

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday

May 5, 2024 + 9:30 am

Christ the friend and lover

Learn Live and Share God's Word

Christ is the faithful friend who will never leave us

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.

GATHERING

*The disciples urged Jesus strongly, saying,
"Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is nearly over."
So he went in to stay with them.*

PRELUDE

"How Excellent Is Thy Name"

arr. Dick Tunney

At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) ELW 482

“I Come with Joy”

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.**
- 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST *(hymn)* **ELW 880**

“O God Beyond All Praising”

stanza 1

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us 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.

C **Amen.**

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles

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.

Luke writes:

While 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, ⁴⁷Can 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.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 98 ICEL

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (98:4)

A Sing to the Lord a new song, the Lord of wonderful deeds.

C Right hand and holy arm brought victory to God.

A God made that victory known, revealed justice to nations,
remembered a merciful love loyal to the house of Israel.

C The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

A Shout to the Lord, you earth, break into song, into praise!
Sing praise to God with a harp,
with a harp and sound of music.

C With sound of trumpet and horn, shout to the Lord, our king.

A Let the sea roar with its creatures,
the world and all that live there!

C Let rivers clap their hands, the hills ring out their joy!

A The Lord our God comes, comes to rule the earth,
C justly to rule the world, to govern the peoples aright.

A Sing to the Lord a new song, the Lord of wonderful deeds.
**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;
both now and forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

The victory of faith

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.

Everyone 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.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION

tune: ELW 386

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus gave his life for us, Rose from death victorious.

That our joy may be complete. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Christ the friend and lover

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.

The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus says:

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.

¹²This 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.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

The refrain is repeated as the procession reverses. (tune: ELW 386)

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) ELW 708

“Jesu, Jesu”

Refrain

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain**
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. Refrain**
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain**
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. Refrain**

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APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us proclaim our Easter faith.

C 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.
each petition concludes:*

God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

MEAL

*When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread,
blessed and broke it and gave it to them.*

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

PEACE

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Jubilate Bells

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C Risen Christ, receive these gifts,

with our hopes, dreams, and prayers.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread,

that our eyes may be opened

to see your presence among us,

and our lives filled with the new life

of your resurrection. Amen.

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(setting 3, p. 144)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving:

P ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P ...in your holy church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (1789)

C **Our Father who art 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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"

setting10; ELW page 208

C **O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;**

**you suffered death our lives to save;
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave;
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;
eternal peace with God you made;
give us your peace, we pray.**

silence for reflection concludes the communion

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

*That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.
They told what had happened on the road and
how he had been made to known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

SENDING DIALOG

A We have heard the holy and saving gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.

A We have been nurtured at the holy table
and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

**C We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation
in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.**

P Go out from this Easter assembly
to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

**C Let us bear God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

P May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,
that you may abound in hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and
Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) ELW 836

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**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.**

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.

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!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Ode To Joy”

arr. Don Hustad

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Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Donnee, Justin & Jack Fischer
in honor of Clyde's birthday!

If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

Please join us for a pancake breakfast in the lower level following worship.

*This is a fundraiser sponsored by our Scout troop.
This service is being streamed live on the internet.*

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*
 Dave Olson, *assisting minister*
 Diane Langer, *reader*
 Mt Carmel youth, *crucifer, banners; bell tree*
 Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
 Sanctuary Choir, Jubilate Bells
 Erik Ruser and Matti Gurney, *technology desk*
 Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
 Rich Feist and Jim Felicetta, *ushers*
 Rick Labandz, *bus ministry*
 Scout Troop 132, *breakfast hosts*

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Contact the coordinator below if you can volunteer to accomplish these tasks:

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Blow leaves out of front lawn shrubs	Pastor C	this week
Dramatized 1 st reading – 3 readers	Pastor C/Ruth	Sunday, May 12 Ascension
FMSC Pack at the Park	Audrey Erickson	May 22, morning
Salty Carmel teams	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex
MCCC Board secretary	Brenda W; C Pudney	open position
Annual budget team	Karen Moeller	new team established by cong. council
“Dust the wallpaper”	Steve: spring cleaning	pick a room, any room

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Becoming the Story We Tell

Pentecost birthday gift for the Church - May 19

Sunday, May 19, 2024 is Pentecost, the Church's birthday. In honor of our seven confirmands who will affirm their baptisms that day, your special birthday gift to the church is invited. Designated special Pentecost birthday gifts will support our youth ministry.

WELCOME

Everyone is welcome. We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org for more information or to join.



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