



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Introduction

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.

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

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

Gathering Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

We Pray: 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.

The Word

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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, ⁴⁷“Can 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

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L: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] 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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“My Song is Love Unknown”

#343 vs. 1-3, 6

Apostles Creed

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Prayers of the People

L: Lord in Your Mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Sung

The Sending

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 Hymn

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

#742

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

For the week of May 9, 2021

Prayer Concerns at Peace Lutheran Church

FOR HEALING, STRENGTH & GOOD HEALTH:

Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)

Megan Grabow (Shelby & Derek Sister-in-Law)

Navah DenHerder

Ervin & Florence Heidecker

Eric Sellers (Cancer)

Tammy McReynolds (Terry Halversons Sister)

Matt Ellerkamp (Brain Tumor Treatment)

Lea Madler (Lung Cancer)

Bonnie Heidecker (Throat Cancer)

Carli Ystaas

Marlyne Tveter

Area Firefighters

Family of Holly Mawby

Family of Kelly Mann

COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

All those serving in the military & their families. Our partner congregations: St. John's Lutheran in Richardton & St. John's Episcopal of Dickinson partnering ministries: Badlands Ministries, the Ministries in the Central African Republic.

Wednesday Night Worship and Faith Formation this Wednesday at 6:30 pm

This is our last regular Wednesday Night Worship and Faith Formation night. Our theme/activity is The Promise of the Holy Spirit – John 14:15-21 – the Holy Spirit helps us love Jesus in a big way.

Next week, Wednesday May 12, all are welcome to attend the Potluck Meal and Snoop Party which will begin at 6:30 pm. Snoop party directions are printed in the May newsletter and in the Sunday bulletin.

Senior Recognition Sunday

Congratulations and God's speed to the members of Peace Lutheran Church who are graduating from high school this spring. On Sunday, May 30, 2021 Peace Lutheran will pray for our seniors. Seniors and their families will be lifted up in prayer that day but are not required to attend worship. Our seniors are:

Ethan Blotske son of Ryan and Cassie Blotske
Nick Fagerberg son of Tim and Heather Fagerberg
Kyra Townsend granddaughter of Bette Madler
Chasyn Ystaas son of Chad and Carli Ystaas

God is with you wherever you go!

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meets on May 18th

Just a reminder to the Peace Lutheran council members- we have a church council meeting on Tuesday May 18th at 7:00pm at the church. Hope to see you there!

It's Time to Plant the Community Garden!

Soon Peace Lutheran's Community Garden will be tilled and ready for planting. Updated registration and waiver forms can be found at the church website or in the church office. If you are interested in having a plot(s), please fill out the forms and turn in the appropriate fees. Plot assignments will be made by May 7th then planting can begin.



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