

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024 A.D.
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

(LSB 700)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P 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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

\dagger **WORD** \dagger

INTROIT

Ps. 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; (antiphon: Ps. 66:16)

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

C **Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

P Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,

C **who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

P Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34–48* (People from every nation are accepted by God.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Christ our Hope in Life and Death" (setting Lloyd Larson)
Faith Choir

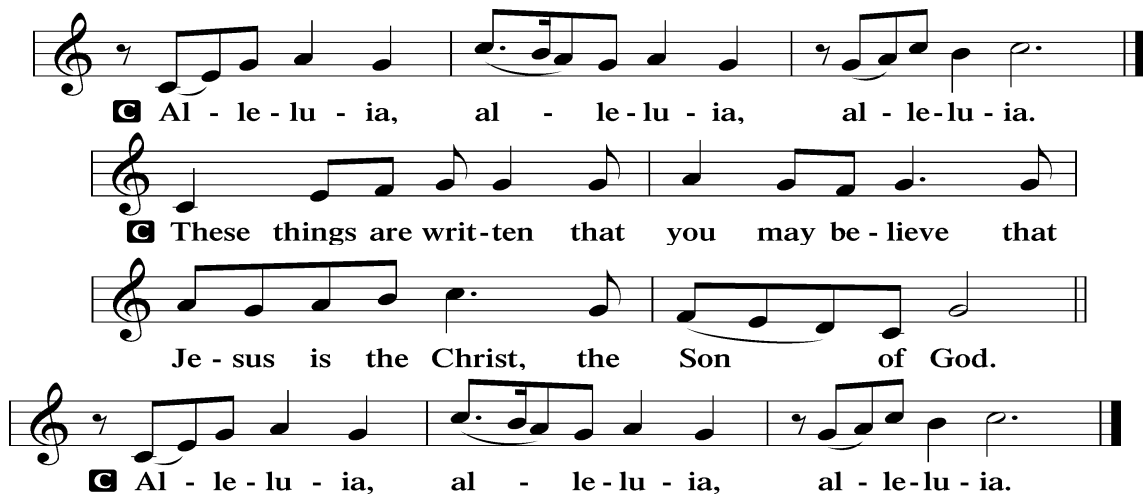
EPISTLE *1 John 5:1-8* (The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9-17* (Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

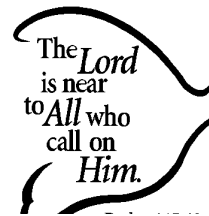
SERMON HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (LSB 770)

SERMON "This is the Victory" (1 John 5:4)
Pastor Sam Handschke

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11:00 Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Heavenly Father, You invite us freely to come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of all, You make known the good news of peace through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of our missionaries that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father of love, out of great love for You and for sinners, our Lord Jesus laid down His life for the world. Increase in us true love for one another, that like our Lord, we may also lay down our lives for our friends. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty Father, You rule this world by Your established authorities in ways that we do not always understand; yet in the name of Jesus, we may ask You anything freely as friends and sons. Bless our nation's leaders, and cause them to serve wisely for our good. Give earthly peace and justice that is in accord with Your commandments and the order You have revealed. Bring an end to injustice, violence and disdain for Your truth, and let us receive all good with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, the Giver of all that is good, grant Your healing and support to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity [*especially* _____]. Give them also the gift of Your grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You, that finally they would be prepared to depart this life and receive the gift of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**



P Merciful God, at the death of Your Son, You gave the testimony of Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from His wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and so overcome the world by our faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak**

with our pastor, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
8:30 Service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

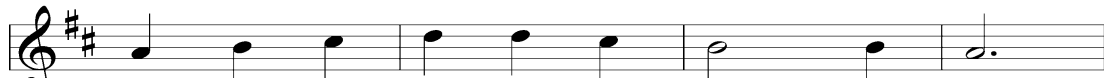
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

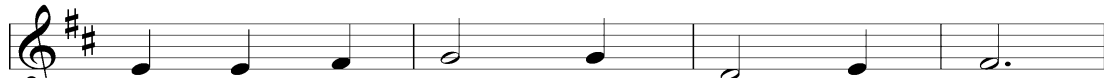
AGNUS DEI



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Come, My Soul, with Ev'ry Care" (LSB 779)
- "What Wondrous Love Is This" (LSB 543)
- "My Song Is Love Unknown" (LSB 430)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *and* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 A-men, a-men, a - men.



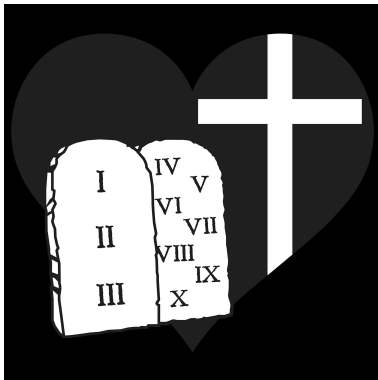
CLOSING HYMN

"Christ the Eternal Lord"

(LSB 829)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER A treasured children's song, "I Love to Tell the Story", has a refrain that follows each of the stanzas penned by poet Arabella Katherine Hankey, repeating the simple words: "I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love." The original Greek language in which John wrote his Gospel uses the word "love" either as a noun or a verb some nine times in the section of Jesus' words

heard in the Gospel for today. Jesus wants His disciples and us to know the abiding power of His love. It is that love that compels us to love one another—and the “others” beyond our circles of family, friends, and other close relationships. We are blessed in hearing the “old, old story of Jesus and His love” anew today. May we be blessed in telling it out in love as well!

