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

Welcome

**P** Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

**P** Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P** God of grace and glory, **you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

**P** Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**

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.

Opening Hymn

***The Strong Name of Jesus***

There is only one Lord that we cling to,  
There is only one truth that we claim;  
There is only one way that we walk in,  
There is only power in one name.

*Refrain:*

And in the strong name of Jesus, by the blood of the Lamb,  
We are able to triumph, we are able to stand.  
In the power of His Spirit, by the strength of His hand;  
In the strong name of Jesus, by the precious blood of the Lamb.  
  
Though apart from Him we can do nothing,  
By His Spirit we can do all things;  
Covered by His blood we are made righteous,  
Lifting up the name of Christ the King!   *Back to Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray together. **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.**

The Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

First Reading   *Acts 10:44-48*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers 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 he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

**<sup>9</sup>The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

**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 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.

*....The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Verse (spoken by all)**

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life.***

***Alleluia, alleluia.***

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

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

**Gospel John 15:9-17**

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.

*....The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

**Youth Time**

**Meditation**

## Sermon Hymn

### *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

## The 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 the Church

**A** Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering, especially all who are impacted by the coronavirus in India, Turkey and South America. Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 Lord. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

## Prayers and Announcements

### Prayer Petitions

**We remember in our prayers today:** Glenda and Ralph Fretz, Lacy Stang, Arlene Lyman, Evelyn Miske, Grace Root-Derby, Bill Krieger, Carol Diana, Don and Dorothy Ehlers and Joan Fleischer. We remember those impacted by war and violence and those affected by natural disasters, and we pray for our men and women in the armed forces.

**Worship on Cable TV:** If you are unable to join us for in-person or Zoom worship, Lutheran worship is available on Cable TV channel 5, MeTV, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Steve Biegner and Pastor Jeremiah Smith lead this inspiring worship.

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God in celebration of mothers everywhere! Happy Mother's Day!

**May Mission:** Our mission for May is Lutheran Charities of WNY. This organization expresses God's love by offering hope and enriching life for those in need, provides grant-funding benevolence to Lutheran ministries and services in our community. One hundred percent of your Lutheran Charities gift directly benefits those served by their funded ministries and agencies - their administrative costs are fully underwritten, thanks to charitable legacies. Lutheran Charities envelopes are located in the narthex, you can donate through [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), or you can mail your check to the church office. Thank you.

**Food Drive:** We are so grateful for all your donations! We will continue to accept grocery donations of non-perishable items, such as:

Soups and other canned goods (vegetables, tuna, etc.)

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, applesauce

Boxes of pantry staples, for example, cereal, rice and pasta

*(Please check food expiration dates before donating.)*

Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Personal care (feminine hygiene products, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc.)

Gift cards for Tops or Wegmans

Food items can be dropped off here at TOL Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – noon by entering through the far-left front door, where the elevator is situated, and placing the bags of groceries in the bins provided there. The items will then be delivered to Community of Good Neighbors and/or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

**Bible Study at Augustana:** The final Friday morning bible study for the Exploring Joshua series is this coming **Friday, May 14**, from 10 – 11:30 am. The group meets at Augustana and also via Zoom. If you would like a Zoom invitation, email Pastor Fred or call the Augustana church office at 832-5720 and leave a message.

**Adult Ed Classes and Table Talk:** Both of these interesting programs will begin again in the Fall, and everyone is always welcome! Adult Ed will take place on Mondays at 1 pm, and Table Talk will be held in the evening, so that those who might work during the day will be able to attend. Stay tuned over the summer for details.

**Adult Retreat “Love in the Time of COVID:”** “What have we learned about ourselves and others?” We hope to return to our annual retreat this year and gather again for fellowship, laughter and prayer at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp on **October 1, 2, and 3**. Details and restrictions are rather changeable, but a vaccination will be required. There will be more information when we have a clearer picture of the gathering. Let Charlie or Diane Schmidtke know if you’re interested.

**Offering:** We understand that some people are experiencing financial hardship during this time. For those who are able to continue to make offerings to TOL:

- 1) There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary for your offering.
- 2) **Through the US mail** (checks only-please don’t mail cash).
- 3) **Tithe.ly**. Online giving. You can get to Tithe.ly on TOL’s website homepage ([www.trinityoldlutheran](http://www.trinityoldlutheran)). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website’s homepage. Call the church office at (716) 836-4868 if you have questions.

**Reminder from the Stewardship Team:** We began the year with a deficit budget, and it would be wonderful if we could erase that deficit by the end of the year. Please continue to think about TOL in your giving so that we may accomplish this goal--thank you!

**Book Sale Continues:** If you’re looking for a good book, a puzzle or DVD, please stop by the Book Sale in the downstairs nursery room any day Tuesday through Friday, 9 am till noon. The tables are filled with something for everyone – children to adults. There are many items to choose from, at surprisingly low prices! Also, you are welcome to bring in your books or puzzles to add to the inventory. All money raised will go toward covering the kneelers to coordinate with the new carpeting.

**Operation Christmas Child:** We are collecting items for this year’s shoeboxes throughout the year. There is a list of items needed in the Trinity Tidings and a collection box in the narthex for your items. Thank you for your continued support.

**Devotional:** If you would like a “Christ in Our Home” devotional for April - June, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 836-4868 to have one mailed to you.

**Announcements:** If you’d like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send it to [trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net](mailto:trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net) or call 836-4868 by Wednesday morning. Thank you.

*People who would like to sing the closing hymn into their masks are welcome to stay. If you choose to leave before this hymn, please be dismissed at this time. SEE you SOON!*

Closing Hymn (next page)

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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### Blessing

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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<p>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 am–12 noon. Please note that the office is unstaffed on Mondays. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message.</p>	This week's calendar	Sun	5/9	9:30 am 11 am 7 pm:	<b><i>Happy Mother's Day!</i></b> Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service & Communion at TOL GA and GAMAnon Meetings
		Mon	5/10	10 am	OA Meeting
		Tues	5/11	7 pm	TOL Church Council on Zoom
		Wed	5/12		
		Thurs	5/13	6 pm	Girl Scouts
		Fri	5/14	10 am	Bible Study at Augustana
		Sat	5/15	2 pm	Girl Scouts
		Sun	5/16	9:30 am 11 am 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL GA and GAMAnon Meetings

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