

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter, year B

May 9, 2021 † Mount Olive Lutheran Church



## Focus on the Season: The Sixth Sunday of Easter, year B

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Today Jesus calls us friends. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve, but 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, and our deep and abiding joy.

*Keep this document open on the screen, to aid in your worship today. The link is embedded in this pdf, so you don't have to return to the email. You can also print these pages and use the link in the email.*



## Centering and Gathering

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Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: "If You Love Me" René Clausen (b. 1953)  
*Sung at Mount Olive by the Cantorei on the Seventh Sunday of Epiphany, Lect. 7 A, February 19, 2017.*

HYMN: ELW 836, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"  
*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, year C, May 19, 2019.*

### EASTER GREETING

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**G** **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.

**G** **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW page 196, "This is the feast..."  
*Sung at Mount Olive on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, year A, May 28, 2017.*

### 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

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FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48; reader – Paul Odlaug, lector

PSALMODY: Psalm 98

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

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made <sup>1</sup> known your victory, \* you have revealed your righteousness in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel; \* all the ends of the earth have seen the victory <sup>1</sup> of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands; \* lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing.

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with the harp, \* with the harp and the <sup>1</sup> voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound <sup>1</sup> of the horn \* shout with joy before the <sup>1</sup> king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and <sup>1</sup> all that fills it, \* the world and those who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers <sup>1</sup> clap their hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to <sup>1</sup> judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the <sup>1</sup> world with righteousness \* and the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples with equity.

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, year B, May 10, 2015.*

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6; reader – Art Halbardier, assisting minister

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 388, “Be Not Afraid” – *sung before and after the Gospel*

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, year C, April 17, 2016.*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

SERMON

**Embodying Love**

Vicar Andrea Bonneville

*Silence for reflection.*

HYMN: ELW 358, “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

*Sung at Mount Olive on Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Art Halbardier, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

LORD’S PRAYER *Pray the Lord’s Prayer together.*

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

OFFERING

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:*

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

**Sending**

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BLESSING

*Response: **Amen***

SENDING HYMN: ELW 637, "Holy God, Holy and Glorious"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Reign of Christ, November 24, 2019*

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

- ☒ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☑ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- ☒ Go in peace. Share the Good News!
- ☑ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Litanies

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

*Played at Mount Olive on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, year B, May 10, 2015.*



## **In Our Prayers**

- *Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dwight Penas; Don Shifflet; Rhoda Nelson; Susan Cherwien; Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel, Charlotte Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Lisa Nordeen; Jerry Ostlund; Evelyn Royce; Pariann Schenk; James Wilkes; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, relative of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Bob Adamson, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; Nicole Sanders, Ann Clark, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Martha Boomgaarten, sister of Jack Kruger; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Vince DeLusia, friend of Cynthia Prosek; Sue Smith and Steve Swanson, friend of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilke, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dyeus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander, Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.*
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Erica Johnsen-Buss, Rob Ruff, Benjamin Cherwien, Jerry Jones, Marjorie Shifflet, Darrell Gohnitz, and Chul Schwanke.

- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.
- **At the death of:** Peg Boyle, mother of Amy Thompson.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**

**May 9:** Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760 – When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

**May 14:** St. Matthias, Apostle – Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias' celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.