

First Reading

Acts 10:34-48

³⁴So Peter 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.

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?

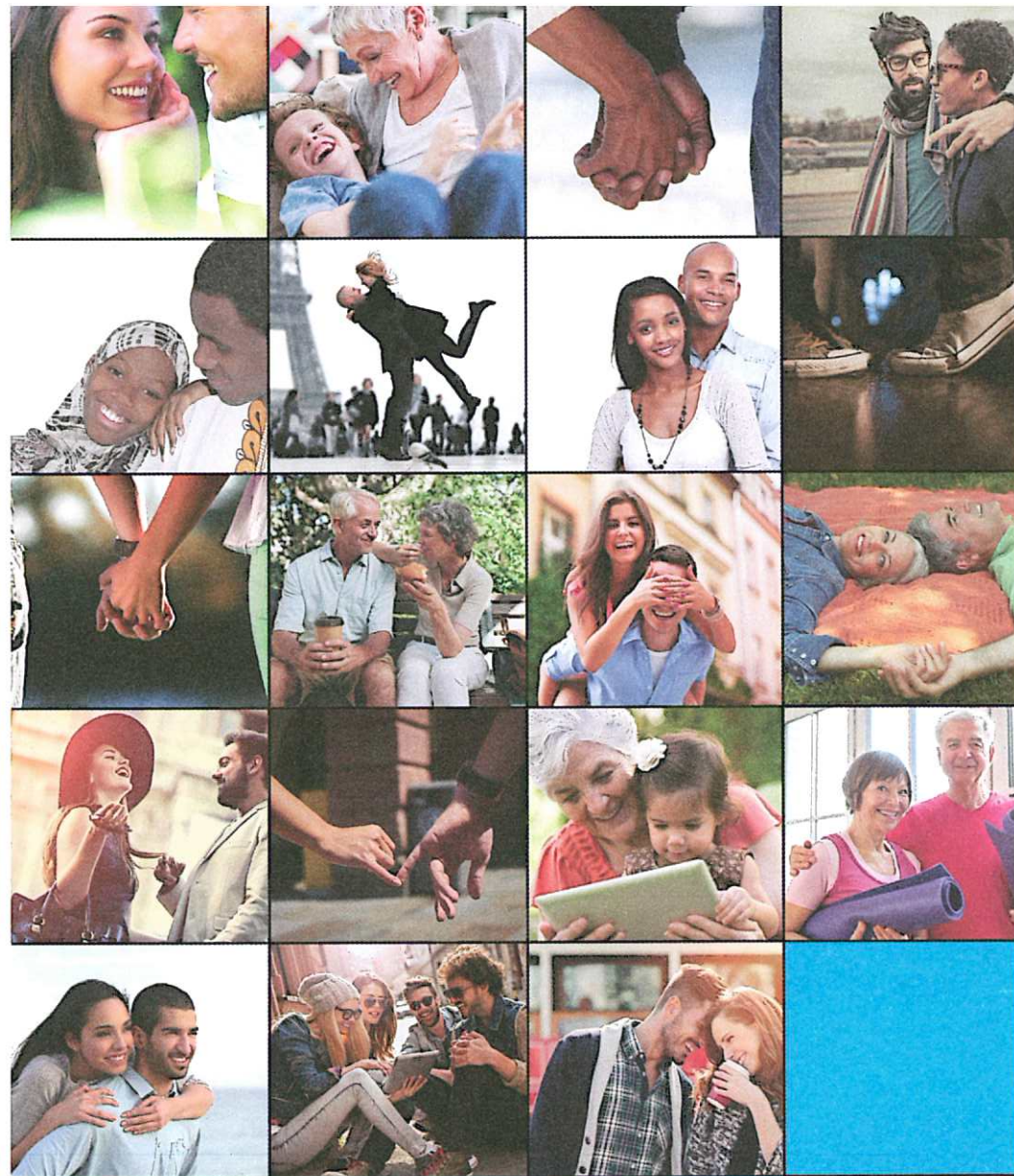
⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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.

¹²This 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.”



About the Cover: Jesus commands that we love one another just as He has and still loves us. Jesus loves us unconditionally, sacrificially. He loves us not because He expects anything from us, but simply for the sake of God’s love for His creation. We must struggle as humans to love that deeply, but by God’s grace, through Christ, we are enabled to truly love our neighbor.

Love one another

John 15:12



Easter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2 & 6, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 837 vs. 1-4, 683 (Tune: 766), 805, 845, 694, 588
Sermon: "Prevailing Charity"
John 15:9-17

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 4/25 (Wed.): 45	Comm.: 44	Offering: \$852.00
Attendance 4/29 (Sun.): 91	Comm.: 70	Offering: \$2,492.16
S.S. – 18	Staff – 5	B.C. – 10
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00		Scrip Profit 4/29: \$28.50

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (5/9)	7:00 p.m. – Worship
THUR (5/10)	12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid
SUN (5/13)	8:00 a.m. – S.S.
	9:00 a.m. – Worship
	6:30 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Elaine Zeamer as she celebrates her 80th birthday.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by the confirmation class.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Jim & Florence Behnke in honor of their anniversary.

CONFIRMATION – Making her confirmation of faith today is Meghan Propson, daughter of Kurt & Erin Propson. May the Lord bless her today and always!

CONFIRMATION & GRADUATION CARDS are available in the card room.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE will again take place on May 13. Roses are \$2 each. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase a rose for Right to Life. You can pick up the rose after the service on Mother's Day. Proceeds go to Mother & Unborn Baby at Appleton and Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair. Deadline is Sunday, May 6.

FLOAT COMMITTEE – The Board of Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for 3-4 people to organize the church float for the parade on June 8. Contact the church office if interested.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

1 Timothy 2:5-6 "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all." To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God fair and square, not only because He created us, but now doubly so in that we are ransomed. We belong to God: that's the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – Let us pray this week for **Rev. John Reinke, Rev. Bud Palmer, and their deaconesses**, who facilitate **Deaf ministry** in southern Wisconsin. Pray that our Deaf, who often feel isolated and alone, may know the joy that comes from God's love for them.

