

St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Van Wert, Ohio
Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021

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[Livestream Order of Service](#)

Tower Chimes (10:30 service)

Prelude 8:00 "Reflection on 'Pange Lingua'"

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude 8:00/10:30 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Litany for Mother's Day

R: Mothers come in many different forms,
and today we celebrate them all!

C: Thank you Lord for mothers!

R: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

C: Thank you Lord for my mother!

R: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here
on earth.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers of the past.

R: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her child right now.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers of today.

R: For all the women who are expecting,
but aren't quite mothers yet!

C: Thank you Lord for the soon-to-be-mothers.

R: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers with hearts so big.

R: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers who are so strong.

R: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but
chose instead to mother everyone else.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers who are spiritual mentors. We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

Gathering Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” Hymn 367 vv. 1 & 4

Now all the vault of heaven resounds
in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has
triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of
angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory
here: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heavenly blessed sing: “Christ has
triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the
Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy
God, all the glory, never ending!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

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

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen!

Noah’s Park Children’s Church (10:30 service)

Acts 10:44-48 Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ 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, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy

Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98 Praise the Judge of the World

R: O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.

**C: The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

R: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

1 John 5:1-6 Faith Conquers the World

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Gospel Acclamation (10:30 service; page 102)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. {John 6:68}

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

John 15:9-17 No Greater Love Than This

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[d] 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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day “Day by Day” Hymn 790 vv. 1 & 3

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heavenly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I’ll find eternal rest.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

Musical Meditation “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Apostles’ Creed (page 105)

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 of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

The continuing 157 year ministry of your church functions as the hands, voice and feet of Jesus in our local, national, and global communities. You can give your financial offering in a number of ways:

- Electronically. Go to [My Offering](#) or text 419-273-9947.
- Mail your offerings or bring them to the church office directly.
- Save your offerings and bring them collectively when we can worship again in person.

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Luke 1:38

Holy Communion (pages 107, 109)

8:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

10: 30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Lord’s Prayer (page 112)

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.

Blessing (page 114)

P: Blessed and beloved people of God and members of his forever family, God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

Dismissal (page 115)

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Hymn 836 v. 1 & 2

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers 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.

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

Doxology Sung By The Congregation (8:00 service)

Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

Doxology on the Tower Chimes (10:30 service)

Dismissal Protocol & Dismissal

Postlude "Joyful, Joyful; We Adore Thee"