



Greater Love  
Has No One  
Than This

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN*

*Sunday, May 9, 2021*

*8:00 & 10:30 a.m.*

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.  
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill  
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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### Divine Service Three

#### Recognition of Mothers

P 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.

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"** LSB #490 vs 1-5

*Stand*

#### Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all

of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

#### Service of the Word

**Introit** Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

C: **and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**

P: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C: **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

P: Bless our God, O peoples;

C: **Let the sound of his praise be heard,**

P: who has kept our soul among the living

C: **and has not let our feet slip.**

P: Blessed be God,

C: **because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

C: and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**Kyrie** LSB 186

C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Hymn of Praise: "Now Thank We All Our God"** LSB #895 vs 1-3

*Stand*

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

*Sit*

**First Reading** Acts 10:34–48

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>And 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, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>And 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. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And 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. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**All: Christ has risen from the dead. (God the Father) has crowned him with glory and honor. He has given him dominion over the**

**works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.**

**Epistle** 1 John 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Everyone 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. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This 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. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia** LSB 190

**C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** John 15:9–17

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

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **The Fourth Commandment**

**All: Honor your father and your mother.**

P *What does this mean?*

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: "O, Blest the House" LSB #862 vs 1-5**

**Sermon Message: "No Greater Love"**

### **Offering**

**Offertory: "Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB #789 vs 1-3**

### **Prayer of the Church**

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### **Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction** *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

**Closing Hymn: "Almighty Father, Bless The Word" LSB #923 vs 1-3**

### **Acknowledgments Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book**

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**Coffee/Donuts:** The Board of Parish Services invite you to stop by the fireside room and enjoy a cup of coffee and donuts between the services. This is a great opportunity to visit and enjoy fellowship

**Bible Class** will not meet this morning. Coffee and fellowship will be held in the fireside room.

**Board Of Education** meets Monday night at 6:00 to discuss upcoming events.

**LWML** will hold their May meeting on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join in on their meeting and see what LWML is about.

**Worship In The Park:** The last day of Sunday school before summer break is **Sunday, May 23**. There will be one service only that day. Sunday school, fellowship, refreshments and donuts will be held at the Sherburn City Park at 9:15. Our worship service will also be held at the park beginning at 10:30. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us!

**Open House Bridal Shower** for Macy Petrowiak, bride to be of Chris Kahler will be held on Saturday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Fairmont Yacht Club. RSVP to Holly at (507) 848-7104 (call or text). Macy is registered at Target & Sterling Drug.

**National Youth Gathering Meeting:** There will be a mandatory meeting with regards to the National Youth Gathering for youth and parents. You can attend either Sunday, May 16 at 9:15 or Wednesday, May 19 at 7:15 p.m.

**Youth Flaming Flocking Fundraiser** has been extended to May 10. Forms are available from the church or youth. Have fun and "flock a friend" or buy insurance to not get flocked!

**Door Offering:** Starting next Sunday through May 30th we will be taking door offering for the Sherburn Cemetery. The money will be used to help maintain and improve the Sherburn Cemetery. Checks can be made payable to Sherburn Cemetery Association.

*Happy Mother's Day*

**In Our Prayers:** Thomas Wilson, Bob Hoffmeyer, Roberta Garbers, Karen Brolsma

**Coping With Cancer:** Miriam Krueger, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegelger, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

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**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** Katelyn Ellis, Tim Schwager, Connie Cain, Rodney Thiel, Chris Eisenmenger, Kurt Koehler, Bria Williamson, Paige Anderson, Eliza Richter, Emily Eich, Dan Grill, Thea Larson, Tyler Brolsma, Nolan Rudolph, Janet Holtz, Brent Boosinger, Noah Swanson, Vickie Weber, Dylin Whitehead

**Members Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:** Ryan & Michele Baker, Matt & Trishia Bliesmer, Adam & Stephanie Gill, Robb & Jamie Larson

### **Take My Moments & My Days**

**Sunday, May 9:** 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Fellowship

**Monday, May 10:** 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

**Wednesday, May 12:** 2:00 p.m. LWML

**Friday, May 14:** Gregory/Holm Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, May 15:** Gregory /Holm Wedding

**Sunday, May 16:** 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion, 9:00 a.m. Youth & Parent Meeting, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Fellowship