

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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.

Prelude

GOD GATHERS US

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 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.

Amen.



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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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.

And also with you.

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading: 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.

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

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

²O 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.

⁴Shout 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.

⁶With 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.

⁸Let 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter. **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.”

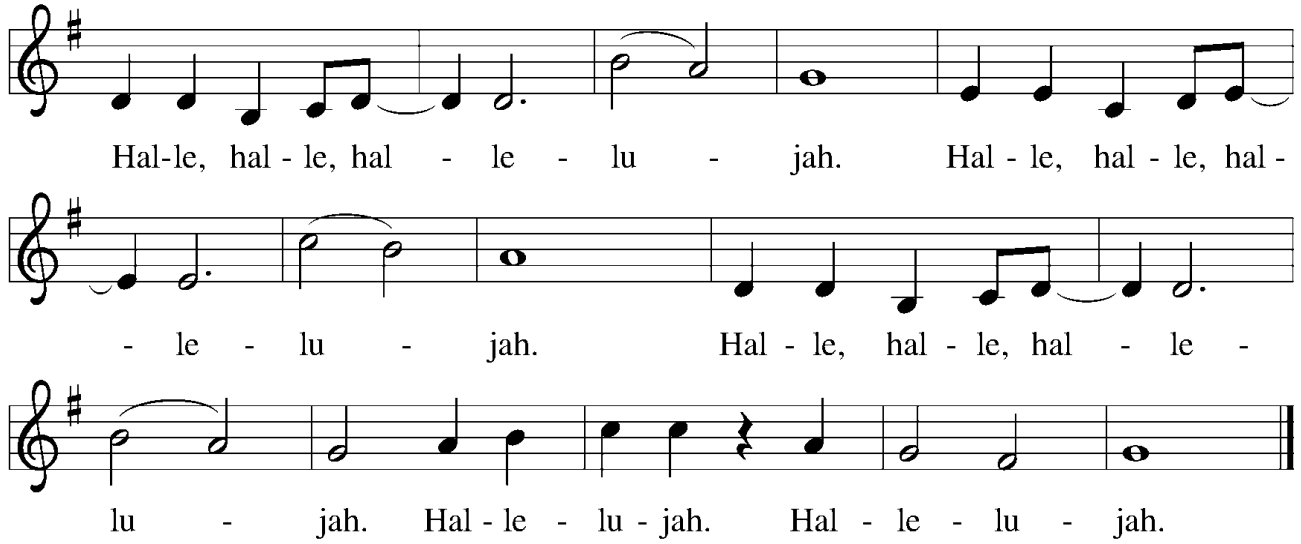
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



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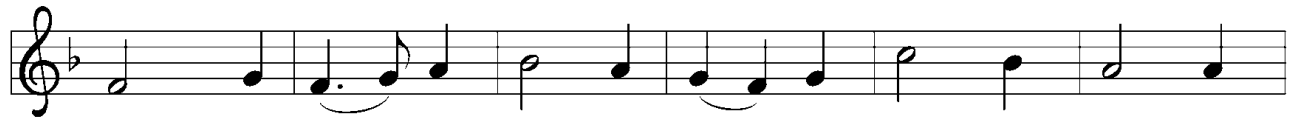
The Sermon

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Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

verses 1 and 3



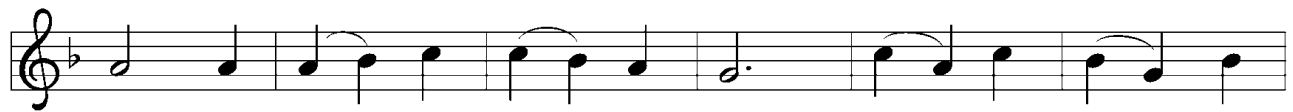
- 1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
- 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
- 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

We pray on this sixth Sunday of Easter for the Moravian Church, for the baptized around the world, and for all people according to their needs, responding to each petition with the words **“fill us with your love.”**

A brief silence.

O triune God, we praise you for your wondrous love, for the witness of Moravian Christians, and for the steadfastness of believers throughout this pandemic. Whenever churches face

hardship or challenge, strengthen us in affection within and between denominations. On this day we pray especially for Presiding Bishop Eaton, Bishop Macholz and the Upstate NY Synod, our companion synods of Zimbabwe and Zambia, Pastor Susan Salomone and St. Michael's in Camillus, Rev. Barry Sisson and Grace Chapel, and our congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran.

A brief silence.

Hear us, loving God: **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the beauty of spring, and we stand in awe of even the hungry cicadas. Wherever creation is beckoning us to lives of ecological restraint, teach us your care of our earth.

A brief silence.

Hear us, creating God: **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for all efforts to achieve peace throughout the world. Wherever violence prevails, wherever brutality silences protest, wherever prejudice reigns, wherever the rich oppress the poor, lead us and all nations into the ways of justice.

A brief silence.

Hear us, righteous God: **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the gradual lessening of the pandemic and for your gift of vaccines. Wherever the virus still rages, especially in India, Turkey, and South America, wherever medical resources are depleted, wherever medical advice is rejected, extend the power of your healing hand. Be present with all who today will die, and visit all who are sick or suffering, especially those named on our prayer list, along with all those we name before you now....

