

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



## Prelude Music

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Song: What A Friend We Have In Jesus** (*please see back page for music*)

## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

## Kyrie

A/P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A/P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

A/P: 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 mercy.**

A/P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A/P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

**C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## Psalm: Psalm 98

1Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**2O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

3You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**4Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

5Sing to the Lord| with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**6With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

7Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**8Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

9The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.

What a priv'lege to carry ev'rything to God in pray'r.

*Sinclair*

## Gospel: John 15:9-17

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

P: A reading from... C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus said: 9“As the Father has loved me, so I have 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. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon – Pastor Paul

### Song of the Day: Love One Another

When I go, you will look for Me. When I go, you will wonder.  
When I go, you will look for Me. But I won't be gone, You will see me when you  
love one another. *(whispered) Yeah!*  
love one another. *(whispered) All right!*  
Care for each other. *(whispered) Okay!*  
Love one another as I have loved you all.

If you love, you are friends of Mine; If you love, you're My children.  
If you love, you are friends of Mine; Ev'ryone will know I am with you when you  
love one another. *(whispered) Yeah!*  
Love one another. *(whispered) All right!*  
Care for each other. *(whispered) Okay!*  
Love one another as I have loved you all.

Love your friends, love your enemies anytime, anybody,  
Love your friends, love your enemies; In this mystery you are loving Me, so  
love one another. *(whispered) Yeah!*  
Love one another. *(whispered) All right!*  
Care for each other. *(whispered) Okay!*  
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## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace

## Words of Institution

## 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.

## Communion

**Communion Songs: One Bread One Body** (please see back page for music)  
**Do Lord**

## Final Blessing

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Sending Song: Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;  
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now. We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst; Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.

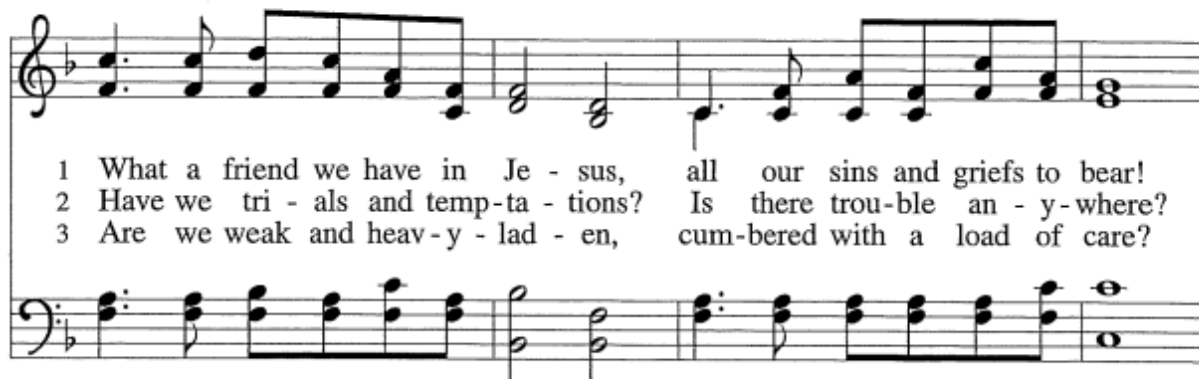
Build your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far. No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your Church; We are the hope on earth.

Build your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.  
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# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

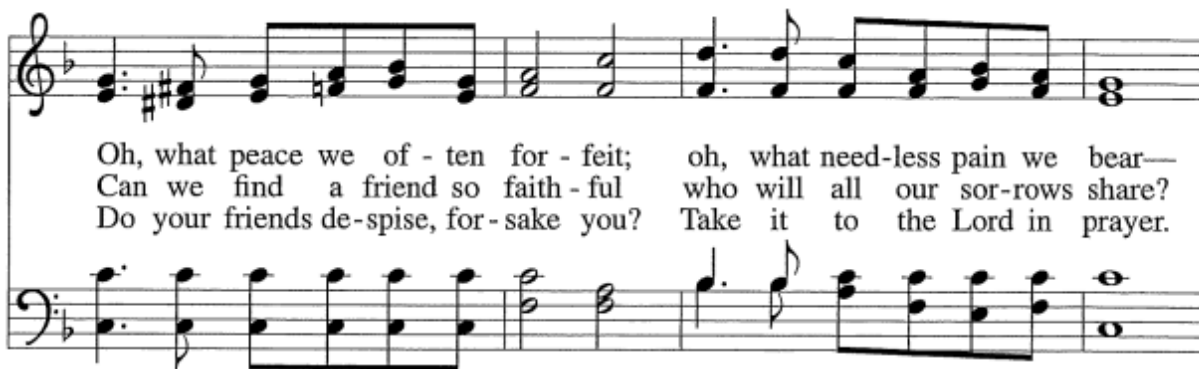
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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

