



*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

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*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.*



# *Welcome ~ Happy Mother's Day!*

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

*Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

L: We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**C: 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.**

L: 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.

**C: Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.**

L: To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING SONG: *"Baptized in Water"* – ELW 456

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

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## **EASTER LITANY:**

L: Christ is alive!

**C: New birth is given.**

L: Hope is alive!

**C: A new age is dawning.**

L: Joy is alive!

**C: Redemption is here.**

L: Love is alive!

**C: Death cannot harm us.**

L: We are alive!

**C: New life is within us.**

L: The church is alive!

**C: God's spirit is within us.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE: "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!" - ELW 835**

All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
Sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **\*GREETING:**

L: 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.**

## **\*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.**

## ~ We Hear God's Word ~

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

<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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 98

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his 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>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

**<sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy**

<sup>9</sup>at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "The Strife is O'er the Battle Done" ELW 366**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,  
From death's sting free your servants too,  
That we may live and sing to you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 15th chapter.

**C: 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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON SONG: “*Bless Be the Tie that Binds*” – ELW 656**

- 1   Blest be the tie that binds  
     our hearts in Christian love;  
     the unity of heart and mind  
     is like to that above.
- 2   Before our Father’s throne  
     we pour our ardent prayers;  
     our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
     our comforts and our cares.
- 4   From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
     and sin we shall be free;  
     and perfect love and friendship reign  
     through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

## **SERMON**

*~ We Respond as God’s People ~*

### **\*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.**

## **OFFERING MOMENT & SLIDESHOW**

**OFFERTORY:** *Sing as gifts are brought forward to the altar.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **PRAYER LITANY for MOTHER'S DAY:**

L: Each of us who gather here are sons or daughters.

**C: We praise God for the women who gave us life!**

L: For mothers, brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

**C: We give God thanks and praise.**

L: For mothers, vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

**C: We pray for peace of mind.**

L: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

**C: We pray for healing of heart.**

L: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born, or unborn,

**C: We weep with the broken hearted.**

L: For those who are tired or weary in their efforts to raise children,

**C: We pray that we may be their village, offering encouragement and a helping hand.**

L: For those preparing to launch their fledglings and have emptier nests,

**C: We recognize both the joy and loss in launching our own. We pray that our children's wings are as strong as their roots are deep.**

L: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

**C: We pray for wisdom and patience.**

L: For grandmothers who nurture grandchildren, for adult children who nurture aged parents,

**C: We pray that all who give care, receive refreshment and renewal.**

L: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for the adoptive process to be fulfilled,

**C: We wait eagerly with you and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.**

L: For women who have no children of their own, but lovingly teach, care for, and guide the children of others,

**C: We give God thanks and praise.**

L: For mothers who've passed into life eternal, whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

**C: We give thanks for the gifts they shared with us and find hope in the promise of eternal life.**

L: For mothers, sisters, and daughters in our midst and around the world; and for all who journey beside them: That we might walk together in grace and peace, supporting one another on life's pathway, and experiencing the light and love of God's presence along the way. For God's good and abundant provision to all ...

**C: We give God thanks and praise! Amen.**

**\*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.

**\*BENEDICTION**

*~ We Are Sent to Serve ~*

**\*CLOSING SONG: "For the Beauty of the Earth" - ELW 879**

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Refrain:* Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

- 4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

**DISMISSAL:**

**L:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

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

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## *Welcome to worship at Messiah Lutheran!*

*At Messiah, it is our desire to glorify Christ as we nurture our faith, share Christ's love, and teach His Word. May you feel our Lord's presence today, as we offer our praise and thanksgiving through song and prayer!*



### *Moe-ssiah's Sunday Morning Blend*

**10:30 AM Facebook:** *Livestream 10:30 AM worship on Messiah's Facebook page. You can "check in" via the Breeze app on your phone.*

**11:00 AM Radio Broadcast:** *Tune in on WILD 102 to listen to the morning worship service pre-recorded at Moe Lutheran.*

*+ Today, Messiah's Livestream is given in memory of Helmi Jackson by the family of Richard Jackson, in memory of Pastor Lou Hermansen and Ann Skrutvold by Annette Hermansen and sponsored for Mother's Day by Naomi Circle.*

