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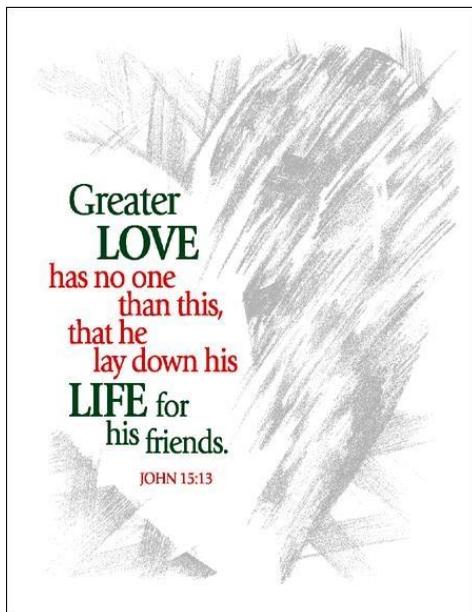
The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167

9:00 am & 5:00 pm – Sanctuary

10:30 am – 91.7 FM



AS WE GATHER

“A friend in need is a friend indeed,” or so the old saying goes. When Jesus saw His creation in need, He responded in the most unimaginable of ways: “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” However, in laying down His life, it was His very friends, those whom He loved and served who betrayed Him, denied Him, and killed Him. We all, by our sin, sent our friend and savior to the cross; yet, this He gladly and willingly suffered for our sake. Though we are poor and needy, steeped in sin and even born enemies of God, still our Lord deigns to call us friends and gives Himself freely to help us. In this same way, He calls us to befriend others, giving freely of ourselves in the name of Jesus.

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

HYMN OF INVOCATION— LSB 700 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† † † WORD † † †

INTROIT – Psalm 66:1-2, 89, 2; antiphon: v. 16

P Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

C **Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

P Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,

C **who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

P Blessèd be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE – LSB 171 – This is the Feast



Choir/cantor: This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



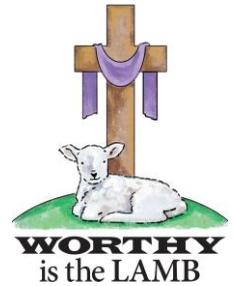
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Acts 10:34-48 – People from every nation are accepted by God.

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by

hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – *Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6* – **The congregation sings all.**

Christ has ris - en
 from the dead. God the Fa - ther has
 crowned Him with glo - ry and hon - or. He has
 giv - en Him do - min - ion o - ver the works of His
 hands; He has put all things un - der His feet.

SECOND LESSON – **1 John 5:1-8** – The victory of Christ overcomes the world.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God,

when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

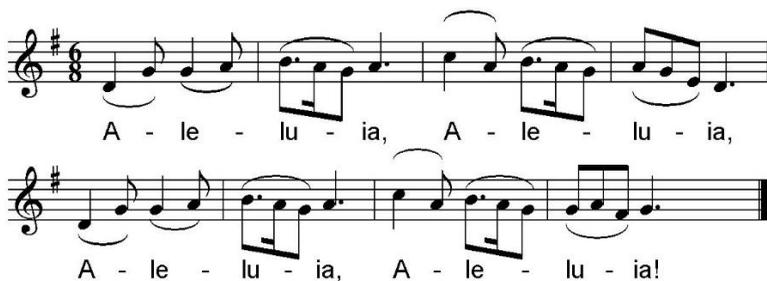
⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE – Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

The congregation joins the choir/cantor in singing the Alleluia.



A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,
A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!



*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him. REFRAIN*

*In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the world. REFRAIN*

HOLY GOSPEL – John 15:9-17 – Obeying Christ’s commands and remaining in His love

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I 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. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that

your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 556 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (vs. 1, 6-10)



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
6 The Son o-beyed His Fa-ther's will, Was born of vir-gin
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
8 "Though he will shed My pre-cious blood, Me of My life be -



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
moth-er; And God's good plea-sure to ful-fill, He came to
cas-tle. Your ran-som I My-self will be; For you I
reav-ing, All this I suf-fer for your good; Be stead-fast



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
be my broth-er. His roy-al pow'r dis-guised He bore; A
strive and wres-tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
and be-liev-ing. Life will from death the vic-t'ry win; My



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran-som cost Him!
ser-vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev-il cap-tive.
where I am you may re-main; The foe shall not di-vide us.
in-no-cence shall bear your sin, And you are blest for-ev-er.

9 "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 "What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought

And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

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SERMON – *A Friend Indeed* – John 15:9-17

APOSTLES CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A ... Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

A ... one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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;
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 – *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN – LSB 895 – Now, Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
 Δ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more.

