

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.

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

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*Setting Three*

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.

# Joys & Concerns

## Prelude

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

**P.** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

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.

**C.** Amen

### Gathering Hymn

*Blessing and Honor*

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### Greeting

**P.** Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**C.** And also with you.

*Kyrie*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



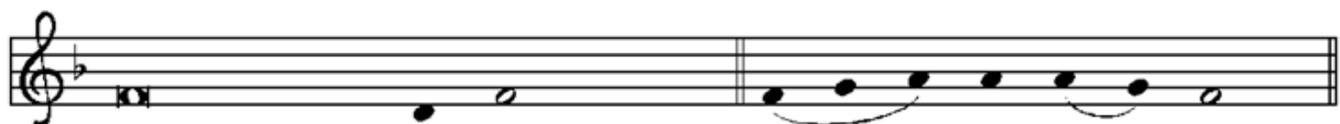
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



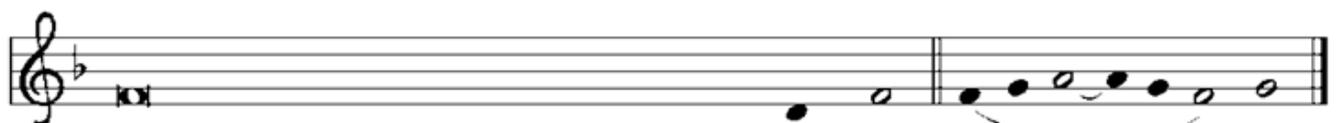
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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## 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, you Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading

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.



P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 98

Spoken Responsively

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

**O LORD, you have made <sup>1</sup> known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory <sup>1</sup> of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with the harp,  
with the harp and the <sup>1</sup> voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound <sup>1</sup> of the horn  
shout with joy before the <sup>1</sup> king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and <sup>1</sup> all that fills it,  
the world and those who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.

**Let the rivers <sup>1</sup> clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to <sup>1</sup> judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the <sup>1</sup> world with righteousness  
and the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples with equity.

### 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.

P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

P. The holy gospel according to John, chapter fifteen.



Jesus said to his disciples, “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.”

C. **Glory to you, O God.**

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Modelling Love”

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

*Faith of Our Fathers*

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# Healing

THROUGH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

**P.** We are here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who restored the sick to health, and Who Himself suffered for our sake. He is present among us still to heal and to make whole. We entrust those who are sick from our Lord of Life community of faith to the grace and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, that the Lord may ease their pain and despair and grant them improved and continued health along with renewed life here and eternal salvation.

*Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord Jesus. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:14-16)*

**P.** I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, asking Him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of His love.

I anoint you with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

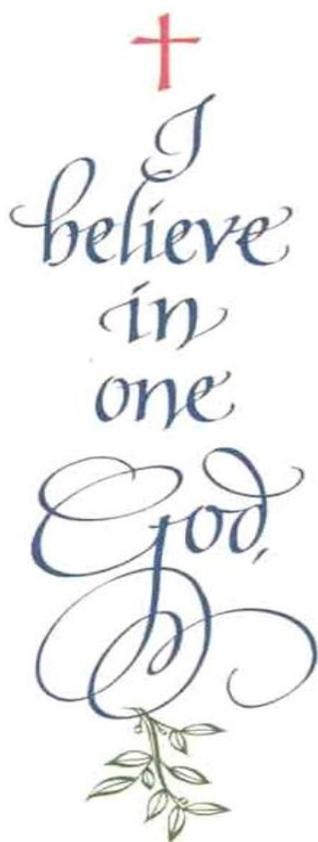
**P.** Let us bow our hearts in prayer.

God of mercy, source of all healing, we give you thanks for your gifts of strength and life, and especially the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, through Whom we have health and salvation.

Help us by Your Holy Spirit to feel Your power in our lives, to know Your eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen**





## Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and 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,

and the life everlasting. Amen

### Prayers of Intercession

**P.** 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. Today we pray for the Moravian Church, giving thanks for the life and witness of Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church and hymn writer. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**P.** 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.

**C. Amen.**





### The Peace

P. Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.



*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*

### Benediction

P. 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.

C. Amen.

### Sending Hymn

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

ELW 658

### Dismissal

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C. **Thanks be to God.**



Do you have a TREASURE in your house that is basically taking up room???? Well, do I have a GREAT opportunity for you! Back by POPULAR demand, is the Relay for Life Fundraiser!

Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6 pm (following the Shredding event from 9 am-Noon)

We will have a Reverse Raffle; tickets are \$5 each and only 75 tickets will be sold. Numbers will be drawn one at a time and eliminated until the last 2 numbers are on the board. First place is \$50, second place is \$10.

We will also have a Silent Auction! Bids will be accepted on a sheet of paper in front of each item, and you will be able to see the current highest bid. Please donate your no longer needed treasures. Interesting, varied items are encouraged. You can bring you auction items to the church beginning Wednesday afternoon, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will also have Barbecue sandwiches with donated BBQ from Ole Time Barbecue! Chips & a drink will be included for \$5. Donations of individually wrapped baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

The MAIN event for the Garner Relay for Life will be held at Lake Benson Park on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 10 pm. This is no longer an overnight event. I will still need walkers for this event to walk each hour.

And as usual, there are Luminary and Tribute Torch forms available on-line. The American Cancer Society is encouraging all team donations to be given electronically, except at the Lake Benson event when cash and checks will be freely accepted. Please let Alecia Harrison know if you need assistance securing a luminary or torch for your loved ones!

## Document Shredding Day

The Men's Club will again sponsor our Annual Document Shredding Day on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am – Noon. Once again, proceeds from this event will be used for Camp Agape Scholarships and other charitable projects as determined by the LOL Lutheran Men's Club.



**Altar flowers this  
week are given by  
Dennis & Ginny King  
in memory of  
Marie Mitchell.**



**Candles for the month of May are provided by Sylvia Lambert  
in memory of Tommy and Tessie Painter**

