



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. 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.



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*Please stand if able P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation (ELW—red book; WOV—blue book)

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Paul Christ
*Confession and Forgiveness ELW p. 116-118
*Sharing the Peace P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**
*Gathering Hymn "Give to Our God Immortal Praise!" ELW #848
*Apostolic Greeting ELW p. 120
*Hymn of Praise "This is the feast of victory for our God..." ELW p. 122-123
*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.**

WORD

Children's Sermon Rev. Paul Christ
Lessons Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6 Kermit Nash
*The Holy Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia, Alleluia..." ELW p. 124
*The Gospel Reading P: The holy gospel according to St. John. C: **Glorify to you, O Lord.** John 15:9-17
P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**
The Sermon Rev. Paul Christ
*Hymn of the Day "Abide with Me" ELW #629
*Apostles' Creed ELW p. 127
*Intercessory Prayer A: Let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.** Kermit Nash

MEAL

The Offering / Offertory Nellie Pruitt
*Offering Presentation / Response "Doxology" ELW #884
*Offertory Prayer A: Let us pray... C: **Amen.** Kermit Nash
*The Eucharistic Prayer V ELW p. 65-66
*The Lord's Prayer Traditional ELW p. 134

Distribution

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ELW p. 135
Distribution Hymn "Let us Break Bread Together" ELW #471
*Post Communion Blessing
*Post Communion Prayer A: Let us pray... C: **Amen.** Kermit Nash

SENDING

*The Benediction P: Almighty God . . . C: **Amen.**
*Sending Hymn "Let All Things Now Living" ELW #881
Dismissal P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD by the St. Mark's congregation.

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.

PSALM 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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.

JOHN 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] "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."

LITURGY - WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Paul Christ

Assisting Minister: Kermit Nash

Organist: Nellie Pruitt

Communion Assistants: Jonathan Ray, Hal Sigmon

Altar Guild: Carol Schaefer, Cathy Sigmon, Dale & Sandy Sherrill

Tabulators: Mike & Donna Evans, Cathy Sigmon, Nick Setzer

Deacons: Nick Setzer, Angela Brown

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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