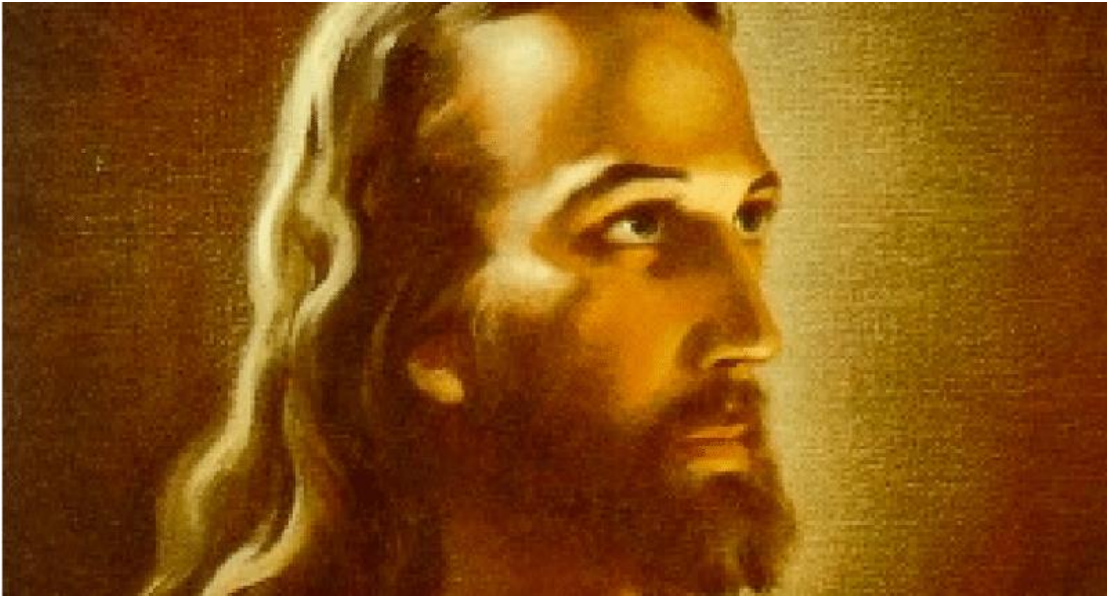


Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 9, 2021
HOW HAS CHRIST LOVED YOU?

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Ancient Words with How Firm a Foundation" (arr. Tornquist)
 "God and God Alone with Holy, Holy, Holy" (arr. Berry)

CALL TO WORSHIP 10:00 am "Love in a Box" Ages 2-Kindergarten

7:30 am ANCIENT WORDS

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of age. *Matthew 28:19-20*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 146:1–2, 5, 10

P Praise the LORD!

C Praise the LORD, O my soul!

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

- P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**
P The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
C **Praise the LORD!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.
P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**
P God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9–17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I 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. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

COME THOU FOUNT, COME THOU KING

Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

CHORUS

Come thou fount, come thou King
Come thou precious Prince of Peace;
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;
Come Thou Fount of our blessing. **2X**

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood washed linen, how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day. **CHORUS**
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SERMON "How Has Christ Loved You?" John 15:9-17

CREED Early Service – Apostles' Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed
(Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

C **Amen.**

Early service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your amazing love in all our days. Assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we would receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven, we praise Your glorious name:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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COME TO THE TABLE

Come to the table of mercy,
Prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty,
Come and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation,
Receive from His nail scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation,
Drink of the blood of the Lamb. **REPEAT**
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ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
He is Risen...
How I love Him...
I will praise Him...
Alleluia...

@1972 Manna Music, Inc. CCLI 01331150 Sinclair

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in the fellowship of the Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations.

CHORUS

Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.
So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.
Fill my life again. I give my life to follow,
Ev'rything I believe in. Now I surrender. **CHORUS**

Shine Your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus,
Shine Your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. **CHORUS TWICE**

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Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: Numbers 3:1-6, 39-48; Luke 14:25-15:10
Monday: Numbers 8:5-26; Luke 15:11-32
Tuesday: Numbers 9:1-23; Luke 16:1-18
Wednesday: Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 16:19-31
Thursday: Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35; Luke 17:1-19
Friday: Numbers 11:24-29, 12:1-16; Luke 17:20-37
Saturday: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33; Luke 18:1-17

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Roger, hospitalized	Carrie, healing from a stroke
Steve, hospitalized with Covid	Linda, brain cancer
Larry, heart issues	Mary, Jan's sister-in-law, cancer
Del, health issues	Julie, pancreatic cancer
Jerry's sister, Pat, recovery	Patrick, health issues
Jack, ongoing health issues	Marilyn, hospitalized
Dave, recovery	Lauren's mother
Rachel, recovery	Shirley, hospitalized
Blake	The children in the sledding accident
Al, health issues	Berklee
Jim, cancer	Jim, Parkinson's
Larry, health issues	Tom, cancer
Tony, hospice	Ken, health
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	
Confirmants: EJ, RJ, Nicholas, Addisan, Evan, Anna, Matthew	
For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.	

Our Savior Families: Bill & Julie, Mike, Adam & Susan, Vicki, Donald & Kristy, Dawn

Hymn of the Week "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious" LSB 548

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction