

Sixth Sunday of Easter

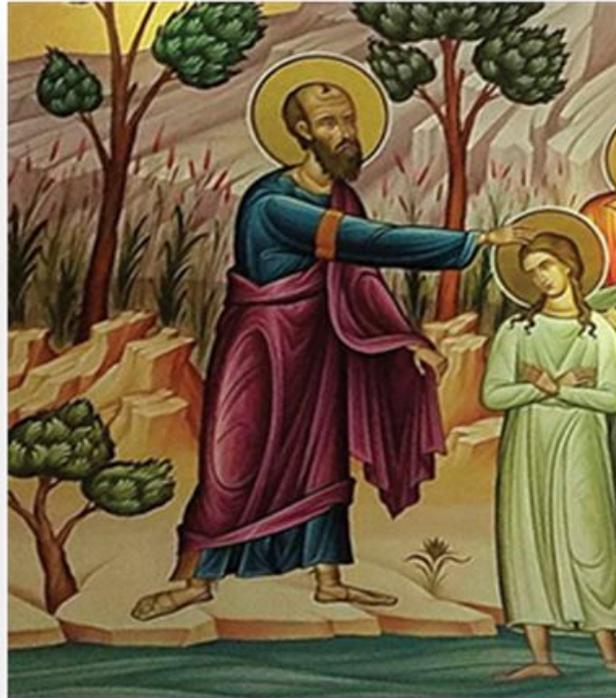


May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM
Holy Communion

Prelude

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Arr. Samuel Sebastian Wesley



GREETING ONE ANOTHER

**We greet one another in the name of
the Lord using words such as
“Peace be with you.”**



Worship Song

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



**My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**



**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord
of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**



**Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?**



**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord
of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**



**What though my joys
and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness
gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.**



**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord
of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**



**The peace of Christ makes
fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?**



**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord
of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**



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.**



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life.



Prayer of the Day

Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C: Amen



A Reading from Acts the Sixteenth Chapter



L: ⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.



⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.



¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.



¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.



The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

(Acts 16:6-15)



L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Please stand as you are able.

P: The Gospel according to St. John
the Fourteenth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



P: ²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.



²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.



²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.



²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

(John 14:23-29)



P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING



Sermon

SERMON

Pastor Rick Carlson



Worship Song

“All Are Welcome”

ELW #641



**Let us build a house where
love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.**

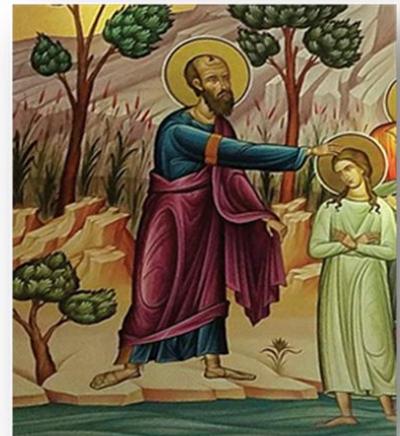


**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ
shall end divisions:**



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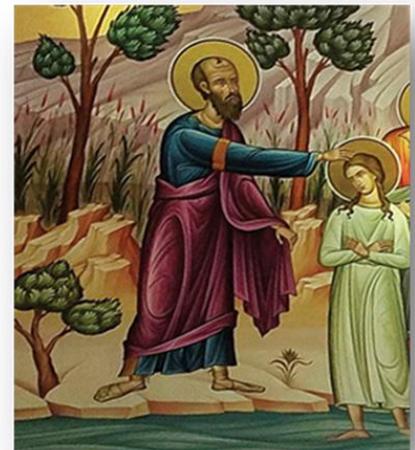
**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



**Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.**



**Here the cross shall stand
as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim
the faith of Jesus:**



Refrain:

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



**Let us build a house
where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.**

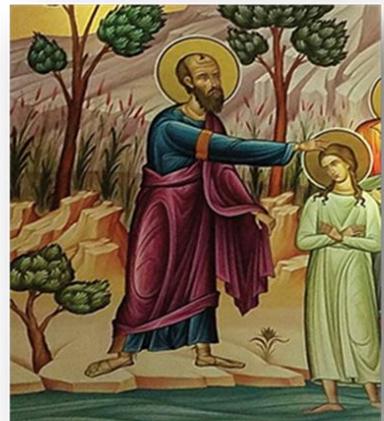


**Here the love of God,
through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ
the feast that frees us:**



Refrain:

**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



**Let us build a house
where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.**



**Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to
fear and danger:**



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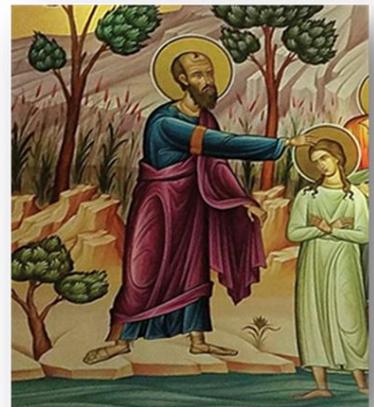
**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



**Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.**



**Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter:**



Refrain:
**All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**



Creed

L: Let us profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and Savior, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the forgiveness of sins and the life everlasting. Amen



Prayers of Intercession

L: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence for reflection.



