

Faith Lutheran Church - Worship and Communion

May 5, 2024 at 9:30 AM

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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<https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheran-reno>

*Abide  
in my love*

JOHN 15:9



**Welcome!** We are a family of faith, and glad you are here! Congregation responses appear in bold throughout the bulletin and hymnal.

**Children's Bulletins** are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

**In Our Worship on the Sixth Sunday of Easter:** In John 15 Christ calls the disciples "friends." On this, Catholic priest John J. O'Brien writes, "The Spirit is shaping an affective and apostolic heart in all of us. Let us listen to that Spirit-song well and learn its melody. This song is a song of presence, of being with the other without calculation. We are not slaves; we are not members of Christ based on hierarchies of status or greater or lesser rank. We are lettered and unlettered, male and female, newborn and long-born, friends. Such friendship in Christ makes us companions at the Lord's table. There is scandal in this: it goes against the competition models we have learned."

## - GATHERING -

### PRELUDE

#### EASTER PRAISE

*(when bell rings, please stand and join in song)*

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### WELCOME & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

**Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.**

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the  
dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

**In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

**We rejoice with glad hearts, giving you praise, through Christ our source, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty\**

**ELW #858**

### **GREETING**

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**

**-WORD-**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.  
The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift

of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So 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 98

### *Refrain:*



Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
**whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.**

LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
**you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
**all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.**

Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
**lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

### *Refrain*

Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
**with the harp and the | voice of song.**  
 With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
**shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
**the world and those who | dwell therein.**

Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,**  
**who comes to | judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
**and the peo- | ples with equity.**

### *Refrain*


**SECOND READING: 1 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. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This 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.**

**EASTER GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please Stand as you are able*



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

Jesus said: "As the Father has loved me, so I have 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has

greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I 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. You 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

***"I am the vine; you are the branches."***

**SERMON**

***Branches of Promise***

**Rev. Shaun O'Reilly**



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***I Come with Joy***

**ELW #482**

**EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly 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,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who 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 OF INTERCESSION**

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**- MEAL -**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN**

**ELW #182**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
 Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
 unite them with the prayers we offer now.*

*Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

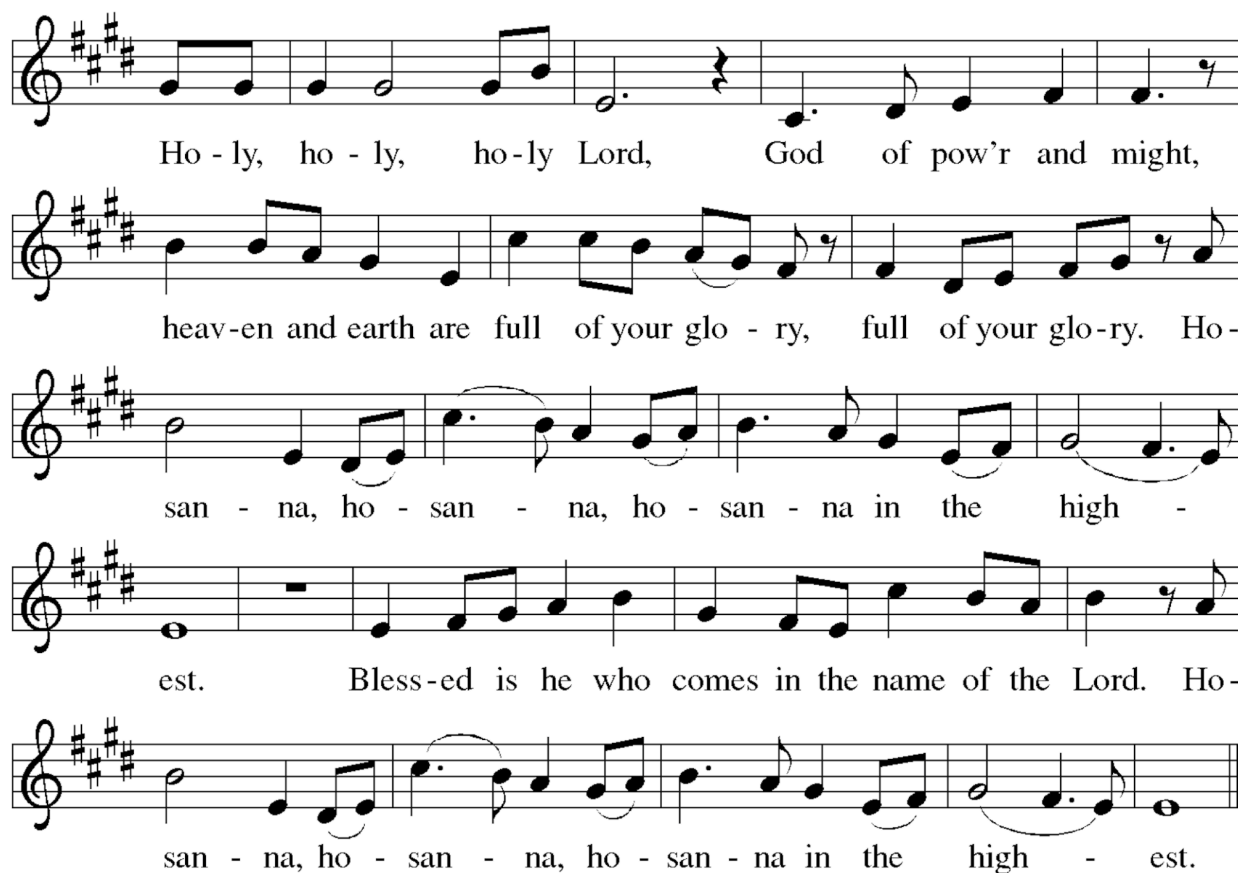
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe ...

