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## Faith Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church  
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**JOHN 15:15**

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## THE PURPOSE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*In the power, guidance, and strength of the Holy Spirit, we seek God's presence in worship to open our hearts and minds that He may be glorified and we may be empowered to love and serve all people, that souls may be won for Jesus Christ.*

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 4, 2024*

**Faith Lutheran Church is a congregation of baptized believers gathered together by Christ around His life-giving word and sacraments, who are sent out into the world as witnesses to Christ as they serve their neighbors in love within their individual, God-given vocations.**

**Prayer upon Entering Church:** Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.* †

**Guests:** We welcome you in the name of our Savior and invite you to worship with us regularly. If you do not have a church home, why not make ours yours? If you have a spiritual concern, or would like to know more about our church, please consult with Pastor Winterstein.

**Holy Communion:** The practice of the Lutheran church is to receive Holy Communion with members of churches with whom we are in fellowship. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, please speak to the pastor before communing. If you have not been baptized and instructed in what we teach and confess, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The individual cups in the middle of the trays contain grape juice with a minimal amount of wine in them. If you use the individual cup, the pastor will direct you to drink with the words of Jesus. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the Sacrament of the Altar here at Faith, please speak to Pr. Winterstein.

**Parish Nurse:** Carol Trunzo is available by appointment at 509 393-9938 or [cat121551@gmail.com](mailto:cat121551@gmail.com).

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request that you would like included in the Prayer of the Church, you may fill out a prayer card from the table by the offering plate and give it to the pastor or an usher. You may also speak to the pastor prior to the beginning of the service.

**The Rite of Friendship:** There is a red vinyl pad on the aisle side of the pew. Before worship, please record your first and last name and, if you are a guest, please include your mailing address. This information helps us with ministering to the needs of guests and members. Members, please record address and phone number changes, as well as your current email address, if you would like to receive a weekly update from the church.

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# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*      *LSB 556 sts. 1-5*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, With ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly  
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it  
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -  
5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spr-ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my  
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all  
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for  
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of My crown, And bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left  
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He  
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.  
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."

At each ✠ one may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of one's Baptism. At each ❖ one may bow in reverence.

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Since we all stand individually before our God, asking for His mercy in Jesus Christ, we take this time of silence to examine ourselves and our sin in light of His Word.*

## Confession of Sins

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

*[John 20:19-23]*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I

forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

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



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.**

Blessèd | be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast |  
love from me!

❖ *Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\* and to the Holy / Spirit;*  
*as it was in the be- / ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

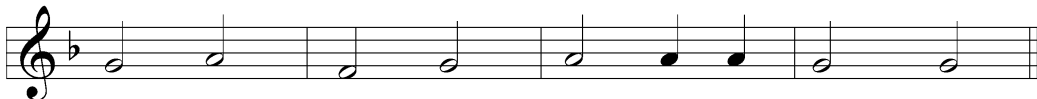
Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\*  
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



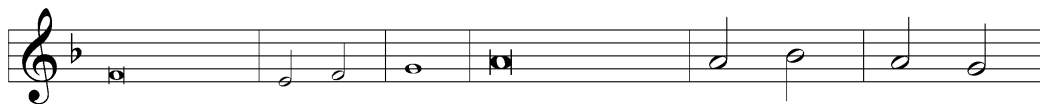
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

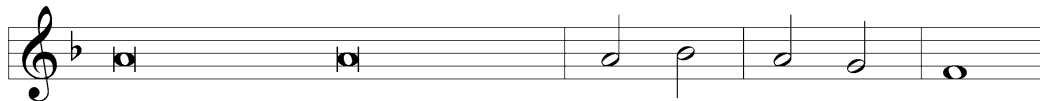
*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



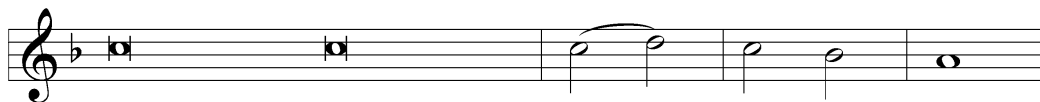
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



