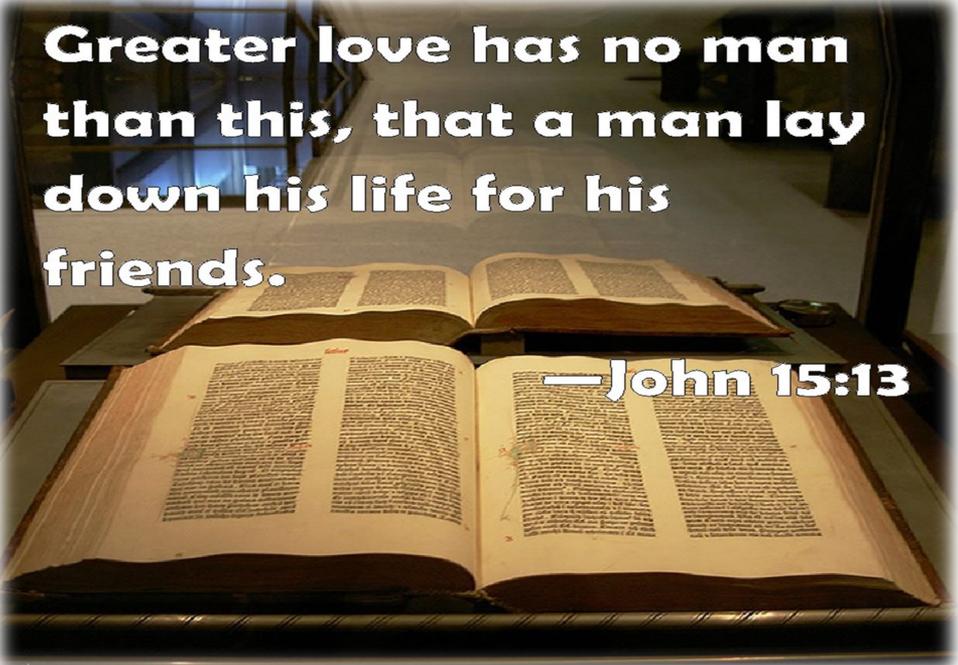


*Love* one another  
as I  
have Loved You.  
John 15:12

**Greater love has no man  
than this, that a man lay  
down his life for his  
friends.**

**—John 15:13**



# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, PULASKI, WI

THURSDAY, MAY 6TH & SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, 2021

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**AS WE GATHER:** “In the sight of God” is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God’s unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man” (*Proverbs 3:3–4*). All our life is in God’s amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.



### OPENING HYMN **Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now** Public domain LSB 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O ho - ly,  
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

### INVOCATION

**[P]** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

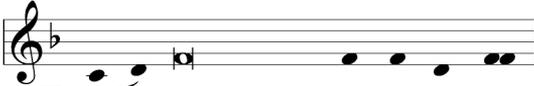
**[C]** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.



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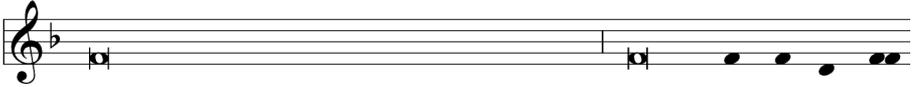
- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,
- C** and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
- C** sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!
- P** Bless our God, O peoples;
- C** let the sound of His praise be heard,
- P** who has kept our soul among the living
- C** and has not let our feet slip.
- P** Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer
- C** or removed His steadfast love from me!
- A** *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.*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

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

**Acts 10:34–48**

<sup>34</sup>So 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** (The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)

**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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL (Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love.) St. John 15:9–17

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

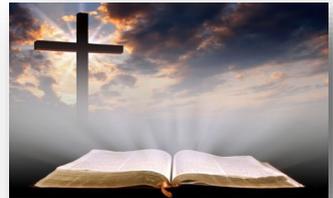
<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] "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 what ever 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 to You, O Christ.



# SERMON HYMN Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

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1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.  
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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## SERMON

“THE GREATEST LOVE THERE IS”

Pastor Larry Yaw

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**☐** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

*those in need of God's grace & mercy especially ...*

### Those in need of our prayers:

Jackie Brassfield, Becky Haltaufderheid,  
Barb Harr, Larry Heckmann,  
Randy Lepak, Doug Kohlmeyer,  
Joe Schmidt, Louise Stevens, Grace  
Tremel, Bev Wagner, Mary Wudtke,  
Harper Zuleger and Bill Fowler

### Our Shut-Ins: Bill & Willie

Burmeister, Juliana Gerrits, Faye Hintz,  
Cheryl Szccepanski, and Becky Ullmer

### THOSE CELEBRATING...

Birthdays: **May 9:** Ken P. Winter  
**May 11:** Kevin Kraemer, Logan Lom,  
Ashlyn Schlender

**May 12:** Jackie Brassfield

**May 13:** Buck Skalitzky

**May 15:** Ben Dyer

### Anniversaries:

**May 14:** Cheryl & Richard Szccepanski

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each Prayer will end with: ... *Lord, in Your mercy,*  
Reply with: ... *hear our prayer.*

## OFFERTORY

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## NOTE FOR THOSE DESIRING TO COMMUNE



Our practice of close communion is the Biblical & Historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word & for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body & blood of Christ in, with, & under the bread & wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29).

Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) & the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship & doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, **guests** who are not a member of a sister LCMS church are asked to **please speak with our pastor or an elder before communing.**

If you're not communing this morning, but still desire to come forward for a blessing; please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest so the pastor may bless you.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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**P** The Lord be with you.



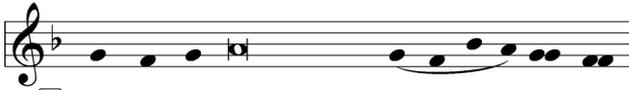
**C** And al - so with you.



**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

It is truly good, right, and salutary...

...evermore praising You and saying:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth... ..one God, now and forever

**C** Amen.

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
 Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.



**☐** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**HYMN Lord Jesus, Think on Me** Public domain **LSB 610**

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
 5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,

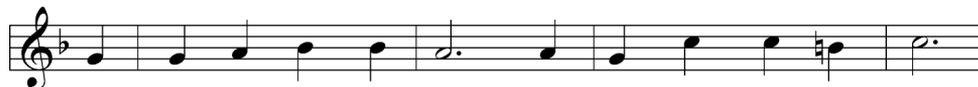
From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
 Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
 In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
 Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

**HYMN O God, Forsake Me Not** Public domain **LSB 731**

1 O God, for - sake me not! Your gra - cious pres - ence lend me;  
 2 O God, for - sake me not! Take not Your Spir - it from me;  
 3 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion!  
 4 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, I am Yours for - ev - er.



Lord, lead Your help-less child; Your Ho - ly Spir - it send me  
 Do not per - mit the might Of sin to o - ver - come me.  
 In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help me re - sist temp - ta - tion;  
 O keep me strong in faith That I may leave You nev - er.



That I my course may run. O be my light, my lot,  
 In - crease my fee - ble faith, Which You a - lone have wrought.  
 And when the prince of hell My con - science seeks to blot,  
 Grant me a bless - ed end When my good fight is fought;



My staff, my rock, my shield— O God, for - sake me not!  
 O be my strength and pow'r— O God, for - sake me not!  
 Be then not far from me— O God, for - sake me not!  
 Help me in life and death— O God, for - sake me not!

**HYMN** By Grace I'm Saved Public domain

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1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** *Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You & the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C** Amen.

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. The hymn "For All the Faithful Women" celebrates Christian women throughout the centuries, thanking God for them.*

**HYMN**

**For All the Faithful Women**

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For all the faithful women  
Who served in days of old,  
To You shall thanks be given;  
To all, their story told.

They served with strength and gladness  
In tasks Your wisdom gave.  
To You their lives bore witness,  
Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.

**P** *Several women commemorated in individual stanzas of "For All the Faithful Women" are honored for their examples of blessed motherhood. Among those are Hannah, from Old Testament times, and Eunice and Lois, mentioned in the New Testament writings of Paul. There is also a stanza for Mary, the mother of our Lord. Bringing the remembrance to present times, a new stanza honors mothers from all times and places as "gifts among us."*

# HYMN

## “We Thank You, Lord, for Mothers”

We thank You, Lord, for mothers  
 Who Your great kindness share  
 Through loving deeds for others  
 As emblems of Your care.  
 May we true honor show them  
 And joyfully express  
 That they are gifts among us  
 To cherish and to bless.

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**P** *The final stanza of “For All the Faithful Women” is a doxology, most appropriate this day to glorify God as we express our thanks for the faithful women in our lives and in the ongoing life of the Church.*

# HYMN

## For All the Faithful Women

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LSB 855 vs. 4

**Δ** All praise to God the Father!  
 All praise to Christ the Son!  
 All praise the Holy Spirit,  
 Who binds the Church in one!

With saints who went before us,  
 With saints who witness still,  
 We sing glad Alleluias  
 And strive to do Your will.

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# BENEDICTION

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**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** A - - men.





1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 down - ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.

- 5) Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Crown Him with many crowns  
 Enthroned in worlds above, As thrones before Him fall;  
 Crown Him the king to whom is Crown Him, ye kings, with many  
 giv'n crowns,  
 The wondrous name of Love. For He is king of all. *Public domain*

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria!* ✠



Her children arise  
 and call her blessed.

PROVERBS 31:28