

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

If you are attending the Drive-In Service, please tune your radio to 98.1 FM.

For those attending the service in the sanctuary

- ❖ *Worshippers must wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times except briefly when taking Holy Communion.*
- ❖ *Worshippers are asked to maintain appropriate social distancing.*

PRELUDE

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

CALLAHAN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (11:00) *Congregation stands.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

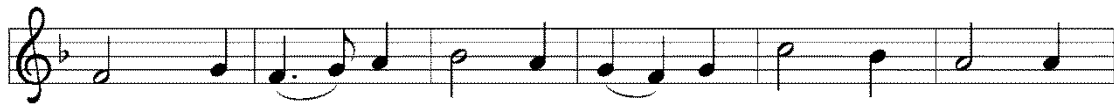
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(11:00) Please hum, sing quietly, or follow all service music silently.

GATHERING HYMN 631

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



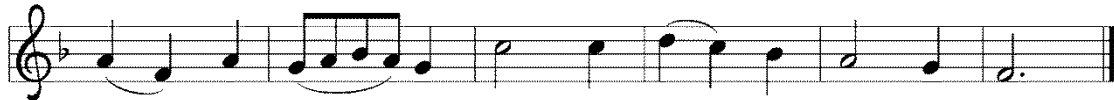
earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING (11:00) *Congregation sits.*

ACTS 10:44-48

A reading from Acts.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

The congregation may join the Cantor in singing the refrain.



¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:1-6

A reading from 1 John.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (11:00) *Congregation stands.*

The Congregation may join the Cantor in singing the Refrain.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I 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. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME (11:00) *Congregation sits.*

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

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NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (11:00) *Congregation kneels or sits.*

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*). 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (11:00) *Congregation stands.*

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 our thanks and praise.

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, for the glorious resurrection of 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (11:00) *Congregation kneels or sits.*

The Pastor will provide an invitation for those communing to eat the bread, with these words:

Take and eat. This is the body of Christ given for you.
Amen.

Afterwards, the Pastor will also provide the invitation to drink the juice.

Take and drink. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.
Amen.

(11:00) Please put your used communion cups back in the plastic bags and deposit them in the trash receptacles as you leave.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS (11:00) *Congregation stands.*

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

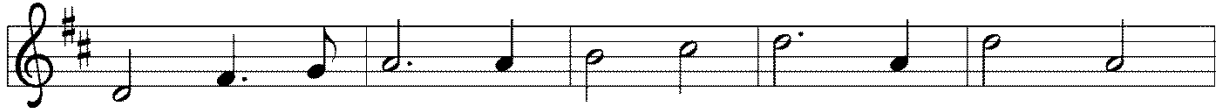
BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN 389

CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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***(11:00) Please remain at your seat until dismissed by an usher,
so that social distancing is maintained.***

Please take your bulletin with you when you leave.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING

BURKHARDT

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Blue Ridge of Sumter – Virginia Stephens
Colonial Gardens Nursing Home – Irene S. Poole
Lowman Home – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt, Martha Haigler
NHC Parklane – Mary Allen, Becky Silvia
The Palmettos – Sara Loyd
Rice Estate – Grace Boozer
Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll
Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton
Westminster Memory Care – Bev Weymouth
Wildewood Downs – Joanna Carpenter
At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Helen Derrick, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Dot Gibert, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Doris McCaughey, Margaret Moody, Mary Sox, and Stan Wilson.

MAY 2, 2021 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service: 50 11:00 AM In-Sanctuary Worship Service: 40

**While we are not worshipping in the Sanctuary,
 Financial Reports may be obtained by calling the church office.**

***Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$8,729**

***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$10,844**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

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| Memorial Fund | \$260 | Food Pantry | \$120 |
| Capital Improvements | \$150 | World Hunger Relief | \$50 |
| Postage Reimbursement | \$5 | Office Windows Replacement | \$250 |
| April Social Ministry Focus – Unumb Center | \$135 | Youth Mission Fund - Contributions | \$25 |

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Celeste Heisel to the Glory of God and in memory of passed loved ones.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by Steve Steck to the Glory of God and in honor of Sylvia Anne Derrick and Kappy Steck for Mother’s Day.

NEW CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORIES are available on the tables in the Narthex. Please pick up **one** per family. Look through this new directory. If you did not get your information updated before publication, please notify Deborah Mitchell in the Church Office; and if you see a name of someone you have missed seeing recently, give them a call or send a note to let them know we’ve missed them.

GRADUATES – If you or someone in your family, who is a Good Shepherd member, is graduating from high school, college or other school, please let us know. We want to congratulate and acknowledge this accomplishment. Let us know the school, any degrees or honors, college or future plans (if applicable). Call the office at 803-787-4413 or email parishadmin@slc.com. Please contact the office by May 17, for publication in the June newsletter.

SOCIAL MINISTRY EMPHASIS FOR MAY – The May Social Ministry emphasis at Good Shepherd is Project H.O.P.E., a program of the Richland County Sheriff’s office. Project H.O.P.E. (Protect Our Precious Elderly) provides a variety of support activities for elderly persons in Richland County, especially those who live alone. Good Shepherd’s special offerings during the month will go to buy fans for needy elderly persons to help them deal with the summer heat. You may make a contribution for this

program any time during the month, either at a worship service or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for “Project H.O.P.E.”

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Meet in the FAB on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study. *Masks and social distancing required.*

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.