

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024  
10:30 AM

*Wooden Love Sign, Anonymous Artist, 21st c. Thailand*



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## Welcome. Peace be with you.

**We continue our holy experiment.** We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

### For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at [ulch@ulch.org](mailto:ulch@ulch.org).
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert and Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding ministers); Kirsten Mebust (assisting minister); The Hope Choir, Rachel Tetlie and Alden Tetlie - violins, Holly Waalen - viola, Rebecca Tetlie - cello, Robert Ragoonanan (musicians); Marty Lewis-Hunstiger, Robert Paschke, Gretchen Peik, Jo Schroeder (communion servers); Eric Ringhan (lecturer); Dan Bielenberg, Seth Strudthoff (worship tech facilitators); Ann Agrimson (Zoom facilitator); Sheila Hougen (greeter); Leena Rapacz, Bimose Rowan, Jim Rowan, Ron Sorensen (ushers); Anja Lukis, Junia Lukis (acolytes); Carol Flaten (altar guild); Kathy Kufus, K. Phoebe Worthington (communion clean-up); Jason Lukis, Ann Rolle (healing prayer); Sonja Peterson (land acknowledgment)

# GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

**ELW** refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

**ACS** refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

**Prelude**                      Prelude through All Major Keys, Op. 39 No. 1 Ludwig van Beethoven  
(1770-1827)

## Welcome

### Land Acknowledgment

*This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgement, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.*

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

### +Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.**

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

**The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.**

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

**In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection,

you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,

through the risen Christ, our source of living water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

+ **Greeting**

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**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.**

## WORD

### Children's Message

#### First Reading - Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The believers from among the Jewish people who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So Peter ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Mientras Pedro estaba todavía hablando, el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre todos los que escuchaban el mensaje. Los creyentes judíos que habían llegado con Pedro se quedaron asombrados de que el don del Espíritu Santo se hubiera derramado también sobre los no judíos, pues los oían hablar en lenguas y alabar a Dios. Entonces Pedro respondió: —¿Acaso puede alguien negar el agua para que sean bautizados estos que han recibido el Espíritu Santo lo mismo que nosotros? Y mandó que fueran bautizados en el nombre de Jesucristo. Entonces le pidieron que se quedara con ellos algunos días.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

**Psalm 98**, read responsively with refrains

1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

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*¡Can - tad al Se - ñor; can - tad al Se - ñor!*  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English  
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune  
 Spanish and English text © Gerhard Cartford, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

**R**

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

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

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.

**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.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn**

**R**

¡Canten al SEÑOR un cántico nuevo  
 porque ha hecho maravillas!  
 Su diestra, su santo brazo,  
 ha alcanzado la victoria.

**El SEÑOR ha hecho gala de su salvación;  
 Ha mostrado su justicia a las naciones.**

Se ha acordado de su gran amor y de su fidelidad  
 por el pueblo de Israel;  
 ¡todos los confines de la tierra son testigos  
 de la salvación de nuestro Dios!

**¡Aclamen alegres al SEÑOR, habitantes de toda la  
 tierra! ¡Prorrumpen en alegres cánticos y salmos!**

**R**

¡Canten salmos al SEÑOR al son del arpa,  
 al son del arpa y de coros melodiosos!

**shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

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

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

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

**R**

**¡Aclamen alegres al SEÑOR, el Rey,  
al son de clarines y trompetas!**

¡Brame el mar y todo lo que él contiene;  
el mundo y todos sus habitantes!

**¡Que aplaudan los ríos  
y canten jubilosos todos los montes!**

Canten delante del SEÑOR,  
que ya viene a juzgar la tierra.

Y juzgará al mundo con justicia,  
a los pueblos con equidad.

## **Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6**

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 God's commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey the commandments of God, which 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 who 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.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Todo el que cree que Jesús es el Cristo, ha nacido de Dios. Todo el que ama al padre ama también a sus hijos. Así, cuando amamos a Dios y cumplimos sus mandamientos, sabemos que amamos a los hijos de Dios. En esto consiste el amor a Dios: en que obedezcamos sus mandamientos. Y estos no son difíciles de cumplir, porque todo el que ha nacido de Dios vence al mundo. Esta es la victoria que vence al mundo: nuestra fe. ¿Quién es el que vence al mundo sino el que cree que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios? Este es el que vino mediante agua y sangre: Jesucristo. Y no solo vino mediante agua, sino mediante agua y sangre. El Espíritu es quien da testimonio de esto, porque el Espíritu es la verdad.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

+ **Gospel Acclamation**

ACS Setting 11

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

+ **Gospel Reading - John 15:9-17**

The gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

**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 my Father’s 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 for in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

»Así como el Padre me ha amado a mí, también yo los he amado a ustedes. Permanezcan en mi amor. Si obedecen mis mandamientos, permanecerán en mi amor, así como yo he obedecido los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. Les he dicho esto para que tengan mi alegría y así su alegría sea completa. Y este es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado. Nadie tiene amor más grande que el que da la vida por sus amigos. Ustedes son mis amigos si hacen lo que yo les mando. Ya no los llamo siervos, porque el siervo no está al tanto de lo que hace su amo; los he llamado amigos, porque todo lo que a mi Padre le oí decir se lo he dado a conocer a ustedes. No me escogieron ustedes a mí, sino que yo los escogí a ustedes y los comisioné para que vayan y den fruto, un fruto que perdure. Así el Padre les dará todo lo que pidan en mi nombre. Este es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

El Evangelio del Señor.

**Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

**Sermon** - Pastor Jen Nagel

+ **Hymn of the Day** Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

+ **Prayers of the People**

*Following each petition:*

Risen One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+ **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

**And also with you.**

**Y también contigo.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."*

## MEAL

**Offertory**

*Set Me As a Seal* from *A New Creation*

René Clausen

(b. 1953)

*Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.*

*Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.*

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offerings can be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. Find more information on the last page of the bulletin.

+ **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. Generous God, **in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread, reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ **The Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.  
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

From ACS Setting 11

## +Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution



## +The Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.**

## Holy Communion

*We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.*

### ***If you are at home and sitting with others...***

*When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

### ***If you are at home on your own...***

*Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

### ***If you are worshipping in-person today...***

*We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. If you'd prefer, coming forward to the front for a blessing is always an option. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.*

### ***If you seek healing prayers today...***

*A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, and light candles for situations around the world and close to home.*

## Music During Communion

Andante festivo

Jean Sibelius  
(1865-1957)

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

**+Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**+Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

**Announcements**

**+Sending Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW 650

**+Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**Amen.**

**+Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace.

Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Aleluya! ¡Vaya en Paz!

Regocíjate y alégrate.

**Gracias a Dios! Aleluya!**

**Postlude**

Gavotte

Samuel Wesley  
(1766-1837)

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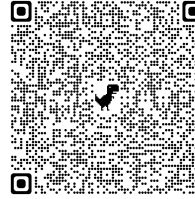
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