

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION & RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

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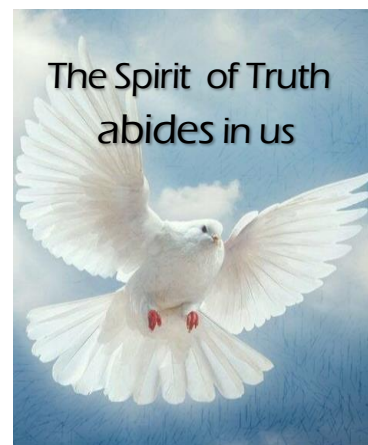
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P: Blessed by the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, with love that lives forever.
C: **Amen.**
P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
P: For a word at the dawn of creation which spoke water and life into being.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
P: For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
P: For the river that carried Moses to safety, building a bridge between mothers and nations.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
P: For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
P: For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
P: For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ELW 631

- 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**
- 2 **Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**



- 3 **Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**
- 4 **Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

PSALM 66:8-20 *We read responsively*

- L: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- C: Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
- L: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- C: You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- L: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- C: I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**
- L: those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- C: I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- L: Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- C: I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
- L: If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
- C: but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
- L: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

A READING FROM ACTS 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals, life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 14:15-21

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON Intern Pastor Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW 449

- 1 **We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!**
- 2 **We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
As living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!**
- 3 **The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!**
- 4 **A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!**

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.

PRAYERS

SHARING THE PEACE — *The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY —GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God,

**C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION—LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: *Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.*

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

- 1 **Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.**
- 2 **Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.**
- 3 **Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

BENEDICTION

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you
by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

- 1 **Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2 **Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**
- 3 **All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN/MAY 14	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & Live-Streamed-- <i>Senior Recognition</i>
	10 AM	Sunday School
	9:45 - 11 AM	Pickup Caramel Roll Orders
	7 PM	AA
WED/MAY 17	6 PM	COUNCIL
	7:30 PM	KWHS Baccalaureate at First
THU/MAY 18	5:30 PM	Sons of Norway
	7 PM	AA
SAT/MAY 20	2 PM	LUTHER SEMINARY BACCALAUREATE at Seminary Chapel, Olson Campus Center, St.Paul
SUN/MAY 21	9 AM	WORSHIP-In person & Live-Streamed
	11-2	<i>Last Day of Sun School @ Belle Creek Roller Rink</i>
	3 PM	LUTHER SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT at Central Lutheran, Mpls
	7 PM	AA

CONGRATULATIONS TO INTERN KRIS! Soon to be a Luther Seminary Grad. If you'd like to view these events, here is the Specific Luther Seminary webpage with commencement details, including links for live streaming. Both Baccalaureate and Commencement services will also be recorded. Webpage: <https://www.luthersem.edu/commencement> Look for links to each service.

CARD SHOWER for Kevin Estrem and Debbie Swanson Estrem who were married at First Lutheran on June 5th in 1973. This year is their 50th anniversary but they won't be able to celebrate since Debbie has MS and isn't able to get around. Her relatives would like to honor them with a card sending event. It is a surprise for them, so if you know them, try to send your card so they will receive it close to June 5th. Their address is: Kevin and Debbie Estrem, 5613 Brennan Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80923