



United Lutheran Church
6th Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021 with Worship at 10:15 a.m.

~ Gathering ~

Welcome to worship at United Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here
and we welcome all to live, learn, and share the love of Jesus Christ!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sunday School and Faith Friend Students

**Please stand
as you are able.*

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.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW Hymn #836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

GREETING

P: The grace of our 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 *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! [sing 2X]* from Earthsongs
Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: 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.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Ubi Caritas

Worship Team

Prayer of the Day:
 The main thoughts of the day are collected, or summarized in this short prayer. The prayers for the season of the church year have come to us from the rich treasury of the church's heritage.

~ Word ~

FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

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.

P: Word of God. Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

First Reading:
 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.

PSALM

Psalms 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

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.

P : Word of God. Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:
 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Molly Haagenson

*Please stand
as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

from Unfailing Light

Alleluia Refrain: Congregation - Verse: Leader - Alleluia Refrain: Congregation



GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 15th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.****Gospel:**

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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Karla Coen-Tuff

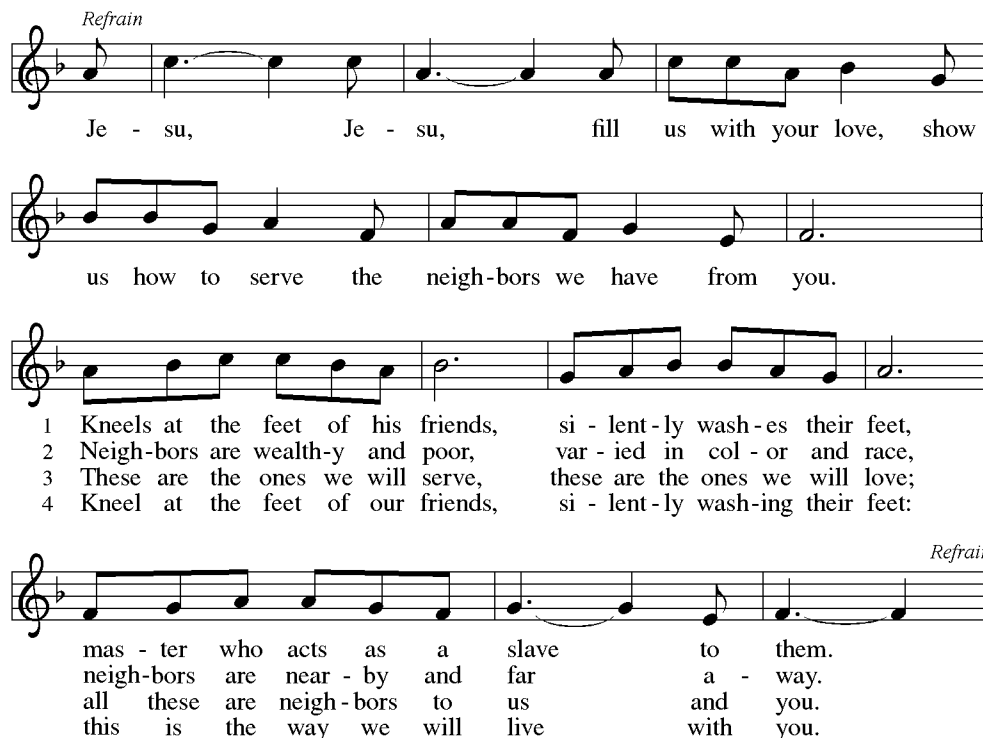
Hymn of the Day:

This hymn follows the theme of the readings and reflects the message of the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

ELW Hymn #708



APOSTLES' CREED*

ELW Page #126

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.

Creed:

We respond to God's word together when we say the Creed. Creed comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe". In our worship we use either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. These Creeds were written over 1700 years ago so the world would know what Christians believe.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sung before and after prayers *Hear Our Prayer* from ELW Hymn #178

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people,
hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

P: ...Lord in your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

GREETING OF PEACE

~ Meal ~

OFFERING

The offering will be received at the doors.

OFFERING SONG

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW Hymn #364

I Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayers of Intercession

These prayers in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness".

The Great Thanksgiving

The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of the Great Thanksgiving.

The Words of Institution

Jesus' words (from the Last Supper, Matthew 26:26-28) used with the bread and wine, makes this sacrament a 'means of grace' or way that God brings His love and forgiveness to us.

STEP ONE:

Open bottom seal. Take and eat.



STEP TWO:

Open top seal. Take and drink.



Each worshipper will be given a small chalice as they enter the sanctuary. Each chalice holds both a serving of bread and wine. Worshippers will not come forward for communion, but take the bread and wine from their place in the pews. Chalice with grape juice and gluten free bread will be available.

