

**Joy of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 9, 2021**

**MUSIC PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**GATHERING PRAISE SONGS**

**AWESOME GOD**

**PURPLE BOOK #13**

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With wisdom power and love – our God is an awesome God!

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**I LOVE YOU, LORD**

**PURPLE BOOK #67**

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, My King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the  
power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to  
you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together  
with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your  
hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

## LESSONS

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

A reading from Acts.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

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

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

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

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

### SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from First John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <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 the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

**RED BOOK, #172**

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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## **GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

Announcement Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have 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>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I 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. <sup>16</sup>You 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. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S SONG**

**JESUS LOVES ME!**

**RED BOOK, #595**

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

**Refrain**      Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

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## **CHILDREN’S SERMON & BLESSING**

### **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE**

**RED BOOK #708**

**Refrain**      Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. **Refrain**

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away. **Refrain**

These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. **Refrain**

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you. **Refrain**

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## **THE 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 GOD'S PEOPLE**

*After the petition: Hear us, O God. ...*

*The Congregation responds: ... Your mercy is great. Amen.*

**PEACE**     Response: **And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING:**

**Monette Forte**

### **RESPONSE:                    The Queen's Prayer**

'O kou aloha no Aia i Ka Lani,  
A 'o kou 'oia'io, He hemolele ho'i.

Nolai la e ka Haku, Ma lalo Kou 'e heu,  
Ko makou maluhia. A mau loa aku no. Amene

Translation:                Your loving mercy is as high as Heaven  
And your truth, so perfect.

And so, O Lord protect us beneath your wings  
And let peace be our portion. Now and forever more. Amen

## **BLESSING OF THE OFFERING:**

God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.      **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **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:

### **SANCTUS**

### **HOLY, HOLY**

**Purple Book, #62**

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord

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### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)**

**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.**

### **LAMB OF GOD**

### **JESUS, LAMB OF GOD**

**PURPLE BOOK, #76**

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name;  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

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### **ADMINISTERING OF THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

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.**

## SENDING SONG

## WE ARE CALLED

## RED BOOK #720

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God

**Refrain** We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more.

### Refrain

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

### Refrain

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## DISMISSAL

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

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