

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

As the
Father has
loved me,
so have I
loved you.
ABIDE
in my
love.



RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE *Love's Greeting* [EDWARD ELGAR 1857-1934] - *The Gift of Love* [HOPSON]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAND

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

P: Most Merciful God,

All: Have mercy on us. We confess that 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 your 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

KYRIE *SPOKEN*

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L : For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *WE PRAY TOGETHER*

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.

SIT

READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

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. HERE ENDS THE READING.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION SPOKEN

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

All: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 15:9-17

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

SERMON: Pastor Christopher Miller

MUSIC & REFLECTION: *We Are Called* ELW #720 PIANO ONLY-NO VOCAL

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

STAND

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.

SHARING THE PEACE

SIT

GRATITUDE FOR GIFTS (*Offering baskets at entrance only*)

OFFERING PRAYER *WE PRAY TOGETHER*

P: God of love,

All: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

P: 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.

All: Amen.

HYMN: Abide with Me

ELW # 629 VSS. 1, 3, 5

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847 PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

- 3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**

- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

RINGING OF BELL

STAND

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

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CALENDAR ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Sun/May 9	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed
Sun/May 9	7 pm	AA
Thu/May 13	7 pm	AA
Sun/May 16	9 am	WORSHIP – In-Person & Live-Streamed

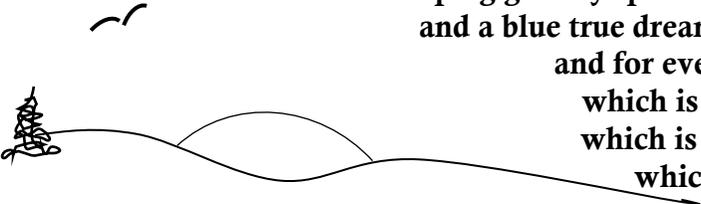


**Outdoor Coffee Social & Celebration - Sunday, May 23, 2021, after worship
First Luth. Parking Lot – Celebrating First Luth. HS Grads & New Members**

FLCW will furnish coffee and 'individually' packaged cookies. Please bring your own coffee cup! We want to eliminate as much 'touching' as possible. Besides, who *really* likes to drink coffee from a styrofoam or paper cup? If it is raining, there will be no coffee hour that day. Let's hope for a beautiful day — we look forward to seeing you.

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Worship Bulletin



**i thank You God for most
this amazing day: for the
leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky
and for everything
which is natural
which is infinite
which is yes**

e.e.cummings, *Complete Poems: 1904-1962*
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