Prayers of Intercession

L: God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace.

God in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



Prayers of Intercession

L: Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority.



Prayers of Intercession

Protect those in Eastern Europe who are in harm's way. Bring them a lasting peace.

God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. Accompany those who experience hunger, pain, illness, and violence in their lives. We pray especially for....



Prayers of Intercession

Brad Bigelow

Bernie Bliefernich

Vance Bricker

Janice Carnell

Heather Dederman

Dennis Drabek

Tammy Edwards

Michael Gitt

Kim Gronewold

Madalyn Haliford

Phyllis Handwerk

Karen Hiskett

Jackie Holscher

Don Jobman

Prayers of Intercession

Tom & Jody Jochen

Wayne Karschner

Chuck Kinnaman

Talia Krumbach

Vicki Maupin

Kerry McCormick

Keith Mentzer

Renee J. Mentzer

Linda Miles

Dick & Mary Lou Mintling

Brenda Rae Peterson

Joe Rall

Charlotte Sitorus

Prayers of Intercession

Steve Stelling

Jeff Walker

Carl Weber

Misty White

Marilyn Willison

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

- Alda Drew and family on the death of Alda's son-in-law, Larry Middleswart.
- Jeanette Andersen and family on the death of Jeanette's brother-in-law, Bob Andersen.

L: God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life.

God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



Prayers of Intercession

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.



Meal

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

“The Power of Your Love”

Arr. Bryce Inman

*Communion Servers,
please come forward at this time.*

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please stand as you are able

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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



Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.



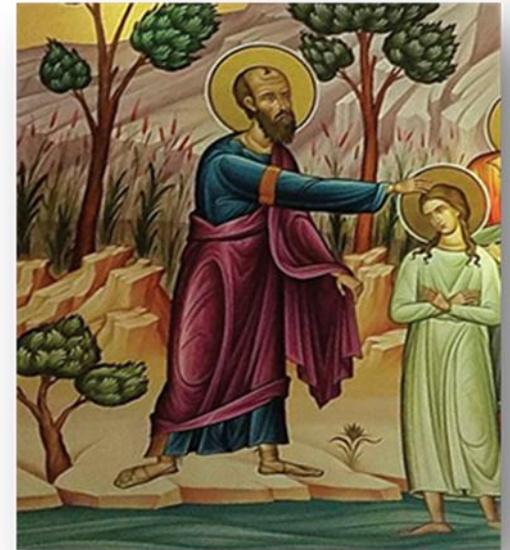
Thanksgiving for Baptism

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You've become our salvation.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.



Thanksgiving for Baptism

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen



Offertory Prayer

L: Living God,

You gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.



Offertory Prayer

Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



The 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



The Great Thanksgiving

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, 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.



Words of Institution

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.



Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**



The Lord's Prayer

**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

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.



Communion

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements at the altar rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Arr. Cindy Berry

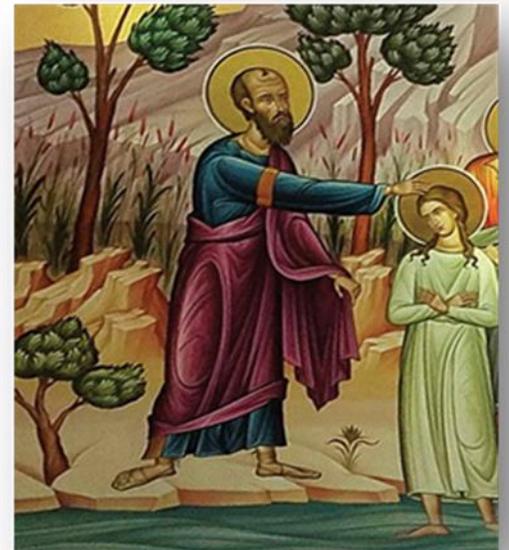


Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen



Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heavens and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

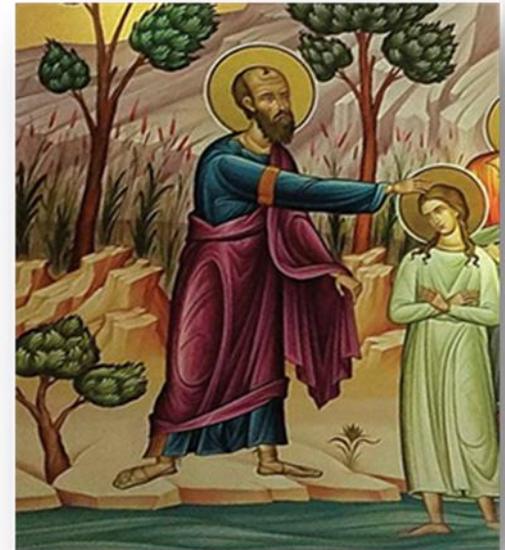
C: Amen.



Blessing

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen



Sending Song

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”



“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

**I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul;
I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.**



“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

**I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul;
I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.**



“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul;
I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.



Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

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



Postlude

“Shall We Gather at the River?”

Arr. Eugenie Rocherolle