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Senior Choir

(Online/In-person) –
 Lauren Cook, Ruth Engs,
 Meghan Faulkner, Shirin
 Hassan, Trevor Jones,
 Carl Lenthe, Zach May,
 Kathy Powell, Kate
 Reinhard, Nathaniel
 Thies, Gary Wohlkafka,
 Louise Wohlfafka

Liturgy and Hymns

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9 am – FAREWELL and GODSPEED – Zach & Regan May

SENDING FOR SABBATICAL

POST-SERVICE MUSIC



**We are thankful that you are with us today!
Please take a moment to let us know that you were here.**

You may leave your **offering** at the door, or near the mailbox (for Drive-in) as you enter the mission field.
[Download this form](#) if you would like to set up automatic withdrawals.

Pastors [Edwards](#) and [Beck](#) are available throughout the week for personal pastoral care: prayer, counsel, private individual confession and absolution.

**Pastors Edwards will then begin his sabbatical
after the Ascension Day service THIS Thursday evening.**
He is scheduled to return on August 8, for Christian Education Sunday.
We pray for God's richest blessings for him and the whole Edwards family



Today's **Sunday school** lesson is available on [YouTube](#).
Activity pages may be found [HERE](#).

Ascension Day worship *with Holy Communion*
Thursday, May 13
7pm in the Sanctuary



SPIRIT CAMP: July 12-15

Registration is near capacity (100 kids)! **Email**
spiritcamp@faithbtown.org **ASAP** to register.
Faith members and FLC Preschool families are receiving priority enrollment, and a *waiting list* will be kept for others.

Register at tinyurl.com/spiritcamp2021 to be a Servanteen (current 6th-11th graders) or Adult volunteer.



[2021 Picture Directory](#)

There is one more portrait session day: THIS Wednesday, **May 12**

Contact [Bonnie Martin](#) or [Ann Graves](#) to sign up ASAP.

[Learn more...](#)

[Submit your contact information](#) as you would like to have it included in the directory.



Our current midweek Bible studies continue through May 19.

Join us on Wednesdays at Noon & 7pm

A new class will begin Sunday, May 30.

[Learn more...](#)

NEXT Saturday, May 15:

- **9:00-11:30 am | Spring Work Day**
Bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, pruners, brooms, etc. We'll have a list of things to do when you arrive. Contact Hank and Alice Hawkins or [Ann Graves](#) with questions.
- **10:00 | Tent Team Training**
Learn how to help set up our new 20x40 foot tent. Team members will be contacted as needed, but only 6 will be needed at a time. The more we have to draw from, the better.
- **11:30 am | Lunch**
We'll be grilling brats to enjoy and celebrate all our hard work.
- **12:00-2:00 pm | Outdoor Benefit Concert**
Many thanks to *Sam Poage* for organizing this as his Eagle Scout project.

All That Jazz Outdoor Concert

An Eagle Project to benefit Pantry 279



Featuring:

Jazz for Justice Quartet and
Various Guest Musicians

Date: Saturday, May 15th

Time: 12:00-2:00 PM

Location: Faith Lutheran Church
2200 High Street
Bloomington, Indiana

Monetary donations accepted to benefit Pantry 279

*Rain date is Sunday, May 16th, 12:30-2:30pm

*Bring your own seating

*All Monroe County Health Dept. COVID regulations will be followed



through NEXT Sunday, May 16:

9:00 am Sanctuary*

10:30 am Drive-in

5:00 pm Sanctuary*

Online Worship is available [HERE](#).



Welcome Home on Pentecost Sunday/May 23:

anticipated final transition point in our return to the sanctuary

ALL services return to the sanctuary for the first time in 14 months!

8:00 am* ✠ 10:30 am ✠ 5:00 pm*



9:15 am

***Welcome Home* fellowship gathering** for all ages!

We've missed being together!

Join us outside in the fresh air, under our new Tent, to reconnect and celebrate the blessings we have in Christ!

*REGISTER on our website for worship in the sanctuary. Learn more [HERE](#).

Sunday, June 6 | Congregational Information Meeting

Join us after the 10:30 am service to learn more about the Ministry Clarity process, and how this is helping us set the focus for our ministry together for the next 3-5 years. *Pastor Tom Eggebrecht* from LCEF, who is guiding us through process, will be our guest preacher that day and will join us at the meeting.

Practicing and Proclaiming God's Love with Conviction and Courage

...in our households, congregation, and beyond.



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