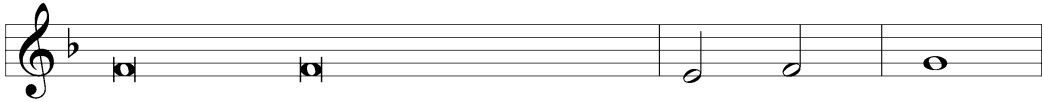
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 10:34–48*

*Gentiles Hear the Good News; The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.**

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands,\*

**he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

## Epistle

*1 John 5:1–8*

*Overcoming the World; Testimony Concerning the Son of God*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 15:9–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

*from I Am the True Vine*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## Nicene Creed

**C** 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 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 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: *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

LSB 845



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst  
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
 As members of His body joined  
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
 That names the Savior's name;  
 His family embraces all  
 Whose Father is the same.

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**Sermon**

**Votum**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, in your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary .... evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** 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 Words of Our Lord

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

**P** 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."

## Pax Domini

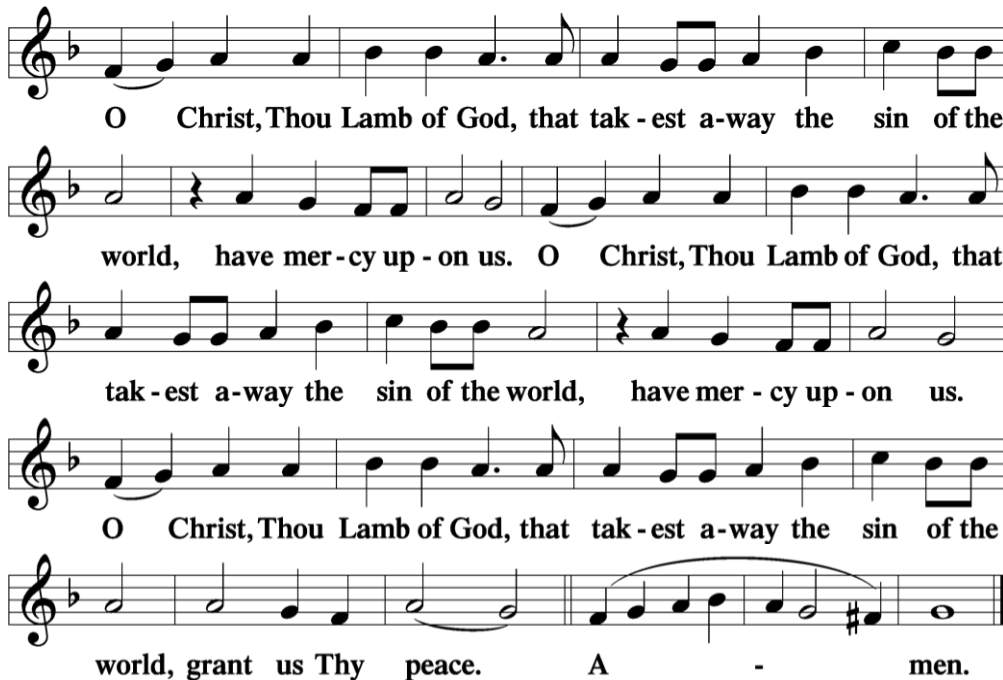
*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution

**Prayer before receiving Christ's Body and Blood:** Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word and I shall be healed. [For further preparation, you may want to consider Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers on pp. 329-330 of Lutheran Service Book.]

