

**May 9, 2021**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Outdoor Worship**

**Welcome to new visitors and old friends; to believers,**

**Questioners, and questioning believers, welcome to all**

**People: any shape, size, color culture, gender, age,**

**Ability, sexuality, and family type**

**We give thanks for the diversity of God’s family and our**

**unity as god’s people. This is a safe place for celebration,**

**Healing, rejoicing and renewal.**

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* This outdoor service with Holy Communion continues our current worship practices where you may sit in a chair or remain inside your vehicle.
* Consistent with the latest recommendations, people who are fully vaccinated may remove their masks. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people should continue to wear a mask.
* Please continue to observe social distancing. Out of consideration of others, kindly wear your mask as you move around campus.

Thank you for your understanding as we all continue to do our part in keeping our whole community safe.

**Tune to FM channel: 87.9**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new,

Leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,

Like rains to our thirsting earth,

Like streams that revive our souls,

Like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be give all praises, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever

**Amen**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*  ELW 392 vs1-3

William C. Dix

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia!

He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o’er, shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia!

Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

**GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . . who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 10:44-48

**PSALM**

Psalm 98

**SECOND READING**

1 John 5:1-6

**GOSPEL**

John 15:9-17

**SERMON**

Pastor Annemarie Burke

**SONG OF THE DAY**

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours Words by St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582. Composer unknown

Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands no feet on earth but yours  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on his world  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good  
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world

Yours are the hands  
Yours are the feet  
Yours are the eyes  
You are his body.

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

*Each petition ends, “Hear us, O God.” You are invited to respond,* **“Your mercy is great.”**

**OFFERING**

*At this time we offer to God what God first gave us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Signs of God’s gracious love. As the gifts are brought forward, we sing:*

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW#674 vs 1-2*

Fred Kann, CCLI # 877775

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;

Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,

Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass Word around: loaves abound!

**MEAL**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed . . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*You are welcome to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the following translation or in the language of your heart.*

**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**

The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

*At this time, we eat and drink the bread and wine.*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**SENDING SONG**

*Blessed be Your Name.*

Beth and Matt Redman © 2002 ThankYou Music

Blessed Be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's 'all as it should be'  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

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Blessed be Your glorious name

**BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom

To know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTUDE**

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**Announcements for the community**

**Annual Reports-** copies are available for your preview ahead of the annual meeting on the outside table.

**May 23rd- Annual meeting-Noon on Zoom** Looking forward to having you all join us for the Esperanza Lutheran Church annual meeting.  We have a few items to cover with you in this meeting.  We will be covering the Pastor's annual report, the Presidents report and Treasurer's report.  In addition, we will approve new council members to represent you for the next 2-4 years on church council.  Lastly, we will formally approve with a 2/3 vote the edits to our constitution that were presented at the January meeting.  We appreciate you taking the time to ensure our plans continue to build up our church and the outreach to our community.

**Meet and greet gatherings**

Join Pastor Annemarie "Getting to Know You" Gatherings are going great! In-person or over Zoom. E-mails were sent out with a link to SignUp Genius to select a small group social gathering for you and Pastor Annemarie to get to know each other. If you need help with SignUp Genius, or if none of the dates and times work for you, just let Pastor Annemarie of one of our council members know. Let's get acquainted!

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**Lou’s Little Library-** Lou’s Little Library is your source for novels and non-fiction books that other members of the Esperanza community have read and enjoyed. When COVID-19 closed our doors, Lou’s Little Library moved from the Fellowship Hall to the patio, where it is sheltered from the afternoon sun under the roofline by the Fellowship Hall doors. Stop by and borrow a book or donate one. The library is named for Lou Kole, an Esperanza member who came up with the idea several years ago.

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SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US for

**THE BEST DAY EVER!**

Superhero Vacation Bible School

Esperanza Lutheran Church

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

9:00am – 2:00pm

Only $20 per child

 (ages 3 through entering 5th grade)

Registration on the website!

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