The Lamb of God

This is our way of saying to God and to each other that it was Jesus who died for our sins as that perfect sacrifice, that perfect lamb that was slain for our life. It also focuses our attention on what we are about to receive in Holy Communion, which is Christ's true body and blood 'given and shed for the forgiveness of sins'. "The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **All: Amen.**

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.**

from ELW Page #206

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

from ELW page #207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

from ELW page #208

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

~ Sending ~

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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.

All: Amen.

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C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

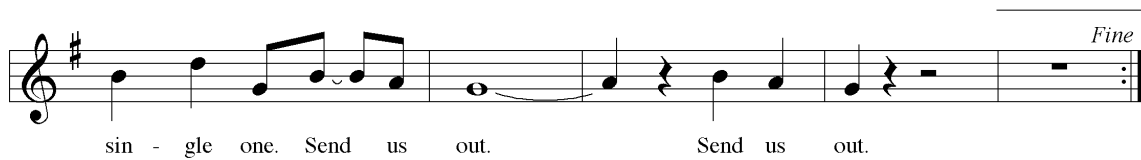
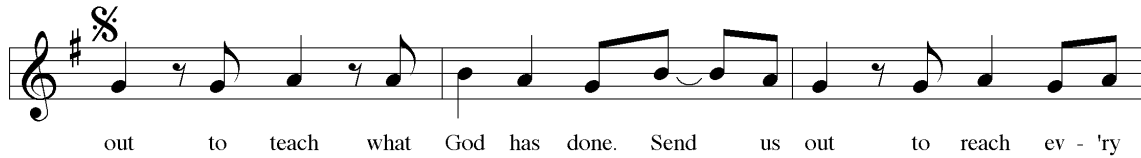
Blessing/Benediction:

This prayer asking for God's blessing upon the assembly as we go out into the world doing God's will.

SENDING HYMN

Send Us Out

Dakota Road



Send Us Out by Dakota Road; ELW Hymn #s 836, 708, 178, 364. Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord, collected by Elaine Hanson, arr. Ralph M. Johnson; Holy, Holy, Holy, The Great Thanksgiving, Lamb of God, Unfailing Light Liturgy; ELW page #207-208. Earthsongs. *Augsburg Fortress Liturgies*. Annual License #22289. A-800051. CCLI License # 1621693. One License: Annual License, A-707938

POSTLUDE

Worship Service Leaders

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Pr. Peter Coen-Tuff

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Sally Masilko

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Sally Masilko
Dawn Morken

Special Thanks

Katie Stauss
Ross Hammer
Debbie Dubuque
Darren Lee
Jayson Helseth

Radio Broadcast

Aired live at 10:15am on
1310AM KNOX Radio.

The Week Ahead at United Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, MAY 9TH - MOTHER'S DAY**LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL FALL**

- 9am - Mother's Day Craft Event (FH)
- 9am - Adult Education (LG)
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook)

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH

- 11:00am - Staff Meeting (LG)
- 5:15pm - Evangelism Meeting (LG)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12TH**LAST DAY OF EVENING ACTIVITIES UNTIL FALL**

- 12:00pm - Executive Council Meeting (Rm 106)
- 6:15pm - Worship (SA/FB)
- 7:00pm - Confirmation (CR/FH)
- 7:00pm - Faith Friends (LG)
- 8:00pm - High School Youth (YR)

THURSDAY, MAY 13TH

- 6:15pm - Gretchen Kindseth Student Recital (SA)

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH

- 9:00am - Garden Bed Building Event (PL)

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH**LAST DAY FOR ALLELUIA OFFERING**

- 9am - Mother's Day Craft Event (FH)
- 9am - Adult Education (LG)
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook)

LOCATION GUIDE:

- SA: Sanctuary
- LG: Lounge located on the lower level
- FH: Fellowship Hall located on the lower level directly below the Sanctuary
- RM 106: Room 106 located down the hall from the office on the main level
- LB: Library located at the end of the hall opposite the office on the main level
- CR: Choir Room located on the upper level
- YR: Youth Room located on the upper level

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Graduate Recognition Sunday May 23, 2021

We will be celebrating our Class of 2021 graduates on May 23rd at our 10:15am worship service. All high school graduates will be invited to come forward during worship to receive a prayer of blessing and will be presented with a quilt from the ULC quilters. There will be Coffee & Caramel Rolls in the church courtyard following the service.

If you have a family member graduating that you would like to include in the bulletin, please submit their name, degree, and where they are graduating from by Wednesday, May 19th.



Coffee and Caramel Rolls in the Courtyard!



Join us in the courtyard at 11:15am on Sunday, May 23rd for caramel rolls and coffee after worship. We ask that you wear your mask until you find a table to sit with your family pod. You can also take the caramel rolls to go! **This event is hosted by United Youth with a free-will donation that will go towards the high school trip to Duluth, MN this July!**

Hope to see you there!