**Prayer after receiving Christ's Body and Blood:** Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# Distribution Hymn: The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

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| 5 The gifts are in the feast,<br>Gifts far more than we see;<br>Beneath the bread and wine<br>Is food from Calvary.<br>The body and the blood<br>Remove our ev'ry sin;<br>We leave His presence in<br>His peace, renewed again. | 6 All glory to the One<br>Who lavishes such love;<br>The triune God in love<br>Assures our life above.<br>His means of grace for us<br>Are gifts He loves to give;<br>All thanks and praise for His<br>Great love by which we live! |
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# Distribution Hymn: When I Behold Jesus Christ

LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,  
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;  
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;  
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.  
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.  
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.  
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



*Refrain*  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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# Distribution Hymn: *Wide Open Stand the Gates*

LSB 639



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While  
2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This  
3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in  
is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and  
saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!  
drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.  
face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.  
All hu - man thought must fal - ter—Our God stoops low to heal,  
This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,



The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!  
Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!  
Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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# Distribution Hymn: O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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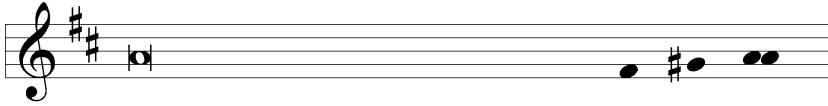
## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

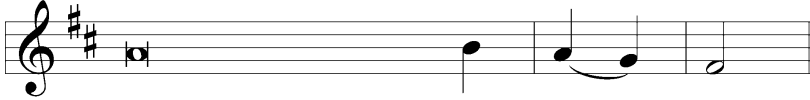
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

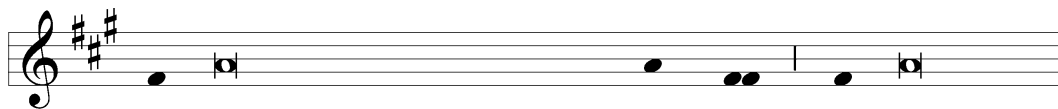


**A** Bless we the Lord.

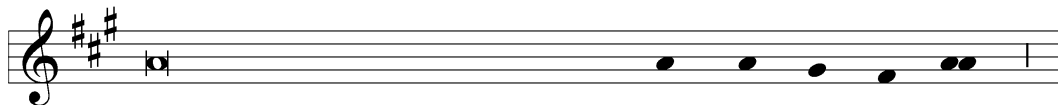
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

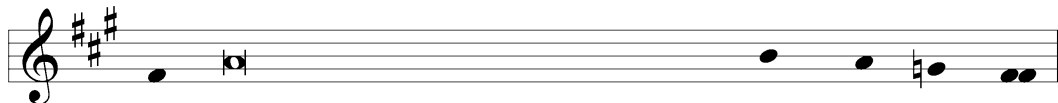
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

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# Hymn to Depart: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556 sts. 6–10



6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin  
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and  
8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -  
9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -  
10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and



moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to  
cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I  
reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead - fast  
cend - ing, And, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly  
teach - ing; So shall the king - dom's work be wrought And hon - ored



be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis - guised He bore; A  
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And  
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My  
Spir - it send - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And  
in your preach - ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The



ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.  
where I am you may re - main; The foe shall not di - vide us.  
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for - ev - er.  
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.  
heav'n - ly trea - sure should de - stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

