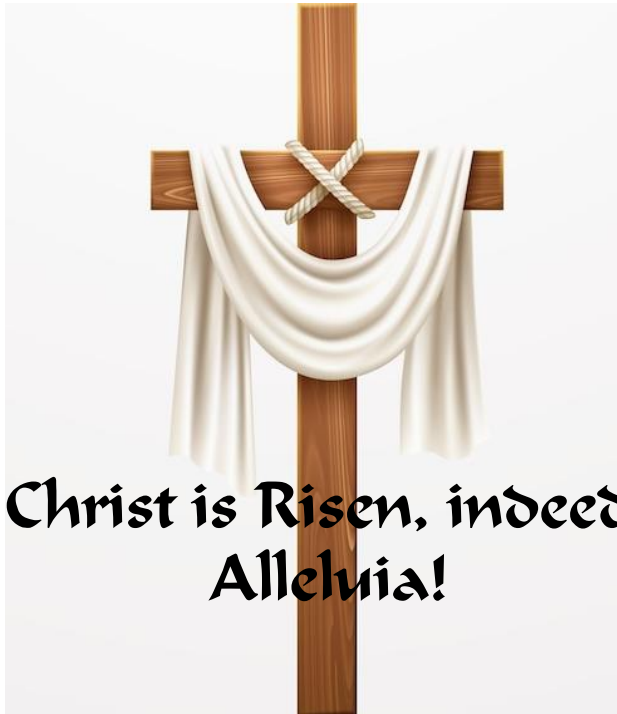


*W*elcome to *W*orship
St. Luke's **E**vangelical
Lutheran **C**hurch



**Christ is Risen, indeed!
Alleluia!**

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

Assisting in Worship

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
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Ushers: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

To the Glory of God

May Altar Candles: *Carol Williams*
May Bulletins: *Laura & Tony Damon*
May Newsletters: *Laura & Tony Damon*

The flowers are given by the Dwight Patterson Family in celebration of great-granddaughter, Harper's, 7th birthday.

North Baltimore Food Pantry May requested donations include: peanut butter, jellies and jams. Without our help, some families in our community will go without. Please give generously.



Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Easter, May 5, 2024

God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.

GOD GATHERS US

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to respond to your call."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: By the call of the Holy Spirit, we gather to praise God.

ALL: We are blessed with the gift of new life in Christ.

Leader: Through him, we are drawn into God's presence.

ALL: We worship God, with gladness in our hearts, and songs of praise on our lips.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God who makes all things new!

*GATHERING HYMN #858

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

*AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: We confess our sins, trusting the God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a moment for personal confession.

Leader: God of hope, God of mercy,

ALL: we confess that we have failed you, our neighbor, and ourselves. Enable us to see each other and ourselves as your beloved children. Help us to abide in your abundant love, so we may bear good fruit in a world starving for love, justice and mercy. Forgive us, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

*KYRIE HYMN #151



1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is love: not that we loved God, but that God first loved us, giving his Son to forgive our sins. I announce that God is forgiving your sins, in the name of Jesus ✠ Christ, our Lord. **ALL: Amen!**

*GLORY TO GOD

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 121



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God. heav-en - Iv King. al - might - v God and Fa - ther. we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



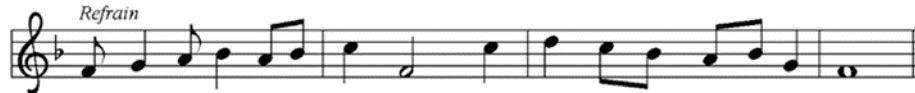
3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together,

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:44-48

Reader: 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, 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.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM READING

(responsively)

PSALM 98

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

ALL: O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Reader: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

ALL: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Reader: Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

ALL: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

Reader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

ALL: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

Reader: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Reader: 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?

This 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.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

SETTING #3 HYMNAL PAGE 142



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.

*GOSPEL READING

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.

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of John. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: 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.”