[Jesus said:] “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.” *John 15:9–10*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Sixth Sunday of Easter! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Apr. 24, Att. 65, Offering \$146.00; Sun. Apr. 28, Att. 382, Offering \$8,298.48; Sunday School \$1.00; Building Fund \$20.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Lent \$5.00; Reimbursement for music \$10.95; Mexico Mission \$1,175.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$154.13.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any

number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Voter's Assembly The Voter's Assembly has been moved to Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm. This gives the boards a bit more time to gather names to nominate and for the sample ballot to be in the bulletin for two weeks prior as the by-laws dictate. We will be voting in new board members.

Compassion Sunday **TODAY**, May 5th, between services the table in the Living Room will have packets of children who need your support. Your support gives these children a chance at life with food, clothing, education, and the chance to know their Savior. With your help these children will grow up to be doctors, lawyers, government workers and leaders in their communities. This is a great opportunity to live out God's call to care for the poor. Please consider helping a child out of poverty and receive the blessings of a relationship with them.

Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center Health kits update!!! We are in need of the following items:

New large bath towels – 23
New sealed toothbrushes – 8
Lip balm – 36
Fingernail clippers – 9

Small or Travel size shampoo – 7
Small or Travel size conditioner - 22
Small or travel size deodorant – 26

Thank you for your help with this. The LWML will be packing the kits on Monday May 13th at 7:00. As we will need to have things ready to pack at that time, **please return your items before Thursday, May 9th. Thank you. Jan Larson 605-280-0862**



Kuchen Sales for Minneboji Our youth going to Minneboji will be selling kuchen again on Mother's Day, May 12. These kids are learning that you need to work to get the things you want (camp being one), not all things are given to you. Please buy kuchen and help these kids get to camp.

CREATION MUSEUM + ARK ENCOUNTER
Motor Coach Tour Dates: July 28 — Aug. 3, 2024

Join us on a Creation Museum and Ark Encounter



trip this summer and let the Bible come to life for you. See, www.faithluth.com/arktrip/

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “How Come A Nice Girl Like You” - A nurse struggles with what to do after reconnecting with an old boyfriend.

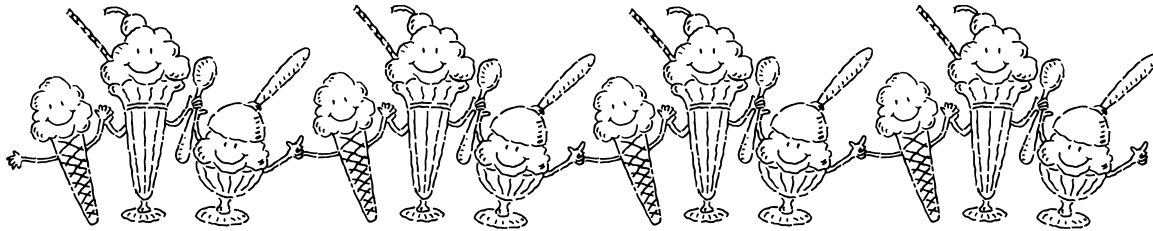
10:30 AM - **Rev. Bob Moeller**, pastor at Our Saviour's Lutheran in Pipestone, MN, presents a message titled “How to Overcome the World.” This sermon is based on 1 John 5:4-5. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ’s goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven.” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



Building Healthy Families: Would your mother or father qualify to be in the “Perfect Parents Hall of Fame”? Wait, is there such a thing as a “perfect” parent? Obviously, no. But amazing Christian parents for whom we’re eternally thankful? You bet! This year, from Mother’s Day through Father’s Day, you’re invited to publicly celebrate and honor your (nearly) perfect parents! Starting this week we’ll be accepting and sharing stories (including sentimental, faith-building, life-impacting, and funny ones) and images of our near-perfect parents. If your parents are no longer living but transferred on to heaven, you can still remember and celebrate them. Learn more and hear other people’s stories on Lutheran Family Service’s Facebook (www.facebook.com/lutheranfamilyservice) or Instagram page (@lutheranfamilyservice). **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Faith Lutheran Youth



All Midweek Catechism Class Students are invited to enjoy a sundae bar May 15th halfway through normal class time. As always, invite a friend too!

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 5

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: May 6

7-10 pm Pickleball
7:00 pm Men's Club

Tues: May 7

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am *Truth Project*
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
11am-1pm Preschool Picnic

Wed: May 8

11am-1pm Preschool Picnic
6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm *Luke Bible Study*

6:00 pm *Connected to Christ*

6:30 pm *Acts Bible Study* (in homes)

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: May 9

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Fri: May 10

12:00-5:00 Master Gardeners Set-up

Sat: May 11

9-11 am Master Gardener's Plant Sale

Sun: May 12 Mother's Day

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow