

AS THE  
FATHER  
HAS LOVED  
ME, SO  
HAVE I  
LOVED  
YOU. ABIDE  
IN MY



JOHN 15:9,  
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### Our Mission Statement

*Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.*

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- \* If you are sick, do not come.
- \* You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.
- \* Masks are encouraged.
- \* The church will be sanitized. Doors will be sanitized.

### Entering the Church and Sanctuary

- ✝ Outside doors will be propped open wherever possible. Doors to the sanctuary will be propped open.
- ✝ Do not congregate as you enter the church. Do not congregate in the narthex as you come into the sanctuary. Make use of both doors into the sanctuary so that you keep your 6-foot distance from others.
- ✝ Every other pew will be roped off. Please sit in every other pew. Families may sit close together. Please sit 6 feet apart from others within your pew.

### Exiting the Sanctuary

- ✝ At end of service, please wait for an usher to excuse your row. Back rows will be dismissed first. Please maintain your distancing from those ahead of you.
- ✝ Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Seeing as God Sees, Loving as God Loves  
May 9, 2021

## As We Gather

The Apostle Peter needed a change of heart. He knew Jesus loved him, and his people. But he wasn't quite sure if or how Jesus loved all people. The day he was called to come to the house of Cornelius, Peter was suddenly required to see people in a different way. It took a vision (that of Cornelius) to invite Peter to come, and a message from the Holy Spirit confirming that it was okay for Peter to travel with these Gentile men sent from Cornelius. And finally, it just took courage on Peter's part to get up and go, and once he arrived, the courage to step into that house. Once inside, Peter found himself standing in front of Cornelius' entire family and friends, all anxious to hear a message from God. They were all Gentiles. Peter had never been in a Gentile home before, eaten with a Gentile, or spoken to a Gentile about Jesus and His love. But God told Peter it would be okay. In fact, much more than okay. It would be beautiful, wonderful, and a true eye opener. For all who were gathered that day received by faith the Word Peter brought them. They all believed in Christ and were baptized that very hour. What a God thing it was! And it all started with Peter's change of heart. We might even call it "Peter's conversion".



✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome

# 605 Father Welcomes

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

*Refrain*

✠ Word ✠

First Reading

*Acts 10:34–48*

*(People from every nation are accepted by God.)*

- P At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing. He gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said,
- C **“Cornelius!”**
- P Cornelius stared at him in fear. He asked,
- C **“What is it Lord?”**
- P The angel answered,
- C **“Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”**
- P When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa. About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw Heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth, and birds of the air. Then a voice told him,
- C **“Get up, Peter, Kill and eat.”**

P Peter replied

C **“I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”**

P The voice spoke to him a second time,

C **“Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”**

P This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven. While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate. They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him,

C **“Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”**

P Peter went down and said to the men,

C **“I’m the one you’re looking for.”**

P The next day Peter started out with them. The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. Talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them,

C **“You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection.”**

P Cornelius answered,

C **“Four days ago, I was in my house, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me, and said, “Cornelius, God has heard your prayer. Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.” So, I sent for you immediately, and it was**

good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.”

P Then Peter began to speak,

C “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism, but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Galilee-how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good to all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives life through his name.”

P While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The Jewish believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said,

C “Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.”

P So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

## Song

### *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children  
All the children of the world  
Every color, every race,  
All are covered by His grace  
Jesus loves the little children of the world  
Jesus died for all the children  
All the children of the world  
Stranger, friend, and neighbor too  
He loves them as He loves you  
Jesus died for all the children of the world  
Jesus rose for all the children  
All the children of the world  
Every color, every race,  
All are covered by His grace  
Jesus rose for all the children of the world

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## Holy Gospel

*John 15:9–17*

*(Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I

have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

## **Greeting**

## Song

## *Light The Way*

There's a song of resurrection  
Hope that fills the weary soul  
You have made Your home inside I'm not alone  
In the shadow of the valley  
Your word a lamp when I can't see  
May I not forget the promise leading me  
You're leading me

### Chorus

You light the way You light the way  
With a fire by night And a cloud by day  
You light the way You light the way  
Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay  
(You light the way)

We are pilgrims on a journey  
Hungry for what lies beyond  
Strangers once now made a family we belong  
We are tellers of a story  
Of word made flesh and kingdom come  
Sinners saints and hope of glory  
Christ alone oh Christ alone

### Bridge

You're lighting up my future You're lighting up my faith  
You're lighting up my wonder With endless grace  
You're lighting up my failure You're lighting up my fears  
Everything I've carried Over all these years *[chorus]*

### Tag

You light the way

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## **Sermon**

### *Peter's Change of Heart*

## **Catechism**

### *The Third Article Apostle's Creed*

**C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**P What does this mean?**

**C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## **Prayers**

## **The Blessing**

## **Recognition of Mothers**

Since 1870, the second Sunday in May has been designated as a time to honor mothers in the United States. In more recent times, expressions of appreciation and honor have been extended to grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and all women whose contributions to the well-being of children have enriched society. Through the ages, many women have been remembered and

honored by the Church. The song “Mother’s Give Us So Much Joy” which is sung to the tune of “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” expresses the blessings that mothers are to their families and to the world.

**Song**

*Mothers Give Us So Much Joy*

**Mothers give us so much joy  
As they raise us girls and boys  
I thank Jesus very much  
For my mother’s loving touch**

**Thank God for mothers Thank God for mothers  
Thank God for mothers I’ll always cherish mine**

Words by Grace Rohwer

*Jesus Loves Me This I Know*

**Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong**

Chorus

**Yes Jesus love me Yes Jesus love me  
Yes Jesus love me The Bible tells me so**

**Jesus loves me He who died  
Heaven’s gate to open wide  
He will wash away my sin  
Let His little child come in *[chorus]***

**Jesus take this heart of mine  
Make it pure and holy Thine  
On the cross You died for me  
I will seek to live for Thee *[chorus]***

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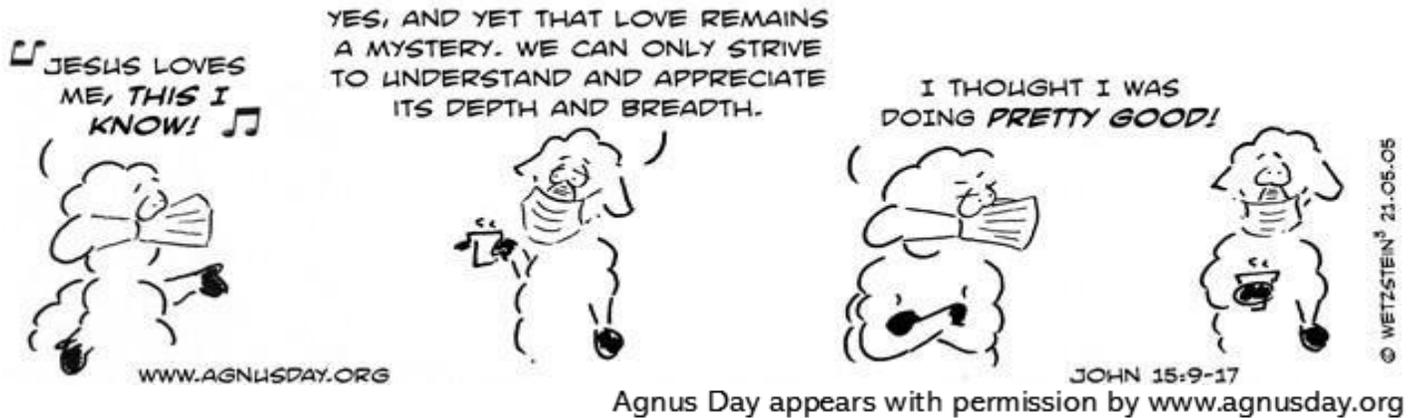
# Postlude

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## This Week's Calendar

May 9, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Early Worship in Sanctuary
	10:00 A.M.	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 A.M.	Late Worship in Courtyard
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 P.M.	Ladies Zoom Prayer Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 A.M.	Tuesdays with Friends
	6:00 P.M.	Education Board Meeting [VBS Planning]
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 P.M.	Kids Bible Club/Epic Youth Bible Study
	7:15 P.M.	Adult Zoom Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 P.M.	Council Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:00 A.M.	Early Worship in Sanctuary w/Lord's Supper
	10:00 A.M.	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 A.M.	Late Worship in Courtyard w/Lord's Supper