A brief silence.

Hear us, healing God: **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the loving support of mothers to their children. Bless mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, and all of each gender who give mothering care. Protect mothers in societies where women have few rights. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot mother a child. Wherever children are deprived of mothering, provide responsible and affectionate care.

A brief silence.

Hear us, mothering God: **fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the witness of all who have died in the faith, especially those we name in our hearts. Keep us united with all your children until we join them in your presence forever.

A brief silence.

Hear us, everlasting God: **fill us with your love.**

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 Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

verses 1 and 3



- 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 - joi - ce in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude



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Celebrations this week:

- **Happy Mother's Day** TODAY to all mothers and mother-like figures!

News:

1. **8am Reflections Service** is offered on Sunday mornings via ZOOM. The interactive service can be accessed by downloading the ZOOM app and then clicking on "join" a meeting and entering the Meeting ID #374 073 8185 and Password 10311517. Prior to attending, please print out the bulletin which is used for the service.
2. The **10am Traditional Service** appears live on Facebook LIVE and is also posted on our website.
3. *Paul and Julie Corbett* have a new home! Their **new address** is: 10 Kane Avenue Apt A3 Skaneateles, NY 13152.
4. *Jean Jedik* is returning home on May 19! Her home address is: 3073 Franklin St. Road, Auburn, NY 13021.
5. Outreach – The word is out! People of Holy Trinity are out shopping for items for **Lutheran World Relief's Personal Care Kits** and we are grateful! Once again, here is the list of items needed: **bath size bars of soap** in original wrapping; **toothbrush** in original packaging; **sturdy comb**; **metal nail clippers**. Buy one item, buy any number of one item (such as bars of soap) or buy one of each item listed for a complete kit. Hold onto them until Sunday, May 23 when we will have a grand ingathering of the kit items as we worship together in church!! Thank you and keep shopping or call *Nancy Tiedemann* if you would like to donate money and the Outreach committee will do the shopping.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

6. Did you know over 40,000 people in Syracuse have become unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic? St. James' Episcopal has invited us to join with them in a ZOOM meeting on Thursday, May 27 at 7pm to address this situation through the outreach ministry of **Eastern Farmworkers**. Please contact *Pastor Paula* if you are interested in joining the ZOOM meeting.
7. Caring for each other in the best ways we can, the Council has made the unanimous decision to **re-enter the church building** on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. **You will be receiving a letter in the mail in the coming days with details about how we**

will worship safely. 8am Reflections will continue to be offered digitally on ZOOM, along with the emailing and regular mailing of weekly bulletins, sermons, and children's activities, and livestreaming worship from the building on FaceBook, with a recording for website access.

8. In grateful response to all **God's many blessings**, please remember to either drop off or mail in your offering. Thank you.
9. Please check our website, along with the **synod's website** (www.upstatenynod.org) for current information throughout our synod.

We remember those in need of prayer. Lord please grant...

Peace and Comfort to the Families of: *Mike Hartman* (Schwenke's former neighbor); *Elaine Silverstein* (former member)

Healing from Surgery/Injury/Illness: *Ferdie Jedik; Pastor Paul Herpich* (Pastor Paula's friend); *Marjorie Reynolds* (former member); *Pastor Emeritus Steve Hluchy; Helen Dobrovosky; Linda Wetherbee* (Scott Braun's coworker's sister); *Jennifer Pink* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Ed and Rob Bilinski* (Lenore Gillmore's father and brother); *Ward Wesley Vuillemot* (*Vuillemot's son*); *Dianne Vitkus* (friend of the congregation); *Sheila Ryder; George Schwenke; Rick Powers; Rick Munson; Louise Zabel; Dawn Matijas-Czolowski; Marian Settineri; Georgia Peach* (Kathryn Carlson's friend); *The Griswold Family* (Vuillemot's friends); *Marike* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Don* (Preschool Director Desiree Franciamone's father); *Shirley Perry; Ann Bader; Rose; Clara Siefka; Sylvia Maditsi* (Val Schulz' friend)

Long-term Healing and Comfort to: *Suzanne Rouland* (Schwenke's relative); *Pat Barrie* (Karen Camp's sister-in-law); *The Olsen Family; Beverly* (Mary Dobrovosky's mother); *Jim McGowen* (Scott Braun's coworker friend); *The Reeves Family*

Guidance and Wisdom to: All God's people facing persecution and gun violence throughout the world; those protecting the health of Skaneateles, Otisco, and Oswaco Lakes along with all the Finger Lakes; our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; our ELCA leaders and staff – *Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop John S. Macholz; The Presbyterian Church USA; and Pastor Paula, the Council, and lay members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.*

Today's Stewards of Worship

Livestreaming and Recording: *George and Janet Schwenke*

Organist/Keyboardist: *Barb Mushock*

Office Coordinator: *Arlene Johnston*

Pastor: *The Rev. Paula E. Roulette*

All in attendance

Hymn Leader: *Grace Plvan*

Pastor Emeritus: *The Rev. Stephen Hluchy*

Holy Trinity Council: Co-Presidents – *Marty Siefka* and *Karen Camp*; Secretary – *Arlene Johnston*; members *Lisa Ryan, Janet Schwenke, Tim Dobrovosky, and Pastor Paula*

