

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9 ♦ 9:00 am



GATHERING

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

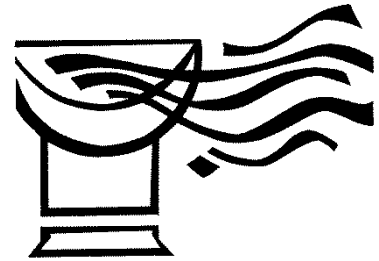
C Amen

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,

C let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font

P We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.



C **To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” (cantor sings stanzas 1 and 2; **ALL SING STANZA 3**)

Joyful, joyful we adore you
 God of glory, Lord of love.
 Hearts unfold like flowers before you
 op’ning to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 drive the dark of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.

You are giving and forgiving
 ever blessing, ever blest.
 Well spring of the joy of living;
 ocean where my soul finds rest.
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 You who rescue and restore,
 Joyful we your heav’n inherit.
 There we’ll praise you evermore.

**Mortals join the heavenly chorus
 Which the morning stars began
 Boundless love is reigning o’er us
 Reconciling race and clan.
 Ever singing, move we forward
 Faithful in the midst of strife.
 Joyful music leads us forward
 In the triumph song of life**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 A **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ALL SING



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ Let us pray.
- ☞ **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**

SERVICE OF THE 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, ⁴⁷Can 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.

SECOND READING | John 5:1-6

Everyone 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.

ALLELUIA VERSE **ALL SING**

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

HOLY GOSPEL | John 15:9-17

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

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.”

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

SERMON

LOVE
one another

JOHN 15:12

HYMN "We Have Been Told" (cantor sings verses; **ALL SING REFRAIN**)

Refrain

We have been told, we've seen his face, and
heard his voice a - live in our hearts;
"Live in my love with all your heart,
as the Fa - ther has loved me, so I have loved
you."

Verse 1

1. "I am the vine, you are the branch-es, and all who
live in me will bear great fruit." **D.C.**

Verses 2, 3

2. "You are my friends, if you keep my com - mands,
3. "No great-er love is there than this: to
no long - er slaves, I call you friends."
lay down one's life, for a friend." **D.C.**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

- P** Hear us, O God
- C** Your mercy is great.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- P** The LORD is my strength and my song;
- C** and He has become my salvation.

- P** Thanks and praise to You, heavenly Father, for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death, He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, He has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (ALL SING)



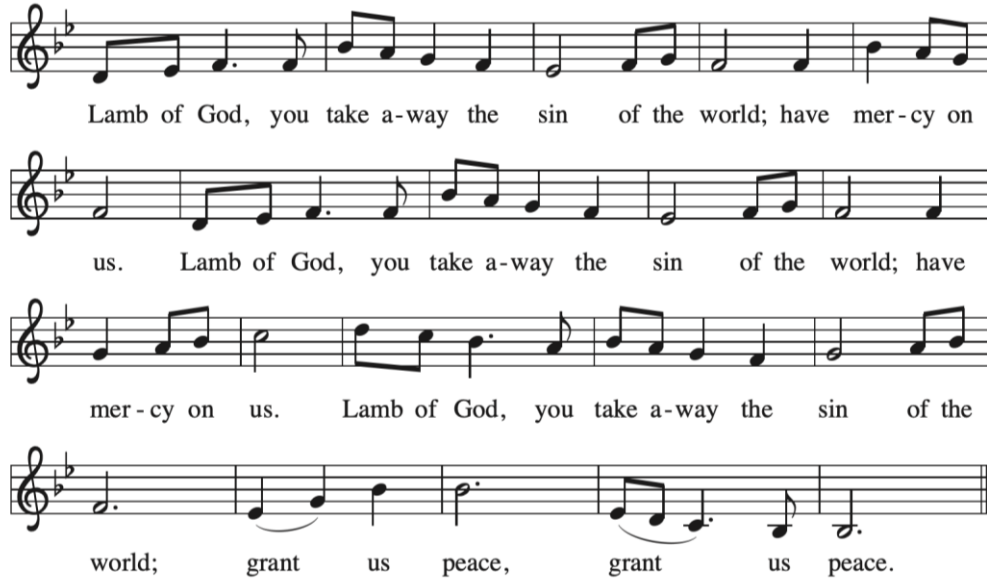
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

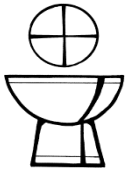
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

LAMB OF GOD (ALL SING)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION




Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.


- As you approach the altar down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.)
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread (Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered)
- Proceed to the left or right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”
(cantor sings verses; **ALL SING REFRAIN**)


Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, b. 1925, alt.
Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune; adapt. Tom Colvin, b. 1925

DISMISSAL

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray:
Wellspring of joy,
- C** through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P** 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.
- C** Amen
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- A** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN “Spirit, Open My Heart” (cantor sings verses; **ALL SING REFRAIN**)

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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 Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953
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 You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the
 church or make your offering online.

THANK YOU

Thank you to my GOGEL family for the beautiful prayer shawl, the prayers, the calls, the texts, the messages, the gifts and the fabulous food. Your love and kindness has been a tremendous blessing to me and my family while I've been dealing with the cancer treatments.

You are truly the hands and feet of Christ!

with much love,
Deb Hanson



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