# Sixth Sunday of Easter
# Sunday, May 9, 2021

## Prelude
**"*Vorspiel in B-flat*" by Adolph Friedrich Hesse**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Opening Hymn:
**ELW 631 "*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*"**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day
P: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**

**P: 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.**

## Hymn of Praise – Setting 3

## First Reading: Acts 10:44-48
44While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98 *(sung by musicians)*

## Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
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?
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.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)

P: The Gospel according to St. John.
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel: John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] [9]"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. [10]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. [11]I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

[12]"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13]No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14]You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15]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. [16]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. [17]I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Gospel Acclamation (Setting 3)

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

**ELW 343 "*My Song is Love Unknown*"**

1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own
would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

4 We cry out; we will have
our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save,
the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes
that he his foes from thence might free.

## Apostle's Creed

A: Let us confess our faith:
**C: 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

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Let us pray to the Lord.
**C: Hear us, risen Lord.**

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church, Concordia Place and Concordia Day with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially those we now name before you *Carol*, *Nancy*, *Pastor Steve Swanson*, *Betty*, *Bob*, *Rev. Arnie*, *Jean*, *Roger*, *Guy*, *Perry*, *Rose*, *all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and those we hold in our thoughts.* Lord, in your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.
**C: Amen.**

## Anthem

**"*You Raise Me Up*" arr. Roger Emerson**

## Eucharist Liturgy

P: The Lord be with you
**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

## Sanctus

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: 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 for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**C: Christ has died.**
**Christ is risen.**
**Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on this gift of bread
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
**C: Amen.**

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

**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.**

## Communion Distribution

*You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed, please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.*

## Lamb of God – Setting 3

## Post Communion Blessing

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

## Post-Communion Prayer

A: Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
**C: Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**ELW 367 "*Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds*"**

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

## Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

**'*Allegro*' from a Concerto for Organ by Thomas Arne**

## Announcements

- This week we welcome Rev. Linnea Wilson to preach and preside while Pastor Zook is away. We are grateful to have her with us!

- We invite you to join us for worship each week, either in-person or virtually. Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance. Read our safety protocols for worship and reserve your spot at www.concordiafaith.org/worship . All services will still be available virtually either by livestream via YouTube or recordings will be available later on our YouTube channel: Concordia Church

Chicago.

- Get ready for the **First Annual Concordia Place Golf Classic**, a benefit for Concordia Place. This year's event will be on Monday, June 28, 2021, at River Forest Country Club in Elmhurst, IL. Proceeds from the outing will help in supporting Concordia Place's mission to create involved communities where all our neighbors can gather, learn, and grow.

  Concordia Place serves approximately 800 individuals from ethnically, linguistically, and economically diverse Chicago communities. They serve single parent and low-income families through a sliding scale tuition model. Since 1981, Concordia Place has strengthened the community by fostering individual growth and opportunity for all, especially low-income or disadvantaged.

  **To read more details and/or to register, visit:** concordiaplace.org/golf

- Support Concordia Place through the CLEF Dream Awards! Items needed for centers or classrooms are funded through donations raised by Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation's Annual Gala (virtual this year). Visit https://e.givesmart.com/events/jtf/i/ to view the teachers' dreams and make a donation!

- Do you have pictures of past Concordia Church events? We would love for you to share them with us for use in our service slideshows. If you have any photos of Concordia Church, members engaged in church activities, or other memories from past years, please send them to Desirae in the church office at ddiehl@concordiafaith.org .

- We appreciate your continued gifts to Concordia Church! Remember, you may give in three ways:
  1. Text-to-give: Text"Concordia"to73256 and follow the link you receive
  2. Give online at onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
  3. Send a check via mail to the church