

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

a little about the Scripture readings today  
and the saints of the Church we remember  
this week...

SCRIPTURE

**FIRST READING**                      **Acts 10:44-48**  
*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**SECOND READING**                      **1 John 5:1-6**  
*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

**GOSPEL**                                      **John 15:9-17**  
*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

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COMMEMORATIONS  
FOR THE WEEK

**Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416**  
**May 8**  
When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

**Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303**  
**May 8**  
Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

**Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760**  
**May 9**  
When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.



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Festive Worship Liturgy  
for  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
May 5, 2024

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# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

## Gathering

***The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.***

Prelude

The Sanctus Bells proclaim the advent of worship and Christ's presence with us. Please rise as the bells are rung.  
During the 50 days of Easter, we stand for portions of the Liturgy for which we usually kneel, witnessing to the confidence we have in the victory Christ has won for us through His resurrection.

Affirmation of Baptism [the faithful stand] *Insert*

Hymn *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* *ELW 389*

Greeting

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

Canticle of Praise *This is the Feast* *ELW pages 149-150*

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, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Word

***God speaks to us in Bible reading, preaching, and song.***

Children's Message [10:00]

First Reading *Acts 10:44-48*

Psalm: 98 [sung responsively, indented verses by the gathered] *found in the Hymnal*

Second Reading *1 John 5:1-6*

Holy Gospel *John 15:9-17*

Spoken response at the announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
After the reading of the Gospel: **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon *Pastor Heagy*

Hymn of the Day *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* *ELW 836*

Apostles' Creed *ELW page 105*

Prayers of the Faithful [Response to each petition: **Hear our prayer.**]

Exchange of Peace

## Meal

***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.***

Offering

Anthem [8:30]

*There Is No Greater Love*

Carmen Scialla

Solo [10:00]

*Consecration*

John Ness Beck

Soloist: James Critchfield, tenor

Doxology [the faithful stand] *ELW 884*

Offertory Prayer

**Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

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.**

Proper Preface *Insert*

Sanctus *ELW page 153*

Verba [the faithful stand]

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 154*

Invitation to the Table

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

**Come and eat at God's table.**

*\*Gluten free wafers available*

Agnus Dei [the faithful stand] *ELW page 154*

Distribution

Hymn *ELW 595* is sung during distribution of the Eucharist.

Post Communion Prayer

## Sending

***God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.***

Blessing

Hymn

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

*ELW 650*

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

*Soli Deo Gloria*