

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: The end of the Easter season is all about love the love God has manifested to us in His crucified and risen Son and the love He works in us and through us. The Lord is at work in His people breaking down walls and barriers by the love of Christ. Through the proclamation of this Gospel, the world comes to know the love of God for sinners. This love shows its power as the barrier between Jew and Gentile is transcended by Christ. Without exception, Christ died and rose for all people. This common life is reflected in our baptismal life together around the Word and Table of the Lord and in our common witness and confession of Christ to the world.

PREPARATION

(Please stand)

OPENING HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” *LSB* 940

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Hark! the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!**

**Lo, the apostolic train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.**

**Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou has opened heaven to faith.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee,
Though in essence only One;
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hid, and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

People: I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. Except for the promise of Christ, I could not hope for reconciliation and peace. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

Pastor: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul. Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise! Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

(Please stand)

GLORIA PATRI (sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast” LSB 155

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength
and honor, blessings, and glory are His**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
God and the Lamb forever. Amen**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**For the Lamb who was slain has
begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (sing) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You sent forth Your own Son as love come down from heaven to enter our death and to bestow upon us new and everlasting life. Give us such love so that we may believe rightly and live faithfully in Christ, bearing the good fruit that lasts by loving our neighbor as Christ has loved us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (sing) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *Acts 10:34-48 ESV*

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to

testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 John 5:1-8 ESV*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water

and blood Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH (sung)

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

People: (sung) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9-17 ESV*

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so

that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sung) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED Nicene Creed

All: 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 men 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 shall 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 worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine Forever, God of Love” LSB 687

**Thine forever God of Love
Hear us from Thy throne above
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity**

**Thine forever Oh how blest
They who find in Thee their rest
Savior guardian heav’nly friend
O defend us to the end**

**Thine forever Lord of Life
Shield us through our earthly strife
Thou the life the truth the way
Guide us to the realms of day**

**Thine forever Shepherd keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep
Safe alone beneath Thy care
Let us all Thy goodness share**

**Thine forever Thou our guide
All our wants by Thee supplied
All our sins by Thee forgiv’n
Lead us Lord from earth to heav’n**

+ SERMON +

“In Jesus’ Love”

Text: John 15:9-17 (The Gospel Lesson)

Sermon Theme: To love as Jesus loved means that we serve as Jesus served.

Sermon Goal: That each and every one present be moved by Jesus’ loving actions to love one another in the same way.

Outline:

1. To our Savior, Jesus, love was actions for unlovable, sinful human beings.
2. To us, then, love is also to be deeds of sacrifice, even for those who are unloving.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: You loved, O Lord, when we could not love. You sent forth Your Son as love incarnate. By Baptism You made us new in Christ as people of love. Keep us in Christ and equip us to show forth His love to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You break down all barriers that would divide us from You and from one another. Keep us in Christ that we may welcome others in Your name with the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You give us Your Spirit that we may endure temptation and trial and may abide in Christ. Keep us in Christ that we may bear the good fruit of

Your kingdom and show forth the good works of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You have established Your Church as the community of love. Keep us in Christ by confession and absolution, by daily contrition and repentance, and by our communion in the flesh and blood of Christ; bless Your ministers who bring to us Your Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You claim all things for Your own, even our world filled with hate, war, violence, and shame. Keep us in Christ and extend Your protective power over all threatened by injustice and oppression. Bless the leaders in every nation with wisdom and the desire for peace, freedom, and justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You do not abandon Your people in their hour of need but clothe them with Your love and guard them in Your peace. Keep us in Christ, especially the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and those near death, *especially* . . . , and those on our hearts and minds at this present moment; that those who abide in You may endure to eternal life and be kept by Your grace in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and even our very selves, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the

company of heaven we laud and magnify Your
glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

(Please stand)

SANCTUS (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty and merciful Father, we give thanks for
all Your mercies—for the glory of Your creation
and especially for Your saving love revealed in
Jesus Christ. Send down upon us Your Holy Spirit,
and through Your Word bless and sanctify these
gifts of Your own creation as this bread and wine
is the body and blood of Your dearly beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**People: 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.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” *LSB* 571 vs. 1-4

**God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith
Who was made flesh and suffered death
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone**

**God would not have the sinner die
His Son with saving grace is nigh
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs**

**Be of good cheer for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done
And justified by Jesus' blood
Your Baptism grants the highest good**

(Please stand)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We praise You, O Lord, for every barrier You have removed, that we may be one with You in Christ and through Him, united with one another. Send us forth into the world with the good news of His reconciliation and love, that those still in the darkness of sin and death may be brought out into the light of forgiveness and life through the proclamation of Your Word and through good works that show forth Your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word” *LSB 655*

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done**

**Lord Jesus Christ Your pow'r make known
For You are Lord of lords alone
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally**

**O Comforter of priceless worth
Send peace and unity on earth
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Frank Pignanelli, Elder
Laurie Pignanelli, Reader
Bill Switter, David Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women of Mt. Hope & Our Saviour:

Join us for a **Spring Tea Party** & bring a friend too

May 15th from 2pm to 4pm

Food, Fun, Fellowship & Prizes!

Please RSVP by May 12th

Extra flyers are on the bulletin table.

We ask that ladies from the church to bring a desert to share.
Please let Ruth or Sally know if you plan on bringing something.

Mt Hope Preschool Registration

Know a 3 or 4 year old?

Please contact Jackie Fults at 313-213-0912 or

Pick up a flyer on the Bulletin table.

Looking for a car?

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Attendance

Sunday May 2nd

9:30 am 40

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Jon & Kelly Corona – May 11th

Birthdays

Linda Hurst – May 9th

Jon Corona – May 12th

Patricia Morton – May 14th

Laurie Pignanelli – May 15th

For the Shut-Ins

Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons

Ken Knick, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

GAYLE FRENCH, Tests last Sunday (2nd), tests on Monday (3rd) and surgical procedure Wednesday (5th) Faith, Strength, Patience and “Good Results”

DAN, MEREDITH, TITUS, LAUREN, DANA, MEG, for safe travels back to Pennsylvania;

DAVID VanZandt, friend of Glenn Cairns, David was injured in a car accident;

DIANE BROWN, Sandy Cairns sister, suffering from back pain

Dan Chambers, April Stover's Father, Healing after bad fall.

Family of Cebert Clarke, Mrs. Griffin's 52 yr old Nephew, called to his eternal home.

William Gebbink Jr, Illness

Gillan Rossi, Request from Betty Glueck, Ill with Covid-19

Christopher, Recovering from COVID-19