



# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

9:30 am

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.

### A Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

A Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

ELW 631, v. 1 & 3

### GREETING

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.

### A Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

A And also with you.

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### HYMN OF PRAISE

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.

A Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L Let us pray, O God,

**A 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: Acts 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>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, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

**A Thanks be to God.**

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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L The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

**A Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-17**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

<sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”  
[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.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“Love is Spelled T-I-M-E”

Pastor David Mesaros

**+ HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Jesus Loves Me”

ELW 595

**NICENE CREED**

**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**

L Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

**+ SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*“O Love, How Deep”*

*Ensemble: Norm Belland, Matt Gaines, Judy Hedger, Deb Hofbauer, Peter Hueller, Keith Irwin, Norma Johannsen, Clayton Miller, Johanna Nelson, Louise Nesdahl, Lana Pemberton, Judy & Jack Schlukebier, Kay Tellekson, Johni Wilczyk and Paul Wyatt*

*Director: Carl Lipke*

*Accompanist: Judy Belland*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

L Generous God,

**A you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the means of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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.**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Go, My Children with My Blessing”*

*ELW 543*

**DISMISSAL**

L Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**A Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**