

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: 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.**

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULIAN FESTIVAL: Join Julian of Norwich from May 5 to 13 for a series of celebrations, such as, a Community Potluck at 5:30 pm on May 7 and a Film Night at 7 pm on May 11. More information about these activities is posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

PASTOR'S ABSENCE: Pastor Martin will be on vacation from Monday, May 7 to Friday, May 11 and attending the Festival of Homiletics (Preaching) in Washington, D.C. from Monday, May 21 to Friday, May 26. During his absence, please contact Pastor Diane Raddatz for pastoral emergencies.

DAILY BREAD: The booklets for June/July/August have arrived and can be picked up beside the church mailboxes.

Upcoming Regular Events:

LECTIONARY STUDY: Mon, May 7, 2 pm, Luke 24:44-53.

MEDITATION GROUP: Wednesdays at 5 pm in the Sanctuary.

FAITH & FINANCES: Thursday, May 10, 7 pm at the church.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Wed, May 9, 9 am at Chances 'R'

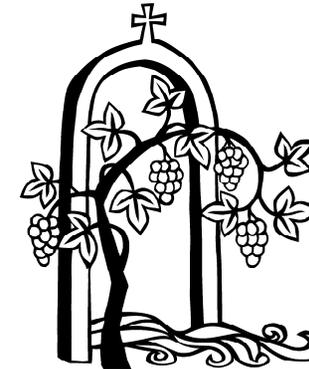
WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE: Mon, May 14, 6 pm, in the church.

6th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 6th, 2018

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

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Assisting Today:

Reader: Melvin Schwalm

Assistant: Krista Quenneville

Cantor: Beth MacGillivray

Counting: Ken Roeske &
Ian McGill

Next Sunday:

Reader: Peter Nabein

Assistant: Natasha Nabein

Cantor: Julia Wirth

Counting: Peter Nabein &
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Piano/Organ/Choir Director: David Santry

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Since we have just come through the most penitential season of Lent, during the Sundays of Easter up until the Day of Pentecost, the Confession will not be included in the service. For those who seek some penitential words and absolution in the liturgy, they can be found in the Kyrie, and in the general thrust of the Great Thanksgiving which is based on the gift of forgiveness from Jesus, "for us".

OPENING HYMN: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (ELW 853)

GREETING: (ELW p. 184)

KYRIE: (ELW p. 184)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast of Victory* (ELW p. 187)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 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. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: 'New Creation'

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48 A reading from Acts.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 98 (*Sung in unison*)

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6 A reading from 1 John.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia* (ELW p. 188)

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Are Called* (ELW 720)

NICENE CREED: (ELW p. 104 or back cover of hymn book)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG: *Let the Vineyards ...* (ELW 181)

OFFERING PRAYER: 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.**

MEAL: (ELW p. 190)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: (ELW p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER: (ELW p. 191)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

***Lamb of God* (ELW p. 191)**

***One Bread, One Body* (ELW 496)**

***What A Friend We Have in Jesus* (ELW 742)**

