

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**8:30AM • May 9, 2021**

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude: "Sanctuary" 3X

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You

### The Easter Litany:

P: Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. C: Amen.

### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Faithful and Just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen

P: Christ suffered for sins, once for all, in order to bring you to God. Now you are God's people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God's sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ. C: Amen.

### Gathering Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #836

Verse 1: Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2: All Thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3: Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

### Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray.

C: O God, 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.

**Acts 2:42-47:** read by Hallie O'Connor <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### Gospel Acclamation: "Hallelujah" 2X (Please stand as you are able)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah...Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

**Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17** [Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have 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>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord, C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Sermon

Sermon *Pastor Eric Hanson*

## Hymn of the Day: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

**Verse 1: 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 May one day be restored**

**Chorus: And they’ll know we are Christians By our love by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians By our love**

**Verse 2: 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 [Chorus]**

**Verse 3: 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 each man’s dignity And save each man’s pride [Chorus]**

**Verse 4: All praise to the Father From whom all things come. And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one [Chorus]**

## Apostles’ Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, & he will come to judge the living & the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers: *(call and response)*

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *A brief silence.* Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations’ leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering, especially Gabriel Ryan, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Karl Thomforde, Connie Ludwig, Joe Melson and Louise Petefish. Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

**Offering & Doxology:** Oh, Worship the King, all glorious above; Almighty, God's son in power and love.  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end; Our maker, defender, redeemer & friend.

**Offertory Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

C: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

L: The Lord be with you    C: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts.    C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.    C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

**Salutation**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!* #413 Vs. 1-2

Vs 1: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Vs 2: Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.

**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:** *"I Received the Living God"* #477

Refrain: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.  
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Vs 1: Jesus said: I am the bread kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. [Refrain]

Vs 2: Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. [Refrain]

Vs. 4: Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,  
but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. [Refrain]

**Communion Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

C: Wellspring of joy, 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.**

**Blessing:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending:** *"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"* #539

**Vs 1:** Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with Your grace  
That evil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.

**Vs 2:** Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.

**Vs 3:** Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.

**Vs 4:** Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through Your Word.

**Vs 5:** Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

**Dismissal:**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L: Go in peace. Share the good news

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** *"Go Tell It On a Mountain"* Refrain 2X

Go Tell it on the Mountain, over the hills and everywhere, go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ still lives!

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