## One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



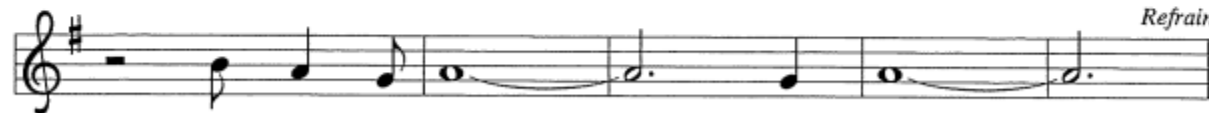
bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

*Refrain*



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**Altar Flowers have returned!** Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. You may use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$40 (payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the Administration Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance. You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

**Today's altar flowers are donated by:** *by Kate Holtfreter in celebration of all of our mothers.*

**Pr Ruth Overdier has given Bethlehem many books from Pr Fred's collection.** Please feel free to take what you would like from the table in the area between the Gathering Space and Narthex.

**"Zoom Bible Study"** gathering via Zoom is on a break right now. Our current study is on Paul's letter to the Philippians from Augsburg Fortress. Besides the thought-provoking discussions, we also have great conversation and fellowship. Please contact Pr. Paul if you are interested in joining.

**The BLC book club will meet via ZOOM at 5:30 on Tues May 25.** We will be discussing *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. The author lives in Minnesota where BLC book club founders Dave and Laurie Gabel now reside. They have graciously agreed to lead the discussion of this amazing book. If you are not already on the list and want to be added to the group for May just send your email to Cindy Monroe at [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net).

**Summer is just around the corner and here at Bethlehem we're planning a new exciting VBS**

**Adventure not only for your kids...**but for the entire family! Are you looking for a safe, friendly and fun environment that you can all enjoy together? Then sign up today for Great Bible Reef One Day VBS! This outdoor fun-filled vacation bible school is for the young and the young at heart for one day only on Sunday, June 27th 2PM - 5:45PM.

**Registration is going on now until the June 13th deadline!** For more information or to register for VBS, go to [myvbs.org/blcvbs2021](http://myvbs.org/blcvbs2021) or reach out to Annie Slabaugh at [annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org) or 231.947.9880 extension 16!

**The MAY issue of the STAR is ready!** This is an early publication so we can include Holy Week and Easter information. Feel free to check online at [www.bethlehemtc.org](http://www.bethlehemtc.org) < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>

The outdoor "Shooting STAR Dispenser" at BLC is now full with several paper publications, including the May STAR and the current week's worship folder/bulletin. If you would like a copy of a DVD, please contact the church and one will be produced for you.

**Drive My Way,** the driver's ed school using Bethlehem's facility is in need of experienced driver's ed teachers. If you are experienced or know someone who is experienced, please contact Mark or Ashley Ingraham, the Father/Daughter Team; Drive My Way Driver Education; (231)492-6612. Time and pay are negotiable.

**Christ in Our Home Devotionals for available for April/May/June.** They can be picked up at the name tag table on Sunday mornings, from the STAR box below the outside mailbox, or during parking lot communion. The newest *Living Lutheran* magazine is also available in the same locations.

**A big thank you** to those who have turned in Oleson's receipts. For 2020, we received a total of \$545.66. Please continue saving your Oleson's receipts for Bethlehem. Please drop them off in the bin under the mailbox counter. Thanks.

**Calling all Knitters!!** There is an overabundance of yarn skeins in the bin under the mailboxes in the narthex. PLEASE feel free to grab some to make hats, mittens, prayer shawls, etc.! The yarn is sorted according to kind, so you can be sure to find something appropriate for whatever project you have in mind. Questions? Call Betty R. (947-1013)

**Keep "Hope Spreading":** Don't forget our blog "Hope Spreads Further" is still going strong! We've had many very inspiring entries and hope to read more. We invite you to help us build this blog or just read current entries at <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/hope-spreads-further>. Reach out to *Pastor Paul* at [paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org) if you'd like to contribute to the blog!

