

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
*May 5, 2024*

**PRELUDE "Improvisation on "In Christ There is no East or West""**

*Those who are able, please stand.*

**MISSION/MINISTRY**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen**

### GATHERING HYMN 650 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **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.

C: **And also with you.**

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: 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

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST 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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*Those who are able, please stand.*



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**THE GOSPEL READING** John 15:9-17

[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.*

## **CONFIRMATION PROJECTS**

*Those who are able, please stand.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY 708 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

Choir will sing stanzas 1 & 2, congregation joins on stanzas 3 & 4

### **THE APOSTLES' 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**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

A: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

## THE PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: 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.

## THE 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**

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

***We welcome all who believe that Jesus is Lord and truly present to join us at his table. Holy communion will be distributed using Gluten-free wafers, wine, or grape juice. Make your choice known to the Communion Assistant. Communion will be taken from the center aisle; baskets are available to dispose of your communion cup.***

*The following hymn, "Be Not Afraid," is sung twice by the entire congregation as the distribution of communion begins:*



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

A: Let us pray....

C: Amen

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN 389 "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE "Psalm 19" – Benedetto Marcello**

***PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK***

**M** Psalm 95 **Tu** 1 Timothy 6:13-16 **Wednesday** Deuteronomy 11:18-31 **Thursday** Luke 24:44-53 **Friday** Revelation 1:9-18 **Saturday** John 16:4-11 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 1:13-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**pastor:** Bob Cheyney, Jr. **co-cantors:** John Schwandt, MaryAnn Schwabe **John Lauby, Organist/Choir Director Emeritus** **communion assistants:** Becky Popio, Gary Smith **door greeter:** Gary Smith **usher:** Bob Tornow

**Church Council:** Mary Amick, Marilyn Brodie, Alex Clevinger, Heather Coontz, Michael Kahlenberg, John Lauby, Doug Nabors, Amanda Oberhauser, Gary Smith, Lou Stange, Don Taranowski and Harvey Wagner

**WELCOME VISITORS** Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to Advent Lutheran Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. The service is printed in your bulletin. If at first you find it difficult to follow the service, please ask someone near you for assistance; after a few services, we hope it will become easier. **We always welcome** children during worship.

**We encourage you to include the following people in your daily prayers this week:** Joe Balough, Shannon Bridges, Diane Frasier, Andrew Glover, Ronnie Haines, Gary Holmes, Dianne Johnson, Hunter Lumbatis, David Phillips, Al Shoe

**The altar flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Peggy Royer in loving memory of Kenneth Royer.

**Congratulations to the following 8<sup>th</sup> graders** who are affirming their baptism today: Dominic Farcas, Trevor Florida. We rejoice in their faith journey and ask God to be their guide.

**We are collecting** peanut butter and tissues for the FISH Cupboard in May.

**Your help is needed.** Sign-up for your turn as door greeter or usher in May at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

**Attention 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!** During Sunday school on **May 12<sup>th</sup>**, you are invited to go on a "field trip" to McDonalds for breakfast! Two of the Sunday school teachers will be taking the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school classes from **10:15-11:15 am**. Please bring money for your breakfast and a signed permission slip. (These will be emailed to the parents as time gets closer or see Becky for a permission slip if you forget to bring it that morning).

**Mark your calendars now...**The countdown to VBS has begun! Plan to be a part of this summer's underwater adventure at Vacation Bible School on **July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – Noon**. **Pre-registration will begin on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>!** Children in pre-school thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to be a part of this exciting week by filling out a form found on the counter at the welcome center or by registering online ([adventunions.org](http://adventunions.org)). Anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older may also sign-up to be a crew leader. Get ready to "**DIVE**" into God's word with us this summer!

**Adult Volunteers Needed...** come help us make this year's vbs week go "swimmingly"! In order to do so, we could certainly use your help! If you are available for the entire week or just for a few days, we would love to have you come join us! Look for the sign-up sheet on the counter at the welcome center to let us know which days you can help and what your t-shirt size is for your free t-shirt! Also mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> for a special luncheon**, set up in the Sunday school opening room for, **ALL volunteers and crew leaders** (right after the contemporary service) Please plan to attend this informative meeting/luncheon! The **VBS kick-off party** will be during our last Sunday school class of this school year... **May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:15am**. Join us in the Sunday school opening room!

**Note:** Our next VBS "Workshop" night is planned for **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm**. We will gather in the fellowship hall to paint and create scenery and props needed for vbs week.

**Come join the women's bible study** in the church's library on Monday mornings at 10:30 am. We are using Adam Hamilton's material on "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith" during the month of May. (*Please note: there will not be Bible Study on Memorial Day 5/27*).

**Get ready for another rummage sale!!** May 16<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) from 8:00am to 6:00pm, May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (Fri & Sat) from 8:00 am to 1:00pm in our fellowship hall. All proceeds will go towards the ELCA youth gathering trip. Helpers will be needed to set up/price items as well as to be here on the days of the sale. Look for a sign-up sheet on the welcome center counter if you can help! (Nothing will be saved here at the church or given back once the rummage sale is over). Thanks in advance for your support!

**Everyone signed up to go to the ELCA youth gathering** to New Orleans this July, please plan to meet in the confirmation room on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. We will talk about upcoming fundraisers, new updates and discuss the next gathering topic.

**Young adults...**Our next opportunity to serve at FISH will be **May 30<sup>th</sup>** from 5:15-7:30 pm. with dinner to follow! We will be going to Carlos after we are done at the FISH pantry. Hope to see you there!

**Mark your calendars**, the next opportunity to serve at the FISH food pantry is... Thursday, **May 30<sup>th</sup>** from 5:15-7:30 pm (6-8 helpers needed). Please email Becky if you are able to help at [BPoppo@adventunioneiontown.org](mailto:BPoppo@adventunioneiontown.org) or sign up on the volunteer sheet found on the welcome center counter.

**Worship is central** to what we do as a congregation. The tech team is looking for individuals to assist at either of our worship services. **Traditional Worship:** Help is needed for doing the video recording and then posting the recording to our platforms. If you've created and posted videos online you can do this. Even if you haven't, we can teach you. **Contemporary Worship:** Help is needed to project the songs, prayers and

other parts of the service on the screen for the congregation. **No special skills are required** – if you can login to a PC you have great potential! The work that the team does is vital because it enriches our worship and provides a means for others to experience God in this place. If you have any questions, contact Mike Pearch at [michael.pearch@gmail.com](mailto:michael.pearch@gmail.com) or 330-760-4413

**We are once again** assembling quilts for LWR! There are kits in the coat room which may be assembled for tops. We appreciate those who do that work at home so we can do so much on Thursdays. If you have sheets or material you would like to contribute, please leave these in the coatroom, too. Our work on Thursdays involves assembling, stitching and knotting and no special skills are needed. Everyone is welcome...please join us.



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### **Sunday morning worship schedule:**

Traditional service - 8:45

Confirmation class & High school class - 9:30

Adult Sunday school - 10:15

Contemporary service - 10:15

Preschool - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school - 10:15