

Sunday, May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

May 6, 2018 • 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDE

Gwalchmai (Welsh Easter Hymn)

arr. Richard Purvis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, for oceans,

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water. We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, [for those newly baptized; for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG We Are Called ELW 720

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

KYRIE (SING VERSES 3 & 4)



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44–48 (Please open to page 135 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1–6 (Please open to page 261 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 15:9–17

(Please open to page 113 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

The holy gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON Pastor Steven Wigdahl

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love ELW 708

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"



We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set.

(9:00) Hallelujah Cohen/arr. Hughes

(11:00) Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven arr. James Kirkby Emmanuel Choir

Praise my soul, the King of heaven; to the throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! Praise the everlasting King! Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness! Glorious now God's faithfulness! Angels in the heights adoring, you behold God face to face; saints triumphant, now adoring, gathering in from every race. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace! Praise with us the God of grace.

The assembly stands.

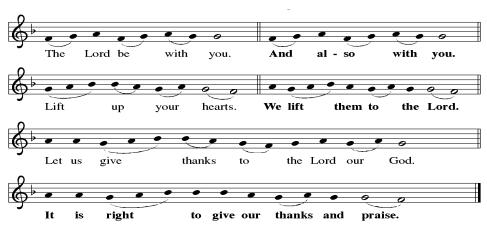
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

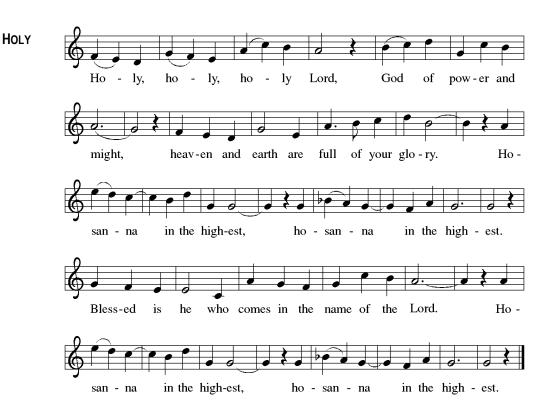
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE for the Season of Easter

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus

who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

Invited to the Lord's Table are all baptized Christians who celebrate with us the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament. The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread. Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward. please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when your row is directed to come forward.

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.

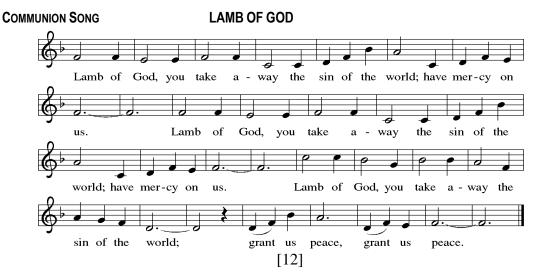
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

Holy Communion

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond Amen.



COMMUNION MUSIC:

One Bread, One Body
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Come to the Table

ELW 496
ELW 742
ELW 481

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious, and be gracious;
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. (Numbers 6: 24-26)

SENDING SONG: They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love (next page)

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by Peter Scholtes



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DISMISSALGo in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Recessional Purvis

9:00 Service

Greeters: Dick & Joan Spangler Assisting Minister: Jim Klinke

Lector: Joyce O'Neill Acolyte: Ray Schrader

Ushers: Keith & Beth McCullen, Rosy Myers, Marilyn Thomack

Altar Guild: Cheryl & Bruce Carlson

Hospitality: Mike Maslowski, Maria Wigdahl

11:00 Service

Greeters: Rick & Maridee Boe Assisting Minister: Nance Rosevear

Lector: Bill Rosevear Acolyte: Kathy Worley

Ushers: Frank Loney, Donna Rhode, Bud & Nancy Umbach

Altar Guild: Diedre Milligan

Hospitality: Mike Maslowski, Maria Wigdahl

Resident Pastor: Will Kittinger





Altar Flowers

The flowers that beautify our altar today are given by Carolyn & Richard Faust in honor of their grandson Aaron Faust. And, by Mike Maslowski in honor of the birthday of his beloved wife. Frances Maslowski.