**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 9, 2021 | 9:00 A.M.



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**Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Prelude** *"Great is the Lord"*

**Welcome And Announcements**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*Please rise.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation.

**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.

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.**

Please be seated.

**Gathering Song***“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*” ELW 367

**Greeting**

Remain seated.

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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

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**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**First Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

A reading from Acts.

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.**

**Psalm: Psalm 98**

1Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,  
  whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.  
 2**O 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.  
 4**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;**  
  **lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**   
 5Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
  with the harp and the voice of song.  
 6**With 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.  
 8**Let 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 peoples with equity.

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

A reading from 1 John.

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.**

*Please rise.*

**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** Pastor Josh Martyn

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**Song of the Day***“Beautiful Savior”*  ELW 838



**Creed**

*Please rise.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**A Litany and Prayer for Motherhood**

*Each week during the Prayers of Intercession we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Today, with this litany, we lift up the wideness of God’s mercy for the whole world through the lens of motherhood. Please respond to each petition with the bold text.*

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.

To those who become mothers through adoption –

**we rejoice with you.**

To those who are pregnant and those who have given birth –

**we celebrate with you.**

To those who know the ache of losing a child –

**we mourn with you.**

To those in the trenches with little ones every day, and wear badge-of-honor food stains –

**we appreciate you.**

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away –

**we mourn with you.**

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment –

**we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don’t mean to make this harder than it is.**

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms –

**we need you.**

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children –

**we delight with you.**

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children –

**we sit and sigh with you.**

To those who have lost their mothers –

**we grieve with you.**

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother –

**We believe you.**

To those who are tested by motherhood and milestones –

**we are better for having you in our midst.**

To those who have aborted children –

**we remember them and you with love on this day.**

To those who mother by loving nieces and nephews, students and neighbors –

**we give you thanks for your nurturing.**

To those who wish children had been part of the plan –

**we mourn that absence with you.**

To those who step-parent –

**we walk with you on these complex paths.**

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be –

**we grieve with you.**

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year –

**we pray for your transition.**

To those who placed children up for adoption -

**we remember you and how you hold that child in your heart**

To all those who love fiercely and completely –

**we are grateful for God’s compassion and love shining through you.**

For all who have been tasked with leadership in this difficult time; needing to make impossible decisions that impact the lives of others -

**PEACE to you.**

For all who are hurting right now: experiencing loneliness or agitation; feeling lost or hopeless; and all who are in pain – in body, mind, or spirit -

**PEACE to you.**

For all who are feeling disappointment: missing out on anticipated events, celebrations of milestones; job opportunities, and other moments you thought would be different -

**PEACE to you.**

For all of us – individuals, communities, and countries – a global family facing the realities of COVID-19 which include anxiety, illness and death.

**PEACE to you.**

Into your steady hands, O God, we entrust all for whom we pray, counting on the wideness of your mercy. **Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please be seated.

**Offering**

**Offering Song**  *"We Believe"* by Matt Hooper

**Offering Prayer**

Please Rise.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**Blessing**

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Please be seated.

**Sending Song***“On Our Way Rejoicing”*  ELW 537

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *“Great Are You Lord”*

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**WE PRAY FOR HEALING**

Alice Martin

Bob Lehman

Bob & Lois Lichti - Glenn Lichti's dad & stepmother

Rose Tolzman

Amy Pasker

Bob and Carol Smart

Bernard Kutsch

Gerald Weldon

Bill and JoAnne Blum

Elizabeth Rose-Tolstedt

Mark Arnold

Craig Rose

For the residents and staff at Luther Manor and area hospitals.

**FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE**

Linda Palmer and family upon the death of Linda’s sister, Diane Peacock, who died April 18th

**FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY**

Army: Kyle Salmon, Christina Fink, Col. Karl Anderson, Kyle Osborne.

National Guard: Eric Bowman

Air Force: Chris Barajas, Chris Barajas, Michael Osborne, Logan Knobbe

Marines: Staff Sgt. Rossetti

**CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

We have a group of faithful people who pray for our community every day. [Submit your request online](https://airtable.com/shrkI6d0AjLBP7RWj) or call the church office at 563-582-3228.

**PASTORAL VISITS**

If you would like a pastoral visit by phone during this time of social distancing, please contact one of our pastors.

Pastor Josh Martyn (563) 613-4337 or htlcdbqpastor@gmail.com

Associate Pastor Derek Rosenstiel (608) 556-0206 or associatepastorderek@gmail.com

**FAITH IN MOTION MINISTRY**

**Saturday, May 15, 2021**

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Eagle Point Park  
2601 Shiras Ave, Dubuque, IA 52001  
*Admission is $1 to enter the park.*

**GARDENS OF GRACE WORKDAY**  
**Saturday, May 15th**10:00 am to noon.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS**

Distribution from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. (while supplies last)

**Saturday, May 15th** - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**ADULT FORUM**

**Thursday May 20**

6:30 pm

Via Zoom

**HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT**

**Friday, May 21st**

5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

We will make sack lunches for the CROP Walk at HTLC.

**Saturday, May 22nd**  
8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

We will help with the Dubuque Area CROP Walk.

**DUBUQUE AREA CROP WALK**

**Saturday, May 22**

Registration begins at 9:30 A.M.

The walk begins at 10:00 A.M.

Murphy Park

**DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION MEAL**

**Saturday, May 22** – Prepare the meal – time to be announced.

**Sunday, May 23** – Deliver & serve the meal - 11:30 A.M.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**   
**Saturday, May 22** from noon until 2:00 P.M.  
Join us for hot dogs/brats and fun and games.   
We will meet in Asbury Park in the Sullivan Pavilion.  
Watch for an online sign-up sheet on our website.

**8TH GRADE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

**May 23rd**(Pentecost Sunday)

**PENTECOST PARTY**

**Wednesday, May 26th**5:30 to 7:30 P.M.  
On the grounds of Holy Trinity

**The Fellowship** **Team** would like to announce the return of Coffee Hour between services beginning **Sunday May 16th.**  We will be looking for volunteers to **host** future Coffee Hours. Watch for more information and sign up sheet soon!

**Be sure to visit our website for details about these events and more!**

