

Windsor Heights Lutheran Church
6th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 5 ~ 10:45 a.m.



This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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Prelude, *The Heart of Worship*- Mark Redman

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We gather at this font, O God,
creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow.
We praise you for local bodies of water,
and for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font.
We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth,
this flood of endless mercy,
and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

We ask you, almighty Provider,
to give us the water we need,
and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font.
By the water of our baptism empower us
to pour out ourselves for others
and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery,
be all praise and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn, *O God beyond All Praising* - ELW 880

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day *response after the prayer Amen.*

First Reading - Acts 10:44-48

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm- Shout to the Lord- Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

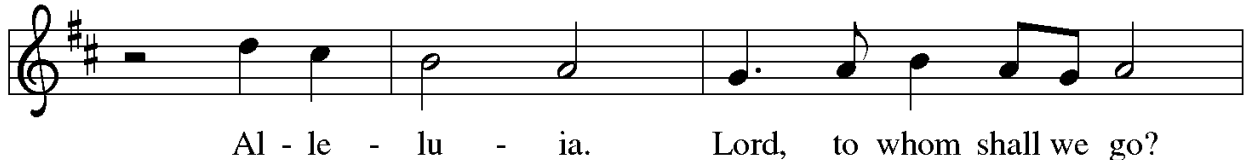
*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of You hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel, John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon - The Rev. Chris Olkiewicz

Hymn of the Day, *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* , ELW 708

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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering, *The Church*- Chris Brown and Mack Brock

Offering Prayer *response after the prayer* Amen

Dialogue

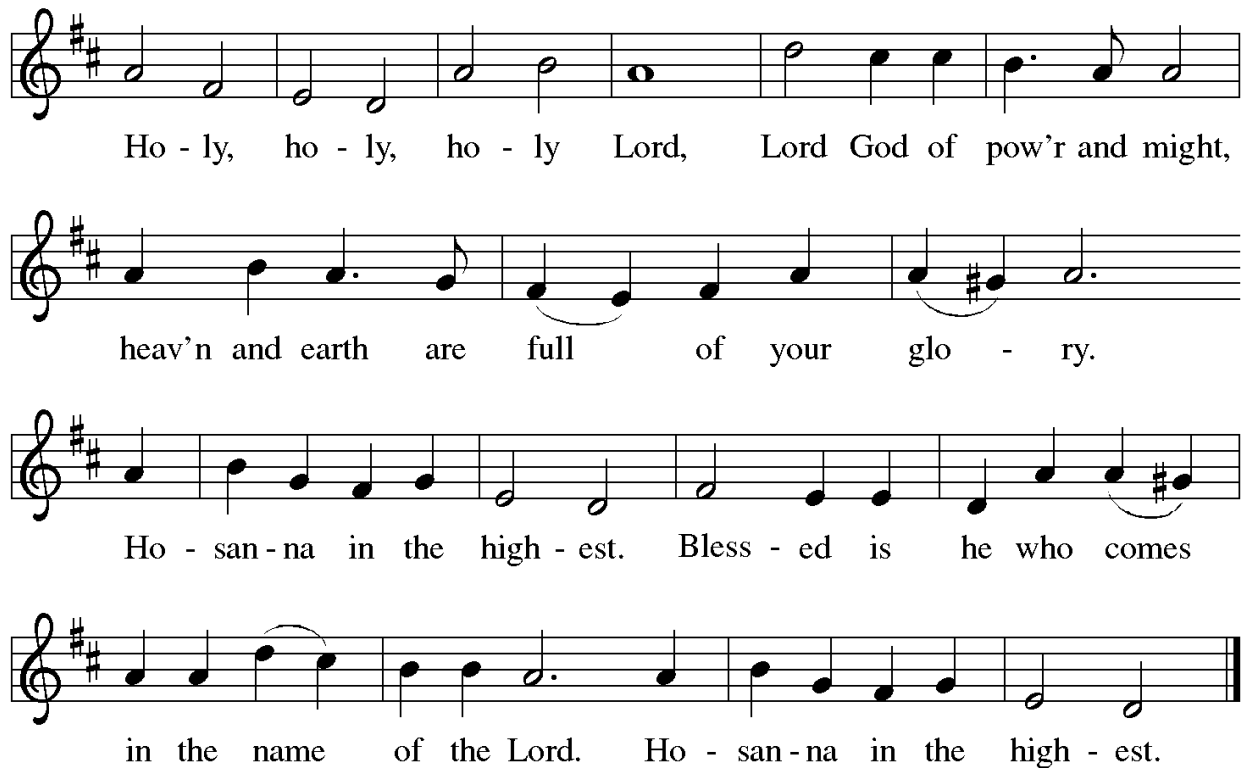
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day; the assembly responds:



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

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God of the universe... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life... Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all time and places... now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation is seated.



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 Hymns - *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - ELW 742

Communion Prayer *response after the prayer* Amen

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn - *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* - ELW 774

Dismissal

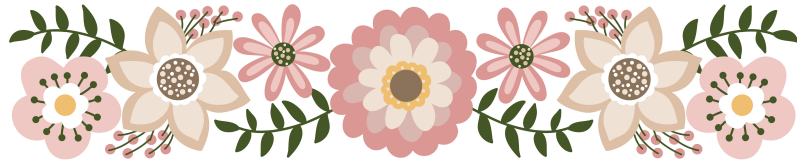
Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Music - *Today Is the Day*- Lincoln Brewster, Paul Baloche

We keep in our prayers:

Ross Curnow
Marilyn Deavers
Bruce Dodgen
Edna Eakins
Marvin Kister
Dean Paulsen
Teresa Powers
Ann Stoen
Ellie Swale
Jerry Toft

Altar Flowers:



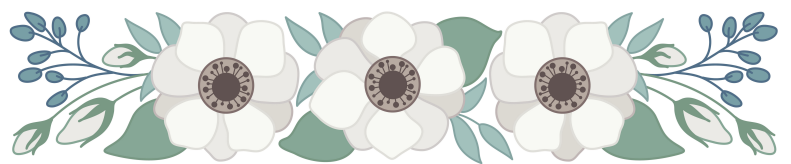
Altar flowers are given by
Ralph & Betty Johnson in celebration of
their 60th wedding anniversary.
Happy Anniversary, Ralph and Betty!



Altar flowers are given by
Barb & Joel Waymire in celebration of
their grandson, Everett's, 8th birthday.
Happy Birthday, Everett!



Sympathy



Sympathy to the friends and family of
Vivien Wells, who died Saturday, April 13.
Her funeral will be at WHLC
on Thursday, May 16, at 11 a.m.,
with a luncheon following.



We couldn't be more excited to prep for this awesome week in July! Like previous years, we are going to go all-out with decor; we'll be transforming the church into the ultimate summer camp forest, decorating all three floors to exchange the experience for the students.

Like previous years, we need your help in collecting some of the supplies to decorate the entire church! This year, we're looking for donations of a couple key items: Camping equipment you don't need anymore (tents, sleeping bags, bug nets, chairs, electric lanterns, etc.), GREEN disposable tablecloths, wooden pallets and cardboard boxes. We'd gladly take any of these items if you got them!

It'll take us quite some time to decorate the whole church, so be on the lookout for decor starting to spring up here pretty soon!



The Monday quilting group completed their 1,000th quilt the week following the spring shipment! Proudly holding the quilt is Jeri Spizale, LaVon Heston and Kathy Safris. Delores Koch does a great job of sewing the outside edges so she has put a few miles on her machine, used a lot of thread and broke a few needles!

Come join the quilters on Mondays from 9:30-12!