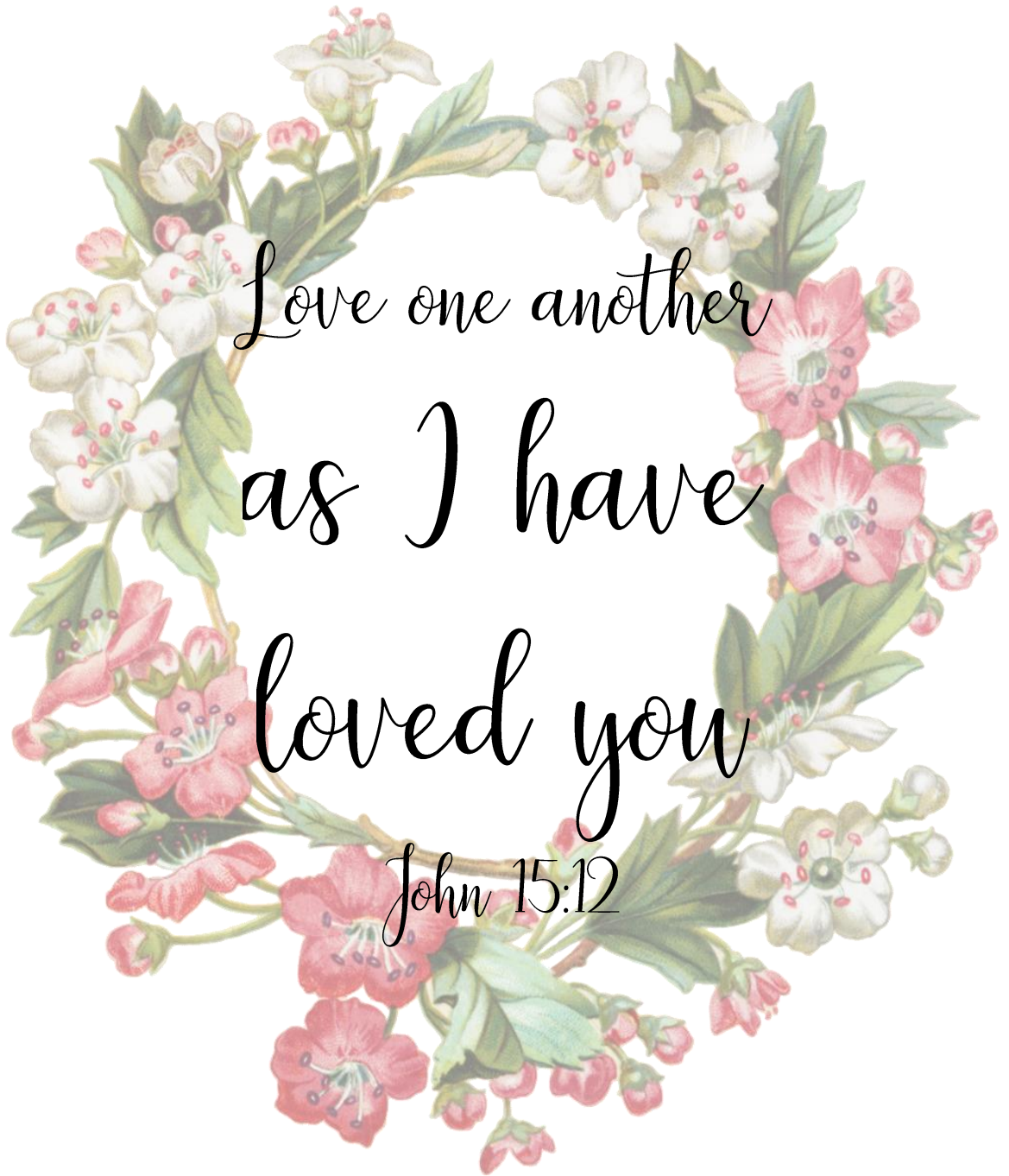
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## Announcements

**P** Go in the peace of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude



Love one another  
as I have  
loved you

John 15:12

## Announcements

**Ascension Day:** Please join us this Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 pm for The Ascension of Our Lord.

**Sunday School:** This week, students will study “Called Christian.” Following his conversion, Saul (also called Paul) is introduced by Barnabas to the apostles in Jerusalem. The Church had spread to Antioch, so the leaders in Jerusalem send Barnabas there. He exhorts the people to remain faithful, and he brings Saul from Tarsus to help him minister among the people in Antioch for a whole year. The name Christian is first used for the believers in Antioch. The Church in Antioch sends relief to the believers in Judea.

**Be Our Guest:** Women of the congregation are invited to the May 7 Women’s Circle Salad Luncheon at 1:00 pm. Come and learn about our mission and service projects! Enjoy food, fellowship, and a Christian devotion.

