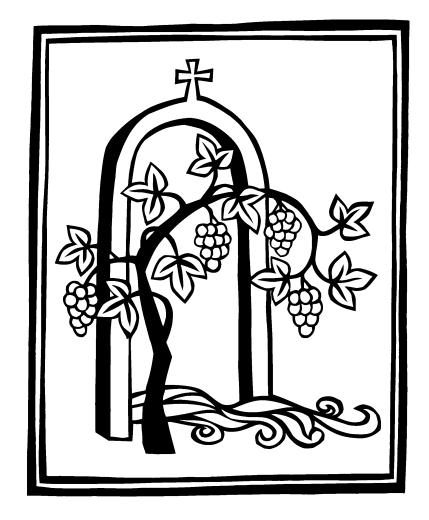
# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024



ELW SETTING 6 LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Rev. Timothy C. Linstrom, Pastor 30 Riverwoods Road Lincolnshire, IL

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## We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — *www.holyspirit-elca.org*. Welcome cards/ envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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#### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## **PRELUDE**Jesu, Joy of Man's DesiringJ.S. Bach

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- **P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sins, calling for God's transforming power. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
- P Source of all life,
- C We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.
  We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.
  Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.
  Amen.
- P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN	"You Are Mine"	ELW 581
Hymn is printed on page 20		

#### 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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** 





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Tim Linstrom** 

LYFE Choir "The Lord Came Back "

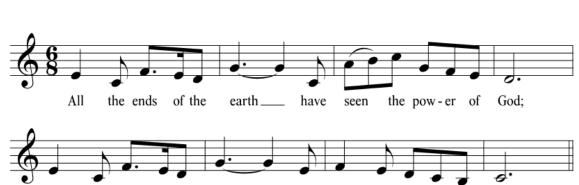
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#### FIRST READING

#### Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>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, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



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A: *Refrain* 

#### C: REFRAIN

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A: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won the vict'ry for Him, His holy arm.

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#### C: REFRAIN

A: The Lord has made His salvation known, His justice revealed to all. Remembered His kindness and faithfulness to Israel.

#### C: REFRAIN

A: All of the ends of earth have seen salvation by our God. Joyfully sing out all you lands, break forth in song.

#### C: REFRAIN

A: Sing to the Lord with harp and song, with trumpet and with horn. Sing in your joy before the King, the King, our Lord.

## C: REFRAIN

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#### **SECOND READING**

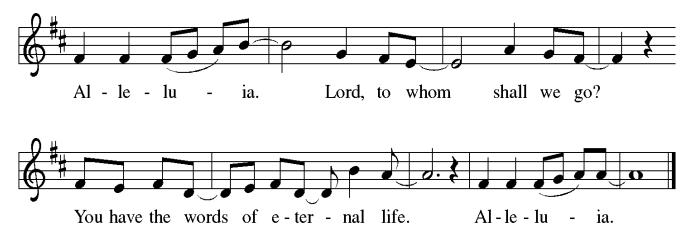
#### 1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>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.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**



## GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P [Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.**

Please be seated **SERMON** 

**Pastor Tim Linstrom** 

Please Stand HYMN OF THE DAY "O Hymn printed on pages 21

"O Jesus I have promised"

ELW 810

#### **SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION** See insert

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

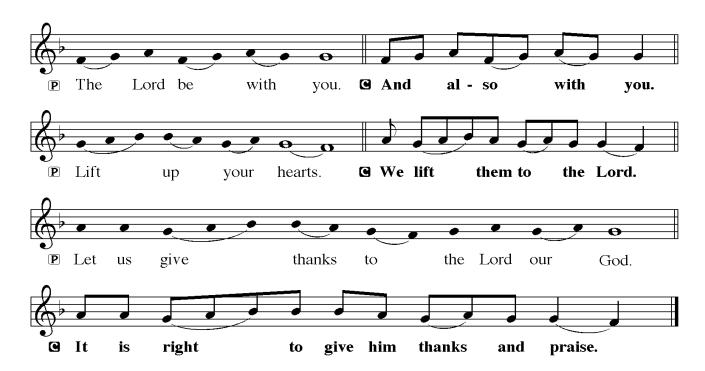
#### **THE OFFERING**

MUSICAL OFFERING "Speak, O Lord" Getty/Townend/Harla

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

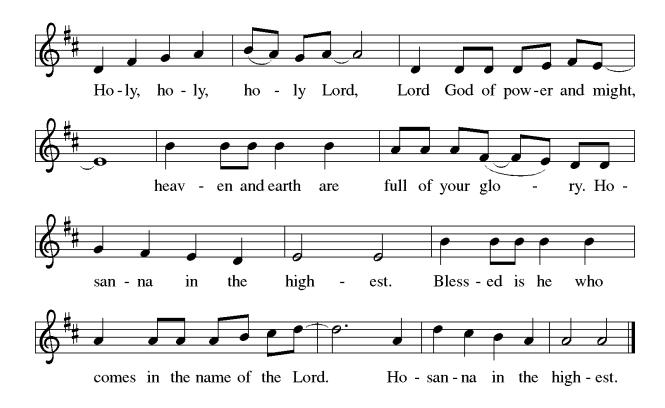
A Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



P Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

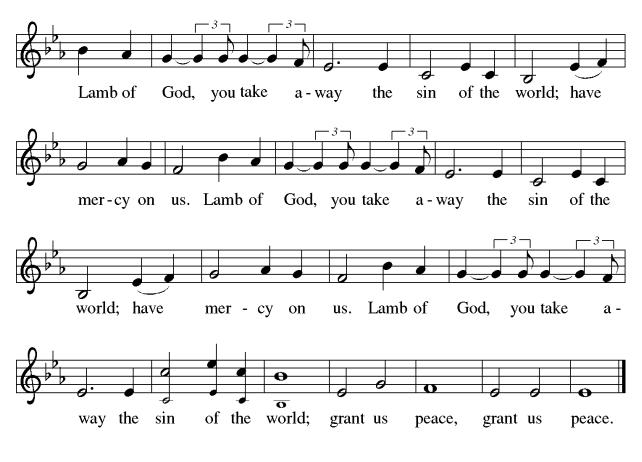
Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.
- C 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 CANTICLE**



### **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Jesus Loves Me!"

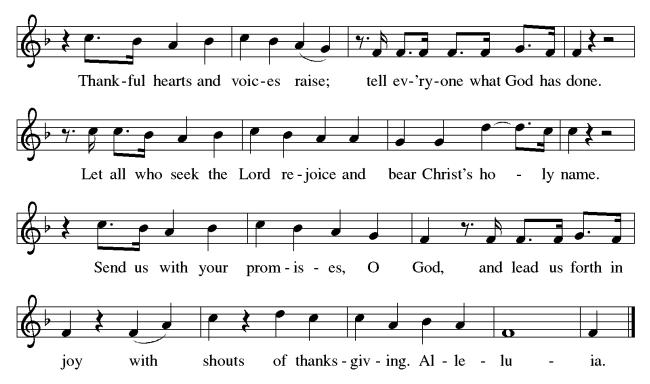
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## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

- P The body of Christ, given for you.The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** 



#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,

our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.
- C Amen.

"We Are Called"

#### DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sanctuary flowers donated by Pastor Tim and Maria in celebration of an anniversary.

## <u>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</u> — Today Sunday, May 5

Join us as we celebrate with our seven confirmands and their families at their Confirmation. We celebrate and congratulate; Gabrielle Brown, Lucas Davenport, Carmen Petreanu, Samantha Pink, Katherine Prosk, Anna Tantillo, and Tyler Zehnder. After two years of study these young people will be affirming the promises of their Baptism. A time of congratulations and fellowship will follow worship service.

## CHURCH WORK DAY — Saturday, May 11

There are always cleaning and maintenance tasks that need to be performed at our wonderful facility. But we need everyone to pitch in as they can. Join us on Saturday May 11 between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm and lend a hand as you are available. If you're looking for service hours or a family service project, this is a great option.

## <u>THE DAY OF PENTECOST</u> — Sunday May 19

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. The tradition is to wear red which is also the liturgical color for this special high holy day. And don't forget to order your red hanging plant that will hang in the sanctuary that day. The fire of the Holy Spirit will burn brightly as we gather to celebrate Pentecost.

### **MOTHERSDAY**

Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day and we look forward to celebrating all mothers at our Sunday morning worship service. God has given us mothers to carry us, raise us, teach us, and mold us into godly people. We give thanks and praise for all they do in their blessed role in raising their families and we look forward to recognizing them on this special day. Join us on May 12th as we celebrate Mother's Day!

## BUFFALO GROVE PRIDE \_-

Holy Spirit will be walking in the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade again this year! This year's parade is on **June 2nd** - parade kick-off is 11am. As a Reconciled in Christ church, we declare ourselves welcoming to all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Please use this Sign Up Genius link on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org to indicate your participation. Expect to walk the mile parade route, hand out LCHS and pride swag, and plan to have fun!!