## Serving Next Week

May 16, 2021

Elder on Duty  
Altar Care

Shirley Lodes  
Emmalee Williamson & Shelly Michael

## Attendance Last Week

Early Worship Attendance	42
Courtyard Worship Attendance	19
Sunday School Attendance	23



## Treasurer's Report (May 2, 2021)

General Fund (Offerings)	\$5,547.26
Non-Budgeted Items	\$ 25.00
Roof Loan	\$ 370.00
Total Received	<b>\$5,942.26</b>



*"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome." 1 John 5:3*

God's commandments are not burdensome. That's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and to rejoice in the Law of the Lord. The love of God is that we keep His commandments.

**Help us "Tie One On"**—Quilters have managed to put together some quilts for homeless teenagers, but now need your help to complete the quilts by tying the layers together. No experience or equipment necessary. We will meet on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall.



**Education Board Meeting**—The Education Board will meet this Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss plans for having VBS this summer. Since this is an important outreach, we would value your input to make this a great event for the kids at Our Savior and in the community.

Please feel free to join us in helping to plan this important ministry for the church.

**News from Church Council**—Council considered a suggestion to conduct an inventory of the church building's contents as well as the garage. It was agreed that an inventory would be useful (insurance, purchases, etc.). Youth Board agreed to take on the task. At first, larger items will be tallied and later less used equipment. This will take a considerable amount of time so we are asking that as much as possible chairs, tables and desks remain in the rooms where they are now. This will help tremendously!





**Attention Art Lovers**—You will have an opportunity to make a purchase of some beautiful and interesting paintings through Dr. Anthony and Paula Guadagno. They are downsizing and would like to make available for sale about 15 of their original paintings. They would like 50% of the proceeds of the sale to go to LCOS. The prices of the painting will be very modest. So, when you see some paintings displayed in the church very soon, you will know what it's all about. If you or someone you know is looking to acquire some original artwork, please consider making a purchase and supporting LCOS. *[Checks should be made payable to Dr. Anthony Guadagno].*

### God's Masterpiece is Mother

God took pieces of everything wonderful to make moms.  
God took the fragrance of a flower...  
The majesty of a tree...  
The gentleness of morning dew...  
The calm of a quiet sea...  
The beauty of the twilight hour...  
The soul of a starry night...  
The laughter of a rippling brook...  
The grace of a bird in flight...  
Then God fashioned from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when his masterpiece was through  
He called it simply – Mother.

Herbert Farnham



Prayers are kept on prayer list for four weeks. If you have a prayer request that you want prayed for during a Sunday worship service, please call or email the church office by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

### **Pray For Those Who Are Ill, Recovering Or In Need**

Nicole Kline, *Mary Lou's daughter, health issues.*  
Tom Schneider, *Mary Lou's brother-in-law, waiting for stem cell transplant.*  
Ray Seebeck, *health and well-being.*  
John Williams, *former DCE of LCOS, recovering from a stroke.*  
Family of Gary Mitchell, *Chuck's father, who passed away this week.*  
Chelsea Mosel, *health and well-being.*  
Bruce Pendleton, *father of Chris Rushton, health and well-being.*



### **Spiritual Guidance & Strength/Life Struggles**

Pray for our shut-ins and homebound  
Pray for those coping with cancer  
Pray for Pastor Gary and LCOS leadership  
Pray for our government officials and first responders  
Pray for all families who have been affected with COVID-19

### **Pray for Those Serving Their Country**

Randy Brooks IV	Jennifer Clark	Kyle Freeman
Jonathan Krepel	Nathan Hiegel	Kyle Taylor
Timothy Thomas		

### **We Celebrate This Week:**

#### **The Birthdays of:**

May 12 Chase Evans  
Bailey's Ramirez

#### **The Anniversaries of:**

May 11 Larry & Janet Dockray

*Celebrating  
-WITH-  
you*