayers for recovery.

**Fern Johnson** – Continued prayers for her asthmatic condition.

**Carmen Roncancio** – Prayers for her health and prays for the finances of her great grandson, Gabriel, and his father, Daniel.

**Lance Desmond** – Prayers for a kidney transplant, as he continues dialysis.

**Jules Schindler** – He is suffering from dementia and hallucinations.

**Elena Schindler** – Prayers for her as she takes care of Jules.

**Ken Benson** – Continued healing from cancer.



## **First Reading: Acts 10:44 – 48**

***Peter visited the household of Cornelius, a Roman centurion, and declared that God shows no partiality and accepts all who fear Him and do what is right. The Holy Spirit fell upon Cornelius and all his household, confirming that salvation is extended to not only the Jews, but the Gentiles, too.***

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

## **Second Reading: 1 John 5:1 – 6**

***John emphasized the strong connection between loving God and keeping His commandments. He affirmed that faith in Jesus as the Son of God leads to victory over trials and temptations in this world.***

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only 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. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies because the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel Reading: John 15:9 – 17

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<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one 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. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

