

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

With Holy Communion

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GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,

and of the ☩ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 use new,

All: 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,

All: 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.

All: Send us companions on our journey as we share Your life.

Make us one, Risen Christ.

All: Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To You be given all praise with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God. **Amen.**

The service continues with gathering song. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

Verse It's our confession Lord that we are weak So very weak but You are strong And though we've nothing Lord To lay at Your feet We come to Your feet and say help us along Pre-Chorus A broken heart and a contrite spirit You have yet to deny Your heart of mercy Beats with love's strong current Let the river flow By Your Spirit now Lord we cry	Chorus Let Your mercies fall from heaven Sweet mercies flow from heaven New mercies for today Shower them down Lord as we pray
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.**

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48 Read by Worship Asst.

A reading from Acts. *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. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 98 Read by Worship Asst. and responsively **by ALL (In Bold Font)**

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

A reading from 1 John.

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.

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

KIDS MESSAGE - Special Message for Special People we Love!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188) *All please stand and sing 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.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17 Read by Pastor

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

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

SERMON Belonging TOGETHER!

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Glory Honor Power* CCLI Song # 7147455 CCLI License # 1787498

<p>Verse 1 Most worthy worthy of praise Exalted above all things my God You are my God</p> <p>Verse 2 Your splendor and majesty Your wonder fills everything my God You are my God</p> <p>Chorus Holy is the Lord Holy is the Lord Almighty Seated on the throne Seated on the throne of Glory High and lifted up Your presence fills the temple when we worship You Oh we worship You</p>	<p>Verse 3 Creation points to the King The heavens can't help but sing to You To You our God</p> <p>Bridge Hallelujah to the one who came and made a way Hallelujah to the one who died and rose again Hallelujah to the only name above all names Glory and honor and power forever</p>
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CREED *The Apostles' Creed* Lead by Worship Asst.

**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, and 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,
and he will come 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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lead by Worship Asst.

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 Churches with whom the ELCA have Full Communion Partnerships. 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, Worship Asst. pray only first names of those we lift up*).

Sionie Elavsky,

Keith DeCamp,

Myron Holm

Adam Jackson,

Betty Kent,

Wayne Mosher (cardiac issues),

Leah Leimbach,

Alvin Leimbach (scheduled to see a cardiologist),

Lloyd Campbell (lung cancer),

Jack Hamill,

Pastor Greg Eidell (migraine issues),

Shari Clay (in rehab following stroke, friend of Darlene & Steve Kuhlman),

Eileen Franco (friend of Joan Paul's),

Carl Quicksall (friend of David Haas, is battling Stage 4 Lung Cancer),

Pat Schwan, and prayers for Isabella,

Bud Niebling (leg pain),

Geoff Semon (suffering personal problems, son of Keith and Helen Krull),

Steve Kuhlman (surgery),

Diana (suffering with cancer),
Marylyn (broken wrist, friend of the Pastor and Dennis),
Jeanine Emch (hip replacement surgery),
Joanne Way & Husband (Allen is recovering from a fall),
John Parolo (infectious skin disease),
Liz Peronto (Mary Drew's sister and Moira McCracken's Aunt – cancer surgery),

MEMORIALS

Winston C. Naylor (passed away 4/21 in Rose Mount, Minnesota. He was a former member of Holy Cross)

Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying. 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.

Here other intercessions from TEXT-in-CHURCH may be offered.

Pastor: Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives (*especially*). 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.**

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING *We are grateful you continue to offer to Holy Cross ministries what you desire to give to God*

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You can also choose to PLEDGE and Also Donate to the 2021-2022 Capital Campaign

The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution.

<p>Verse 1 Oh how could it be That my God would welcome me Into this mystery Say take this bread take this wine Now the simple made divine For any to receive</p> <p>Pre-Chorus By Your mercy we come to Your table By Your grace You are making us faithful</p> <p>Chorus Lord we remember You And remembrance leads us to worship And as we worship You Our worship leads to communion We respond to Your invitation (We respond to Your invitation) We remember You</p>	<p>Verse 2 See His body His blood Know that He has overcome Ev'ry trial we will face And none too lost to be saved None too broken or ashamed All are welcome in this place</p> <p>Bridge Dying You destroyed our death Rising You restored our life Lord Jesus come in glory Lord Jesus come in glory Lord Jesus come in glory Lord Jesus come in glory</p>
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OFFERING PRAYER Lead by Worship Asst.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOGUE (ELW p. 190)

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

The Risen Christ has invited us to this Table. Friends, come, eat, and be satisfied!

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

COMMUNION *When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen. *The ministers commune after others commune.*

COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *The assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Adult Class in FELLOWSHIP HALL and by ZOOM: "One Body, Many Members Conversations & Study about Racism" – 10 – 10:45 AM for the next few weeks (1-Sun May 30th Class will start at 11:15 AM)**
- **Update on Capital Campaign**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG *I Lift My Hands* CCLI Song # 5869884 CCLI License # 1787498

Verse 1 Be still there is a healer His love is deeper than the sea His mercy is unfailing His arms a fortress for the weak Let faith arise Let faith arise Chorus I lift my hands to believe again You are my refuge You are my strength As I pour out my heart These things I remember You are faithful God (You're faithful God) Forever	Verse 2 Be still there is a river That flows from Calvary's tree A fountain for the thirsty Your grace that washes over me Let faith arise Let faith arise Repeat Chorus Bridge Let faith arise let faith arise Open my eyes open my eyes Let faith arise let faith arise Open my eyes open my eyes Ending Let faith arise Let faith arise
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WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Worship Assistants: Early – Mary Bailey / Late: Greg Miller

Singers: Linda Tyahla, Moira McCracken & Megan Tyahla

Organist: Jack Hamill

Praise Band: Marty Little, Paul Niehaus, Jason Cooper & Brandon Clay

AV/Camera: Patrick Goertzen, Donovan Lucas, David Ristau, Philip Paul & Marcus Benson

Media Shout Screens: Jane Ristau & Carrie Curnutte

Deacons: Early – Kari Brangan / Late – Frank Barnhart

Ushers: Early – Keith Krull / Late -

Flowers Given by: Jerry & Christine Doud - In Honor of Melissa Sims birthday &

Rebecca Benson - In Honor of Cecile Saunders