



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOVE JESUS, GROW IN FAITH, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Galesville, WI (608) 582-2818

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Joe Iverson

Music: **Nancy Martinovici**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

...Let us pray:

God of resurrection and life,

we confess that we miss the mark.

We have fallen short of your vision for our lives.

You have given us daily bread,

And we have forgotten to give thanks,

You have shown us sunsets and beauty in nature,

and we have taken it for granted,

At times we have been doubting Thomas

Or Peter who denied you,

And you have remained steadfast.

In Jesus' name we pray to you;

Cover us in the waters of your Grace,

Forgive us, and bring us to the full life you desire,

That we may follow you, and bring life to those you love,

Through Jesus Christ, Risen to life,

For us and the world you so love.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

...We are held in God's loving embrace: forgiven, redeemed, and sent to serve in newness of life.

Alleluia! Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Baptized and Set Free

ELW #453 (v1-4)

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.

WORSHIP NOTES FOR GUESTS

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW pg.140

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

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

John 15: 9-17

⁹As 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Emily Holker, **Larry Jacobs**, John Hovre, **Russ Glomstad**, Carol Fratzke, **Baby Wesley**,
Pr. Mitzi Miyamoto, **LaVonne Prudlick**, Peggy Roytek

OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (sung)

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY HOLY HOLY

ELW pg.144

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE STORY OF COMMUNION

LORDS PRAYER SONG

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

Let Us Break Bread Together
As We Gather At Your Table
All Are Welcome
Instrumental Music on Piano

#471

#522

#641 (v. 1,3,5)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

...Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Now the Green Blade Rises

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

#884

INVITATION TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.