Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day Confirmation of Aby, Ashlynn, Kimberly, and Kara May 9, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service

# "This is my commandment,



that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'Hearing, Sharing and Living the Gospel'



You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate. \* Please turn off cellphones\*

#### Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and

service?" In our 'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion - a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" – if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. For those who so desire, the cups in the center have water infused with a drop of wine. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice.)

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY CONFIRMATION OF ABY, ASHLYNN, KIMBERLY, AND KARA Divine Service – Setting Two May 9, 2021 10:30 a.m.

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### + INVOCATION +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ℜ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

# \*In honor of our confirmands

**Opening Hymn** 

*LSB 599 sts. 1, 3-6* (to the tune of *LSB 844*)

"O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near"



#### LSB 167



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#### Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 167**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

# C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

PGod be merciful to you and strengthen your<br/>faith.LSB 292

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

LSB 293

LSB 167

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son

to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\bigstar$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 168

Introit *Ps. 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: Ps. 66:16* P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

C Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
P Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

**C** who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

P Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

P G Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Kyrie

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

#### **C** Lord, have mercy.

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

## **C** Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

# **C** Amen.







#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 172

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### **C** And also with you.

▶ Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Sit First Reading

Acts 10:34-48

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. 39 "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosenby us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, 47 "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6 A C Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

#### Second Reading 1 John 5:1-8 5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son

of God. 6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

A This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.



Sit

LSB 556 sts. 1-2, 5, 7-8 *Hymn of the Day* "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" With 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, ex - ul - ta - tion 2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I Death brood-ed dark - ly lay; spring-ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; o'er In sin my sing - ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done. How rap - ture deep - er still fell; moth-er bore me. But dai - ly Ι My What price our ran-som cost His right arm the vic - t'ry won. Him! So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me. life be - came a liv - ing hell,

5 God said to His belovèd Son: "It's time to have compassion.Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.Your ransom I Myself will be;

For you I strive and wrestle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain;

The foe shall not divide us.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.

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#### Sermon Pastor Tom Rhodes "As I Have Loved You"

+ CONFIRMATION + LSB 272
(*The pastor addresses the catechumens saying:*)
P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,

even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

- **R** Yes, I do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- **R** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works and all his ways?

**R** Yes, I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
R Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic
Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
R I do.

Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** I do.

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** I do, by the grace of God.

Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
I do, by the grace of God.

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
I do, by the grace of God.

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

# **C** Amen.

(The catechumens receive the confirmation blessing and passage of Holy Scripture. The pastor places his hand over the heads of the catechumens and makes the sign of the cross while saying:) P Aby/Ashlynn/Kimberly/Kara, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life  $\clubsuit$  everlasting.

#### Stand

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them all with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# P Peace ★ be with you.C Amen.

(*The confirmed return to their seats*)

Prayer of the Church LSB 175
P Blessed God, cause us to remain steadfast in Your love. Hear us now and answer us in Your mercy for Your whole Church and for all people according to their needs. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You invite us to freely come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Just as You have done with those newly confirmed in their faith in You. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

 P Lord of all, You make known the good news of peace through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of our congregation, our synod and our missionaries, that in every nation You would raise up people who fear You, willingly do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, and so fulfilled Your commandment. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot,

# that they may find their consolation in You andYour unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,C hear our prayer.

Almighty Father, You rule this world by Your established authorities in ways that we do not always understand; yet in the name of Jesus, we may ask You anything freely as friends and sons. Bless our nation's leaders and cause them to serve wisely for the common good. Bring an end to injustice, violence and disdain for Your truth, and let us willingly receive from You all good things with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

▶ Lord God, the Giver of all that is good, grant Your healing and support to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those on our prayer list and cards. Give them healing according to Your gracious will. Grant them the

# gift of Your grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, at the death of Your Son You gave the testimony of Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from His wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we all and especially our newly confirmed, receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and so overcome the world by our faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

▶ Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# **C** Amen.

# Offering

#### LSB 176

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)



#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + LSB 177 **Preface**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we **P** should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels

and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 178
P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With

repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179 **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **C** 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.

# given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

The Words of Our Lord

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ≇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He

was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given

thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and

said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\blacksquare$  body, which is

#### Pax Domini

John 20:19, LSB 180

LSB 179

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.



Sit

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### Distribution Song (requested) On Screen "By Our Love" by for KING & COUNTRY

We are one in the spirit We are one in the Lord We are one in the spirit We are one in the Lord And we pray that our unity may one day be restored And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

They'll know us by our love (love love, our love love love, our love love love, our love) They'll know us by our love (love love, our love love love, our love love, our love)

We will work with each other We will work side by side We will work with each other We will work side by side And we'll guard each other's dignity and save each other's pride And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love (love, love, oh)

They'll know us by our love (love love, our love love love, our love love love, our love) They'll know us by our love (love love, our love love love, our love love, our love)

Oh, Oh, Oh...

They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

#### \*original lyrics by Peter Scholtes

Distribution Hymn LSB 575 sts. 1-4 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"





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Distribution Hymn LSB 803 sts. 1-3 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love! 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-flect Thy rays, giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,  $\triangle 3$  Thou art Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove. Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise. Well-spring of the iov of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest! Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Foun-tain-head of love di-vine: Fa - ther. Son. and Ho - ly Spir - it. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day. Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re-joice in Thee. Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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# Post-Communion Collect LSB 183

**P** Let us pray.

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# **C** Amen.

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