... now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE 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.**

## COMMUNION

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,*

*Grant us peace.*



## COMMUNION HYMNS

### *Come, Let Us Eat\**

**ELW #491**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
 Our Lord's body let us take together,  
 our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
 Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,  
 Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,  
 in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.  
 In the presence of our Lord we gather,  
 in the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,  
 rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.  
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,  
 Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

### *What A Friend We Have In Jesus\**

**ELW #742**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--  
 all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
 We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

### ***They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love***

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
 And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

#### ***Refrain:***

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
 yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
 And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

#### ***Refrain***

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
 We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
 And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.

#### ***Refrain***

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
 And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.  
 And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

#### ***Refrain***

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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- SENDING -

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN**

***Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia\**, vs 1, 3, 4, 5**

**ELW #364**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

Christ is the vine, you are the branches.

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

*\*denotes favorite hymn of congregation*



*Flowers today are given by Connie Anderson  
in celebration of Debra & David's Anniversary.*

**Serving Today:** Greeter, Erica W. / Acolyte, O'Reilly Family / Reader, Pam S. / Asst Minister, Cindy T. / Cantor, Matthew R. / Ushers, Betty T. & Annette W. / Altar Guild, Trish D. & Kathy W. / Tech Support, Riley C. & the FLC Tech Team / Counters, Katie W. & Sigrun C. / Coffee after Worship, Judy C.

**- Activities at Faith -**

- **Sunday Adult Forum and Kids' classes** - following worship today @ 11am.
- **Bible Study - Every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm**, in person and via Zoom.
- **Saturday Faith Formation Classes** - Saturdays @ 1pm.
- **See our May Newsletter** – in the Narthex or online!
- **May 12th, Mother's Day.** Bring a flower (s) to place in the sanctuary to honor your mother or a woman who is/was a motherly spirit in your life.
- **May 19th, Pentecost,** Remember to wear red in remembrance of the day.

**-Shared Harvest in May-**

For the month of May we need 56 Cans of **Canned Vegetables**, 42 Cans of **Chili**, 42 Cans of **Chicken Noodle Soup**, 42 Sleeves of **Saltine Crackers**, 42 Cans of **Tuna**, and **Laundry Detergent** in unlimited quantities. Packing will be on Sun, May 19th, (*the 3rd Sunday*), 1pm @ Lord of Mercy, Sparks.

**Our Giving and Tithes:**

Monthly church budget for 2024 is: **\$15,530.00**

Recent giving for the month of **April 2024** was **\$11,391.00**

**Online Giving** through Tithe.ly.com for **April 2024** was **\$100.00**. You may give through our website, click on "Support Faith" at the top of our homepage.

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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	<b>May 2024</b>			
<b>Task</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Erica Wilfrid	Judy Carlin	Welmerink Family	Betty Thompson
<b>Acolyte</b>	O'Reilly Family	Welmerink Family	Pesis Family	Storey Family
<b>Reader</b>	Pam Shannon	Judi Hein	Bob Tonkins	Linda Zimmerman
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Cindy Thompson	Erica Wilfrid	Louis Ling	Sharon Scagliotti
<b>Cantor</b>	Matthew Rhiley	Riley Cloyd	Louis Ling	Richard Scoggins
<b>Usher</b>	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Matthew Rhiley & Tom Landis	Annette Warner & Debbie Hansen	Tom Landis & Matthew Rhiley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Trish Dyer & Kathy Wilson	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson	Sharon Scagliotti & Trish Dyer	Annette Warner & Betty Thompson
<b>Piano/Organ</b>	Heinz Denoyo	Heinz Denoyo	Heinz Denoyo	Heinz Denoyo
<b>Accompanying Musician</b>	Olivia Knock Cellist	Olivia Knock Cellist	Olivia Knock Cellist	Olivia Knock Cellist
<b>Counters</b>	Katie Weldon & Sigrun Coffman	Davyann Schalnath & Linda Zimmerman	Davyann Schalnath & Stan Pesis	Theresa Wolken & Sigrun Coffman
<b>Coffee after Worship</b>	Judy Carlin	Zimmerman Family	Eileen Way	