

# **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 9, 2021**

9:00 am

Communion



*278 Years Of  
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

Sunday 5/9	8.00	am	Bell choir
	9:00	am	Worship
Monday	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00	pm	Tai Kwan Do
	7.30	pm	Council Meeting
Sunday 5/16	9:00	am	Worship

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**A Congregation of the Southeastern Pa. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (5/9)**

This week	
Lou Mandik	Assistant Minister
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Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (5/16)**

Next week	
Bruce Wilson	Assistant Minister
Sharon Wilson	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Kirk family	Altar Guild
Michelle Favara	Hymns

**We thank you for your service to the church.**

**We will be celebrating Communion today. Please keep bread and wine ready.**

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## INTRODUCTION

*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.*

## PRELUDES

On Tannenbergs- "When Morning Guilds the Skies" by Joseph Barnby Arr. by Richard Unfreid  
"The Sweetest Name On Earth" by Mark Weston  
"Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment" Tune: Blott En Dag, Arr. by Oscar Ahnfelt

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

Hymn

**"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"- ELW #836 vs. 1 & 3**

*Text: Henry van Dyke, Music: Ludwig van Beethoven*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

**A: Amen.**

## EASTER BLESSING

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His great mercy He has given us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

It is reserved in heaven for you, who because of your faith in God are being protected by His power until the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

Hymn of Praise

**Alleluia! Jesus is Risen**

**# ELW 377**

*Text: Herbert F. Brokering Music: David N. Johnson*

*Please be seated*

## First Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

R: A reading from the book of 1 John:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

**P & A: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 98

*Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)*

R: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**A & P: O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

R: 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.

**A & P: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

R: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**A & P: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

R: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**A & P: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

R: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

*Please stand*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Give thanks !**

**# WOV 671**

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

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John*

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

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**A: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie**

*Please stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 INTERCESSION**

*You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.*

**A: Remembering the life of Nicolaus Zinzendorf, we pray on this sixth Sunday of Easter for the Moravian Church, for the baptized around the world, and for all people according to their needs, responding to each petition with the words “fill us with your love.”**

A: O triune God, we praise you for your wondrous love, for the witness of Moravian Christians, and for the steadfastness of believers throughout this pandemic. Whenever churches face hardship or challenge, strengthen us in affection within and between denominations.

Hear us, loving God:

**P: fill us with your love.**

A: We praise you for the beauty of spring, and we stand in awe of even the hungry cicadas. Wherever creation is beckoning us to lives of ecological restraint, teach us your care of our earth.

Hear us, creating God.

**P: fill us with your love.**

A: We praise you for all efforts to achieve peace throughout the world. Wherever violence prevails, wherever brutality silences protest, wherever prejudice reigns, wherever the rich oppress the poor, lead us and all nations into the ways of justice.

Hear us, righteous God:

**P: fill us with your love.**

A: We praise you for the gradual lessening of the pandemic and for your gift of vaccines. Wherever the virus still rages (especially India, Turkey, and South America), wherever medical resources are depleted, wherever medical advice is rejected, extend the power of your healing hand. Be present with all who today will die, and visit all who are sick or suffering, especially . . . . We pray especially for **Doris** Bauman, **Margaret** Raser, **Bud** Raser, **Fawn** Keenan, **Ralph** Finkbiner, **Machiko**, **Richard** and **Sarah** Kuehner and **Roxanne** Robinson.

Hear us, healing God:

**P: fill us with your love.**

P: We praise you for the loving support of mothers to their children. Bless mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, and all of each gender who give mothering care. Protect mothers in societies where women have few rights. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot mother a child. Wherever children are deprived of mothering, provide responsible and affectionate care.

Hear us, mothering God:

**A: fill us with your love.**

P: We praise you for calling yourself our friend. Receive now the petitions of our own hearts.

Hear us, dearest God:

**A: fill us with your love.**

P: We praise you for the witness of all who have died in the faith, especially for Nicolaus Zinzendorf, the apostle Matthias, and those we name in our hearts. Keep us united with all your children until we join them in your presence forever.

Hear us, everlasting God:

**A: fill us with your love.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

*Let us share the peace with one another*

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

#### **Stewardship Snippet:**

*"I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another." –John 15:17*

Commandments and instruction are necessary parts of growing into adulthood and growing in the faith. While we may chafe at such stewardship, we realize that they are given in love for our good. We can give thanks to our ancestors for passing on the faith and teaching us God's commandments.

*Please be seated*

#### **OFFERING with Special music**

**"The Old Rugged Cross" by George Bennard, Arr. Gary Lanier- Tony Mandik on Trumpet**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: 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.

**P: Amen.**

*Please stand*



### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**



*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 in remembrance of me.

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 in remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ.

**A: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

**A: 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

**A: Amen.**

### **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will drink the wine)

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**A: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

**P: Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: 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.

**A: Amen.**

## THE SENDING HYMN

***"What Wondrous Love is This" - ELW #666***

*Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent. Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony*



## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**A: Go in peace. Share the good news.**

P: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

"There is a Wideness in God's Mercy" by Lizzie S. Tourjee Arr. by Richard Unfreid

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## BULLETINS and FLOWERS:

**"In loving memory on Mother's Day for my mother, Catherine McConaghy and my daughter, Kimberly Winter.**

**- By Barbara Winter and children and grandchildren. "**

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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas imprisoned
Tuesday	John 5:1-9	Do you want to be made well?
Wednesday	John 17:20-26	The Father is in the Son and the Son is in the Father
Thursday	Acts 17:16-34	Paul preaches in Athens
Friday	Revelation 22:7-21	Come Lord Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 125	Those who trust in the Lord