

Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 5, 2024

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11:00 am

Holy Communion

Gathering Music

Organist: Reed Wagner

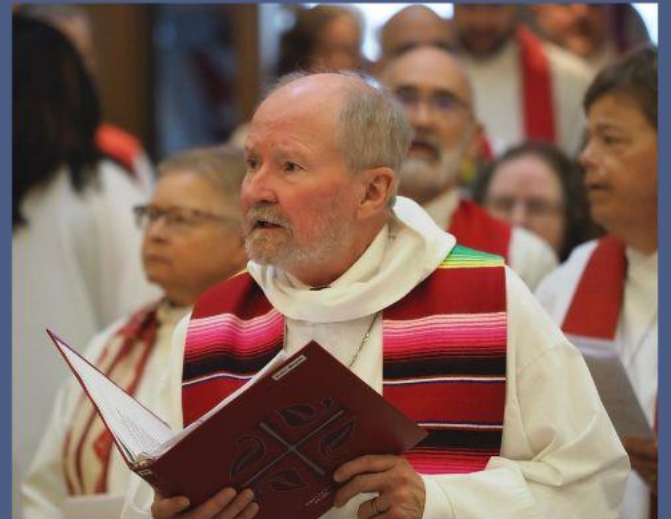


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Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,
Preaching

Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,
Preaching and Presiding





**“Sharing Shelf”
May S.A.F.E. Center Donation:
Dental Products**

Please set donated items on the shelf in the Narthex.

The S.A.F.E. Center is the Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education Center. The S.A.F.E. Center’s mission is to provide free and confidential serves for those affected by dating violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while bringing awareness and prevention efforts to all individuals across South Central Nebraska.



**Recognition of
Graduates
Class of 2024**

**Recognition of Graduates will be at the
beginning of service May 12 at 8:45 am
Wear your cap & gown!**

Join us for a “Q&A Session” about the renovation and Budget Forum



- Sunday, June 9th
- 9:45 am
- Centennial Hall

***** NOTE: NEW DATE*****



Worship Schedule

**11:00 am service will change to 10:30 am
beginning May 26th**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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



Worship Song

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.**



**In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.**



**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.**



**Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.**



**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.**



**Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, ev'ryone!**

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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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.



Prayer of the Day

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.

C: Amen.



Word: 1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from First John



Word: 1 John 5:1-6

L: ¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.



³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.



⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?



Word: 1 John 5:1-6

⁶This 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. *(1 John 5:1-6)*



L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able for the
Gospel.*



Gospel : John 15: 9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St.
John the Fifteenth Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**



Gospel : John 15: 9-17

P: [Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.



Gospel : John 15: 9-17

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you.



Gospel : John 15: 9-17

¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you.



Gospel : John 15: 9-17

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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”
(John 15:9-17)



Gospel : John 15: 9-17

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Children's Message

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING

*Children's Offering goes to
Royal Family KIDS in Kearney*



Sermon

SERMON
Pastor Rick Carlson



Worship Song

“Spirit Song”



“Spirit Song”

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love;
Let Him fill your heart
and satisfy your soul.**



“Spirit Song”

**Oh, let Him have those things
that hold you,
and His Spirit, like a dove,
will descend upon your life
and make you whole.**



“Spirit Song”

**Jesus, oh Jesus,
come and fill Your lambs.**

**Jesus, oh Jesus,
come and fill Your lambs.**



“Spirit Song”

**Oh, come and sing this song
with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy;
Lift your hands in sweet surrender
to His name.**



“Spirit Song”

**Oh, give Him all your tears
and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain,
and you’ll enter into life
in Jesus’ name.**



“Spirit Song”

**Jesus, oh Jesus,
come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh Jesus,
come and fill Your lambs.**

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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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence for reflection



Prayers of Intercession

L: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners.



Prayers of Intercession

L: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for....



Prayers of Intercession

Skylar Marie Adams

Jim Anderson

Tom Anderson

Gerda Barbour

Brad Bigelow

Bertha Boyer

Gregory Carrico

Alysha Cholas

Wayne Deterding

Tammy Edwards

Cyndi Foresman

Arwyn & Briella Gosnell

Karen Hiskett

Linda Holsten

Kylie Kotrc



Prayers of Intercession

Lu Krueger

Ron Kruse

Jose Lara

Lil Larson

Tom Meyer

Joe Rall

Garth Scism

Nathan Siegel

Sharon Siegel

Charlotte Sitorus

Carl Weber

Misty White

Miranda Wright

McKenzie Zimmerman



Prayers of Intercession

L: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table.



Prayers of Intercession

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.



Meal

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

Organist: Reed Wagner

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

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Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

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

Silence is kept for reflection.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: To you, O God,

C: all hearts are open, to you all
desires known. We come to you,
confessing our sins.



Confession and Forgiveness

Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.



Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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 is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Please be seated.



Communion

*We practice open communion at First Lutheran.
All are welcome to receive the elements. Please let
the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.
The wine is red, and the grape juice is clear in the trays.*

COMMUNION MUSIC
Organist: Reed Wagner



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.



Sending of Communion

L: Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our siblings who are sick and homebound.



Sending of Communion

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.



Sending Song

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ELW 810



**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.**



**I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.**



**Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.**



**My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.**



**Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self will.**



**Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.**



**O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.**



“O Jesus, I Have Promised”, ELW 810

**And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.**

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Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Sending Music

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