C.O.O.L. — Is in need of cereal and peanut butter

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** — Thursday Bible Study meets from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. and everyone is encouraged to attend. Besides delving into the Holy Scriptures, we also study contemporary theologians, our Lutheran roots, and current issues as they impact our lives. We are currently starting a new study on C.S. Lewis' best selling book "Mere Christianity". Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations, Lewis provides an unequaled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. It is a collection of scintillating brilliance that remains strikingly fresh for the modern reader and at the same time confirms C.S. Lewis' reputation as one of the leading writers and thinkers of our age. Join us for some spirited discernment and conversation! We always close our time together in prayer.

**<u>QUILTERS</u>**—Quilting ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOS** — Expos will be pausing their monthly meetings for the upcoming spring and summer months. Any special gatherings will be announced as they are scheduled.

<u>**PRAYER GROUP**</u>— Our prayer group meets at 9:30 am on Thursday mornings in the Sanctuary. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

**FLOWER CHART**— If you would like to donate flowers in honor or celebration of someone, please sign up on the new flower chart hanging in the Gathering Space.

## **ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE** — Our secure

online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap "Process" to complete your donation.

Please scan this code with your phone to donate using secure online giving page.

<u>LIVE STREAM</u> — We are in the process of updating our live streaming equipment, for the time being the best option for viewing is our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ churchinthewoods or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.

# PENTECOST FLOWERS

Each year as we celebrate Pentecost, our Sanctuary is made more beautiful by the special gift of red hanging plants. If you would like to order plants that will hang in the Sanctuary, please complete and return form with payment to the church office by May 16.

Number of Spring Flowers @	\$25.00 each
Given to the glory of God:	
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## The Lord Came Back

Well old Mr. Noah had a terrible plight When the skies began to darken, and it rained for forty nights! And just as he thought that the world was doomed A little dove reminded him that the rain would end soon......

Chorus: That's when the Lord came back the very same day Yeah, the Lord came back, he lowered all the waters Yes, the Lord came back He came back to stay......

When Daniel met Goliath it was an unfair fight And meeting that giant kept Daniel up all night! And just when he wondered why he was left all alone The Lord provided Daniel with a slingshot and a stone......

Chorus: Yes, the Lord came back the very same day Yeah, the Lord came back, when Daniel slew Goliath Yes, the Lord came back And every giant he'll slay......

There was a man named Jonah on a stormy sea And there in the tempest, God he attempted to flee He was thrown overboard and he was swallowed by a fish Then with a prayer from its belly, he got his wish......

Chorus: That's when the Lord came back the very same day Yeah, the Lord came back, and the whale spit out Jonah Yes, the Lord came back He'll never lead you astray......

A woman named Deborah was a powerful judge And with God's words of wisdom, she gave Barak a nudge And Barak led his army against a fearsome foe And who was there to help them? Well, wouldn't you know! Chorus: Yes, the Lord came back the very same day Yeah, the Lord came back, and Deborah was beside him Oh, the Lord came back He'll keep the armies at bay....

Well, a man named Joseph had a colorful coat He was thrown into a jail, but he didn't lose hope He told pharaoh of his dreams, and his dreams became true! And who was right beside him? Well, I'll give you a clue!

Chorus: It was the Lord who came back! The very same day Yeah, the Lord came back, for Joseph and his brothers Yes, the Lord came back He taught the dreamers to pray.....

Well Moses led his people out of Egypt to flee But they ran into a roadblock - it's called the Red Sea And just when it seemed they'd have to dive right in Moses parted the sea with a mighty wind!

Chorus: That's when the Lord came back! The very same day Yeah, the Lord came back, and parted the waters Yes, the Lord came back He showed his people the way.....

So what about today, when you face problems of your own? And you feel that you are stranded, and lost, and alone? There's not a soul in sight! And you're deep in despair. That's when you realize - that someone's always there!

Chorus: That's when the Lord will come back! The very same day Yeah, the Lord will come back, He's never gonna leave you Yes, the Lord will come back He's with you every day.....

> Words by Bill Vaananen 2024 Music by Harry S. Miller "The Cat Came Back" (1893)

### You Are Mine



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### O Jesus, I Have Promised



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## Jesus Loves Me!





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## We Are Called



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## HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday, May 5	9:30 a.m. 10:30 am 10:45 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion Confirmation Celebration Brass Choir
Tuesday, May 7	4:15 p.m.	LYFE & Dinner Celebration
Wednesday May 8	6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Bell Choir Adult Choir
Thursday May 9	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Bible Study Worship and Music Meeting
Saturday May 11	8:00 am –1p.m.	Church Work Day
Sunday, May 12	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion Bell Choir

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