

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22 May 2022

*Alleluia*  
He is  
Risen



Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# Service of Holy Communion

## *Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3*

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.  
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

### **Prelude / Ringing of the Bell**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Easter Greeting**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!     **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Confession and Forgiveness** (pages 94-96)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*(There is a time of silence for reflection.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn #384 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”**

**Greeting** (page 138)

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** (pages 138-139; spoken responsively)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

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.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

♩ **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory and might**

**be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

### **Readings**

**L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**♫ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Gospel**

**P: The Holy Gospel according to John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon – Pastor Roberta**

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**Hymn #631 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**Confession of Faith: 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.**

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**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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*(Each petition ends: P: God, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

#### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

#### **Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

**♫ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **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.**

#### ***Holy Communion is celebrated today.***

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion  
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**✠ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

#### **Hymn #785 “When Peace like a River”**

#### **Post Communion Blessing & Prayer**

##### **Blessing**

#### **Hymn #763 “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”**

##### **Dismissal**

**P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.**



**C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Ringing of the Bell / Postlude**

**Pastor:** Rev. Roberta Pierce

**Organist:** Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

**Acolyte:** David Burke

**Lector:** Melisa Jacobsen

**Communion Assistant:** Neil Holmquist

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**This Week At A Glance**

Monday 3:15 pm Bible School at Faith

Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Jam at Faith

Sunday 9:00 am Worship service at Our Savior's

**Those to keep in prayer:** Ruth Braet, Denise Balster, Heather Grau, Lucy Lee Petersen, Velma Jensen, Megan Mineck Wentland, Ryan Dick, Neil Mason, Tim Burke, Jim Goddard, Barb Johnson; the homebound: Betty Schau, Carol Christensen, Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Norman Bousselot, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those serving in the military.

**Caden Will** will celebrate his First Communion today.

The last **Bible School** session will be held Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 3:15-5:15 at Faith for children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

On **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**, there will be one service held at 9:00 am at Our Savior's Church.

On **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**, Our Savior's will hold a special congregational meeting following worship. There are two items on the agenda for the meeting: 1) to vote on extending a call to Leah Holloway-Nilsen and 2) carpet bids for the sanctuary, upstairs Sunday School rooms and stairs. No other business will be transacted.

## **Pastoral Candidate**

Six members of the Parish Coordinating Committee interviewed a full-time pastoral candidate on April 26. At the May joint council meeting, the PCC recommended that the candidate be considered for call to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Faith Lutheran Church. The joint council agreed and is recommending the call to the individual congregations.

The next step in the call process is a meet-and-greet event. All members of Faith and Our Savior's are encouraged to attend that meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, at Our Savior's. Leah Holloway-Nilsen will introduce herself and there will be time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served.

Special congregational meetings to vote on extending a call are set for Sunday, June 19, following 8:00 a.m. worship at Faith and 9:30 a.m. worship at Our Savior's.

The **DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary** annually participates in Birdies for Charity at the John Deere Golf Classic. 100% of donations go toward the designated project for the DeWitt Community Hospital. An additional 5% is also donated by the John Deere Classic.

If you would like to support this project, follow these steps.

1. Collect a donation form located on the bulletin board at Faith or at the back of the church at Our Savior's.
2. Write a check to **QC Golf Classic Charitable Foundation**.
3. Complete the brief donation form.
4. **Mail the donation and form prior to June 1, 2022 to this address:**

**Birdies for Charity  
15623 Coaltown Rd.  
East Moline, IL 61244**

DeWitt Community Hospital is often the first place one goes if injured or ill. Even though transportation to other hospitals for care may be needed, it remains the closest facility to meet our

emergency, general, or long-term care needs. Thank you for supporting our local hospital.

# *The Bequests of Christ*

By William Barclay | [www.bibleportal.com/commentary/chapter/william-barclay](http://www.bibleportal.com/commentary/chapter/william-barclay)

*John 14:25-31 "I have spoken these things to you while I am still with you. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things, and will remind you of all that I have said. I am leaving you peace: I am giving you my peace. I do not give it to you as the world gives peace. Let not your heart be distressed or fear-stricken. You have heard that I said to you: 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to my Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you about it before it happens, so that whenever it does happen, you will believe. I shall not say much more to you, because the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me. His coming will only make the world know that I love the Father, and that I do as the Father has commanded me. Rise, let us be going."*

This a passage close-packed with truth. In it Jesus speaks of five things.

(i) He speaks of his ally, the Holy Spirit, and says two basic things about him.

(a) The Holy Spirit will teach us all things. To the end of the day the Christian must be a learner, for to the end of the day the Holy Spirit will be leading him deeper and deeper into the truth of God. There is never any excuse in the Christian faith for the shut mind. The Christian who feels that he has nothing more to learn is the Christian who has not even begun to understand what the doctrine of the Holy Spirit means.

(b) The Holy Spirit will remind us of what Jesus has said. This means two things. 1). In matters of belief, the Holy Spirit is constantly bringing back to us the things Jesus said. We have an obligation to think, but all our conclusions must be tested against the words of Jesus. It is not so much the truth that we have to discover; he told us the truth. What we have to discover is the meaning of that truth. The Holy Spirit saves us from arrogance and

error of thought. 2). The Holy Spirit will keep us right in matters of conduct. Nearly all of us have this sort of experience in life. We are tempted to do something wrong and are on the very brink of doing it, when back into our mind comes a saying of Jesus, the verse of a psalm, the picture of Jesus, words of someone we love and admire, teaching we received when very young. In the moment of danger these things flash unbidden into our minds. That is the work of the Holy Spirit.

(ii) He speaks of his gift, and his gift is peace. In the Bible the word for peace, *shalom* (Hebrew), never means simply the absence of trouble. It means everything which makes for our highest good. The peace which the world offers us is the peace of escape, the peace which comes from the avoidance of trouble and from refusing to face things. The peace which Jesus offers us is the peace of conquest. No experience of life can ever take it from us and no sorrow, no danger, no suffering can ever make it less. It is independent of outward circumstances.

(iii) He speaks of his destination. He is going back to his Father; and he says that if his disciples really loved him, they would be glad that it was so. He was being released from the limitations of this world; he was being restored to his glory. If we really grasped the truth of the Christian faith, we would always be glad when those whom we love go to be with God. That is not to say that we would not feel the sting of sorrow and the sharpness of loss; but even in our sorrow and our loneliness, we would be glad that after the troubles and the trials of earth those whom we loved have gone to something better. We would never grudge them their rest but would remember that they had entered, not into death, but into blessedness.

(iv) He speaks of his struggle. The iv was the final battle of Jesus with the powers of evil. But he was not afraid of it, for he knew that evil had no ultimate power over him. He went to his death in the certainty, not of defeat, but of conquest.

(v) He speaks of his vindication. At the moment men saw in the Cross only his humiliation and his shame; but the time would come

when they would see in it his obedience to God and his love to men. The very things which were the keynotes of Jesus' life found their highest expression in the Cross.