**It is the particular work of the church. Missionary Spotlight, Lutherans in Africa!** In Africa, the lack of resources available for education, coupled with traditional beliefs and practices, lead to misunderstandings of the Living Word. An overwhelming need exists for basic doctrinal teaching for Lutheran Pastors, evangelists, and deaconesses. LIA addresses this issue by also training African pastors to be the teachers in their own communities. Based in Nairobi, Kenya, Rev. James E. May Jr., is a graduate from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and a former missionary in French West Africa. He and his wife Tina have six children: Sarai, Jonas, Sofi; Maggie, Tristan, and Matthew. Faith Lutheran Church is also the recipient of the beautiful crucifix in our narthex, as given to us by our brothers and sisters at LIA in Nairobi. What a precious reminder of our Saviors sacrifice on the cross, for “our” sins. Please support our brothers and sisters in Africa. *Send your financial donations to:* Lutherans in Africa, 7140 Tacoma Ave, Mayer, MN 55360



**Lutherans for Life:** Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one's own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).

# Prayers

**Prayers for Missionaries:** Rachel Krause, Deaconess Kim Bueltmann and Pastor Hugo Gevers, working with Middle Eastern refugees in Germany; Pastor James May with Lutherans in Africa

**Prayers for our Synod's Leaders:** Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Paul Linnemann

**Prayers for our Nation:** Our President, Congress, Governor, and Legislators

**Prayers for our World:** Locations of conflict and wars

**Prayers for our Military:** Caleb Barger, Levi Barger, Captain Robert Haight

**Prayers for Continued Healing:** Matt Bruggman, Flo Brunner, Laura Cornwall, Liz Eberle and Melinda Lowery, Becky Fischer, David Kerby, Maxine Melcher, Barbara Miller, Joan Olson, Neel Riyali, Diana Snell, Karter Spurgeon, Don Woodworth

**Prayers for Expectant Mothers:** Alice (Loebsack) Brecht, Nicole (Stone) Bernal, Carissa Stone

**Prayers for Shut-Ins:** Mim Schwich

**Prayers for Students:** Faith Lutheran Preschool staff and preschool children

**General Prayers:** For those seeking employment and/or experiencing hardship in these difficult times

<b>Sunday 5 The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> Coffee Fellowship Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am 11:00 am
<b>Preschool Schedule</b>	Pre-K: Monday, Wednesday, Friday Preschool: Tuesday, Wednesday	8:30 am-11:30 am 9:00 am-11:30 am
<b>Monday 6</b>		
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	LWML/Women's Circle Salad Lunch	1:00 pm
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	Matins	8:30 am
<b>Thursday 9 Ascension Day</b>	Matins Tabitha Circle Thursday Prayer <b>The Ascension of Our Lord</b>	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am <b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday 10</b>	Men's Bible Study Ladies' Bible Study	7:30 am 9:00 am
<b>Saturday 11</b>		
<b>Sunday 12 The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> Coffee Fellowship Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am 11:00 am

**Readings for Sunday, May 12:** Acts 1:12-26; 1 John 5:9-15; and John 17:11b-19

	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Organist</b>	<b>Greeter</b>
<b>Today</b>	Tom Watson	Susan Rumble	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Gregory Berndt	Susan Rumble	
<b>Altar Care</b>	Anna Ericksen		
<b>Flowers</b>	<i>Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Mary Ellen Kerby in celebration of Our Lord's gifts, and Dave's birthday</i>		
<i>Offerings Last Week:</i> \$1,800	<i>Offerings Last Month:</i> \$13,700	<i>Attendance Last Week:</i> 70	



### About the Cover

Jesus does not treat us as servants but as friends. He does not withhold from us what the Father is doing but openly shares His loving intention. The Father's love is this: "That He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). That love spills over into doing what Jesus has commanded and loving one another, especially all fellow friends of Jesus.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 10:34–48

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>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. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

### Epistle: 1 John 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

### Holy Gospel: John 15:9–17

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another."