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# Announcements

## Week at a Glance

<p><u><b>Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day</b></u>  <b>09:45am: Special Congregational Meeting</b>  <b>10:30am: Worship Service</b>  <b>10:30am: FB Live</b></p> <p><u><b>Wednesday, May 12</b></u>  <b>06:30pm: 7-12<sup>th</sup> Grade R.O.C.K End of Year Celebration w/Bjerks's Concessions (Bring \$5 donation)</b></p>	<p><u><b>Sunday, May 16 w/Communion</b></u>  <b>10:00am: Sunday School</b>  <b>10:30am: Worship Service</b>  <b>10:30am: FB Live</b></p> <p><u><b>Monday, May 17</b></u>  <b>3:00pm: Adult Praise Band Practice</b></p> <p><u><b>Tuesday, May 18</b></u>  <b>5:30pm: Council Meeting</b></p> <p><u><b>Wednesday, May 19</b></u>  <b>09:30pm: Naomi Circle.</b>  <b>03:30pm: 4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, May 20</b>  <b>6:30pm: Adult Praise Band Practice</b></p>
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**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am. This special meeting is being called to seek approval of funding for improvements to our audio and video equipment.

**SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION:** On Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, we will enjoy a celebratory slideshow of pictures. These pictures will show the many people and events at Messiah that reveal God's faithfulness at work in our faith family!

**NAOMI CIRCLE:** Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. In the Fellowship Hall. *New members Welcome!*

**NEXT CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE with PRAISE BAND** leading the music is on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> for 10:30 am Worship Service!

**SENIOR GRADUATES RECOGNITION SUNDAY** is being planned for Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am Worship Service! Parents of Seniors, PLEASE MARK THIS DOWN on your calendar!

**PLEASE DONATE YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGES!** There is a box below the church mailboxes with a list of the empty Printer, Copier and Fax Cartridges/Toners/Drums etc., that we could return to raise church funds.

**TIN CUPS OFFERING:** Donations will go towards the Moe-ssiah Summer Day Camp which will be August 2-5!

**SPRING CLEANING:** The quilters are replenishing their supply of sheets and fabric. Donations can be left at the church office or put them on the shelf just off the Sunday school wing. **The Bell Choir will have their annual rummage sale in August.** As you go through your household items, please hold them for us. We will take anything except clothes. We will ask for the items right before the sale. Watch for further information.

**SARAH WAHLBERG SCHOLORSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Picked up at the church office or can be found on the Messiah Church website at *messiahroseau.net* under the Resources tab.  
**The application deadline is July 1, 2021 for returning students!**

**“Lord, Hear our Prayer”:** If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we would love to pray for you! You can be placed on the confidential prayer chain by reaching out to Messiah’s Prayer Chain Coordinator, Mary Olson (218-463-2364). To make a request for prayers during worship, fill out the prayer request form found on the table in the narthex and turn in to the church office. *If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Mary, Deacon Joanne, or Pastor Dave.*

**SENIOR GRADUATES RECOGNITION SUNDAY** is being planned for right now on Sunday, May 30th at 10:30 am Worship Service! Parents of Seniors PLEASE MARK THIS DOWN on Your Calendar!

**MOE-SSIAH DAY CAMP:** August 2, 3, 4 & 5, 9am -3pm.Registration is \$30/child with \$60 max per family. Free t-shirt included with registration! Materials coming out soon! Join us for a fun and faith filled week.

**Worship Service Sunday, May 2, 2021**  
**Attendance: 74; Offering: \$7,350; Monthly: \$5,265 Direct Debit: \$600**

<p><i>Worship Servers for <u>Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup></u></i></p> <p><b>No Communion</b> <b>Reader:</b> Barb Erickson <b>Greeter:</b> Kevin Wensloff <b>Sound Booth:</b> Bob/Andrew Tuttle <b>Council Rep:</b> Kevin Wensloff <b>Counters:</b> Stu/Beth McFarlane</p>	<p><i>Worship Servers for <u>Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup></u></i></p> <p><b>Communion:</b> Cheryl Schleppenbach/ Eileen Carter <b>Reader:</b> Jodie Janzen <b>Greeter:</b> Bonnie Delmore <b>Sound Booth:</b> Paul Grafstrom <b>Council Rep:</b> Bonnie Delmore <b>Counters:</b> Jon/Bonnie Hagen</p>
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*Summer worship schedule.*

We are planning to maintain the current Sunday worship times through the summer:

8:30 AM worship at Bethel  
9:15 AM worship at Moe  
**10:30 AM worship at Messiah**