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

THE MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY #623

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED

ALL: 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 THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION**

Prayer Leader: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer Leader: God of grace, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

We pray for Lorraine, Sue, Dave, Emily, Carl, Jim, Pat, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Tony, Ron, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Bob, Don, Beth, Ashley, and Pat.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: As we pray daily for peace around the world, let it begin with us. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

ALL: and also with you.

Please share God's peace with those worshipping with you."

INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, we ask for the grace to be vessels of your love, compassion and truth. Impart a spirit of generosity, compassion and love to those entrusted to our care. May our words and actions be a

reflection of your grace, inspiring those gathered here to experience the transformative power of your love.

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray together,

ALL: Everlasting God, you have raised us to new life in Christ. Give us voices to proclaim the Good News, and live with resurrection joy and holy peace, wherever your Spirit leads us, through Christ our Lord. Amen

GOD NOURISHES US

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: People of Easter, lift up your hearts!

ALL: We lift them to the One who raised Jesus from the grave.

Leader: People of Easter, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life and sing to the God of everlasting love.

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

setting 3, pg. 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, given to you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do in remembrance of me." **ALL: Amen**

Leader: As gather for this divine feast, we seek to hear and understand God's word. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith together,

ALL: Christ died, so that sin could not hold onto us.

Christ was raised, so that death could not hold onto him.

Christ will return, to forever hold us in eternal love.

Leader: United in the Risen Christ let us pray the prayer he taught us saying,

*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

**All: 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**

*LAMB OF GOD

Setting #2 Hymnal page 135



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: Let us feast and become satisfied. The gifts of God for the people of God.

ALL: Alleluia! Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

THE TABLE BLESSING

Leader: Through the body, blood, and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. This is God's promise to us. May his love and mercy strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen**

*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #204

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray together,

ALL: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

*BLESSING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

***THE AMEN**



***SENDING HYMN #860**

I'M SO GLAD JESUS LIFTED ME

***DISMISSAL**

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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You are invited to a special event.

Stay Planted in God's Word

Women's night of fellowship and growth.
 Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
 St. Luke's Lutheran Church
 North Baltimore

Decorating  Dinner and Devotions



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

WE GIVE THANKS: for the dedication of Beth Williams recording and posting our weekly worship service on Facebook. Thanks be to God!

MEMBERS: Lorraine Ferguson, Sue & Dave Ebersole, Emily Meyerson, Carl Lieser, Jim Wymer, Pat Wheeler, Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha Carter, Barb Williams.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Jennifer Dochod, Tony Matthes, Ron Stewart, Chase, Bob, Emelyn, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

MILITARY: for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

COMPANION CHURCH: Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS: all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

THE WORLD: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

BLESSINGS FOR A BEAUTIFUL DAY!

Invited into Friendship

Ask any child who has moved to a new place and they will probably confirm that their biggest worry was if they'd make new friends. Parents worry for their teenager and young adult in each stage of growth, wondering if new friends will be kind and generous, if their daughter or son will find mutually beneficial relationships. Adults are not immune from their own relationship trials. Busy



lives, competing priorities, transitions and death can mean the end of sustaining relationships. Bullying, fear-tactics and misuse of others are common problems, so friendship is precious. We treasure new friendships and work to keep tending those that last for many years—because we need them.

Today's readings inspire and compel us to love one another and see one another as God does. As the Holy Spirit falls on those outside the inner circle of the circumcised, Peter asks how the water of baptism can be withheld. In 1 John we hear that those who love the parent love the child. Jesus says followers are no longer servants but friends. So whether they are a stranger with different customs and practices, our family member, or closest friend, we are called today with the challenge and opportunity to love them. The promise is that this unconditional love that comes first from our Creator and Parent, expressed through the person of Jesus and through the Spirit, is splashed all over us, and will make our joy complete.

For those who have experienced great relationships in their lives and for those who have never yet quite tasted that sustaining fruit, Jesus shows how much he loves us and the ways to cultivate deeper relationships. Jesus laid down his life to show his great love. We're invited to love expansively and experience the joy of friendship with Jesus and through the body of Christ.

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