

St. Luke's Lutheran Church – Sacramento/Elk Grove
Holy Communion –May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

We will be celebrating Holy Communion today. You are invited to have a small piece of bread and a small glass of wine or grape juice ready. If you won't be receiving the elements today, you will receive a blessing.

Prelude

Jacob Wilson/Keyboard

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. -*Psalm 118:24*

Rev. Bill Wessner, Interim Pastor

Opening Hymn

“Earth and All Stars!”

Choir

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
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Greeting

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

-2 Corinthians 13:14

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

“Kyrie”

Choir

(“Kyrie eleison” means “Lord have mercy”)

Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; For this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

(Refrain)

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of the Day

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.

Word

First Reading

Bob Behr, Reader
Acts 10:44-48

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to 1 John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Friends”

Hymn of the Day

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Choir

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *[Refrain]***

**2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. [Refrain]**

**3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]**

Nicene Creed

Let us together confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father 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.

Prayer of Intercession

Sarah Madison, Prayer Leader

Each prayer ends:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

You are invited to make an offering in support of the mission of St. Luke's to "Spread the Good News, Serve those in need, and Share the victory of Jesus throughout the world."
Options for giving are available on our website, www.slelca.org. Thank you.

Special Music

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Choir

Offering Prayer

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God,
 Lord God, Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have accomplished for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

The body of Christ given for you,
The blood of Christ shed for you

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;
 tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
 joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

Life-giving God, you have fed us with heaven's perfect food, the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
R: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

**1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!**

**2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude