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Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 (NIV)

Based on John 15:9-17 (NIV)



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FRIENDS	OBEY	LOVE	FRUIT
DOWN	BUSINESS	BEAR	MASTER
LAY	FATHER	LIFE	REMAIN
SERVANTS	GREATER	COMMAND	CHOSE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Liturgical Color: Gold

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

- ◆ * *The assembly will please stand.*
- ◆ P Pastor/Priest
- ◆ C Congregation
- ◆ A Assisting
- ◆ L Lector

LITURGY OF THE WORD – The GATHERING

THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

Welcome—Online guests

Announcements:

Pastor Mick Shriver

Anniversaries, Birthdays & Thanksgivings

“...And now in stillness and holiness let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Gift of God's Holy Spirit.”

Gathering Song

“Beautiful Savior”

(see page 4)

****Easter Declaration***

The Christ Candle is lighted.

P

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robbed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more the be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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****Opening Prayer***

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

****Hymn of Praise***

C **Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways**

**We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings**

**Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

****Prayer of the Day***

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

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.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for 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?” ⁴⁸So 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. **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Prayed responsively

- A** ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- C** ²**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- A** ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- C** ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- A** ⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- C** ⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
- A** ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- C** ⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**
- A** ⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson

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.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

*Gospel Acclamation/Gradual

ALLELUIA

*Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia. lu - ia!

- [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John.**
- [C] Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I 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. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

At the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel...

- [P] The Gospel of the Lord.**
- [C] Praise to you, O Christ.**

“A New Commandment”

A New Commandment

Chorus

D Bm Bm A D Bm

A new com - mand - ment, I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth - er, as

8 Em Em7 A D Bm Em A7 1 D 2 D

I have loved you. That you love one an - oth - er, as I have loved you. By you

Verse

16 G D Bm G F#m 3 A D D7

this shall all know that you are my di - sci - ples, If you have love one for an - oth - er. By

24 G D Bm G F#m 3 A D

this shall all know that you are my di - sci - ples, if you have love one for an - oth - er.

***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**

*The faithful offer their petitions and concerns to God.
God hears our prayers.*

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Other petitions are given, concluding with...

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated following the peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST – HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

P Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory/Offering

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

**Great Thanksgiving (Sursum Corda)*

- 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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

The Holy Eucharist
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

****Eucharistic Prayer/Prayer of Consecration***

- P** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
- P** He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

- P** On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- P** After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had Given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

****Memorial Acclamation***

P Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

P Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

P All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

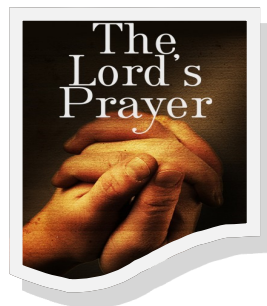
C **Amen**

P And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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.



The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

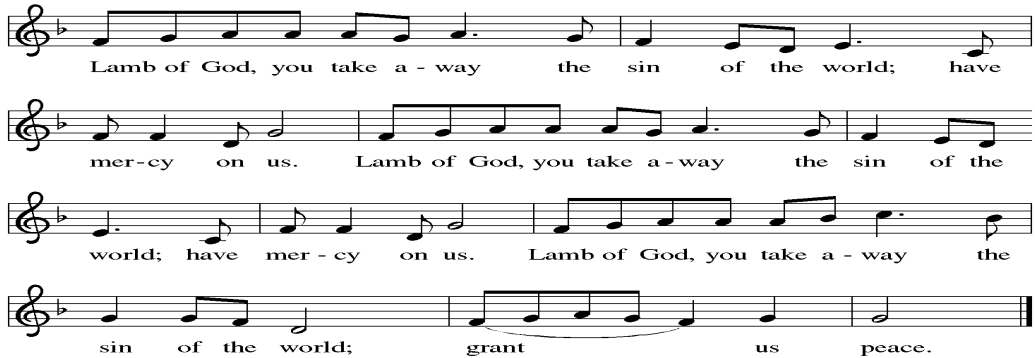
Amen.



*Fraction

- P** Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
C therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Invitation to Communion

- P** The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.
- P** Lord I am not Worthy to receive you
C ***But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.***
P At this time, God invites his children to receive the Blessed
Sacrament.

All are welcome to the Lord's table. Baptized Christians of any age are invited to receive the Sacrament. Those not receiving Communion may cross their arms to indicate they would like to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymns

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

(see page 20)

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion*

P O Lord, in union with the faithful at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered by the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I can not receive you physically, I pray you come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all of the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love.

**Post Communion Prayer*

A Let us pray...

C **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with
spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and
courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of
heart; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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WONDROUS LOVE

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SENDING

**Blessing*

- P** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
- C** Amen.

**Sending Hymn*

“Shout to the Lord”

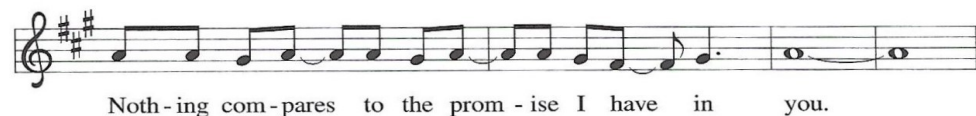
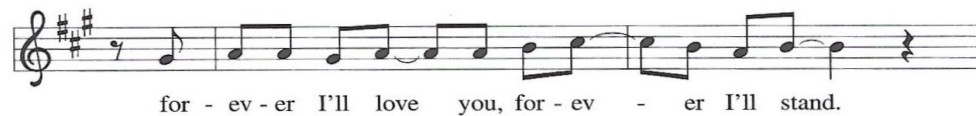
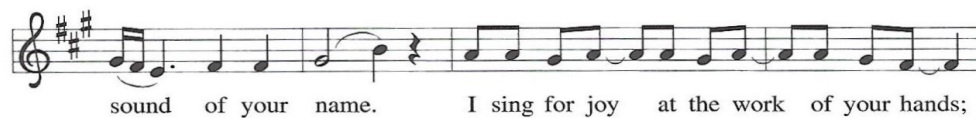
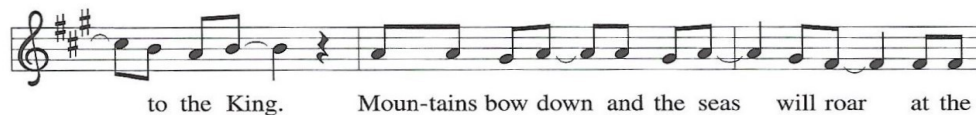
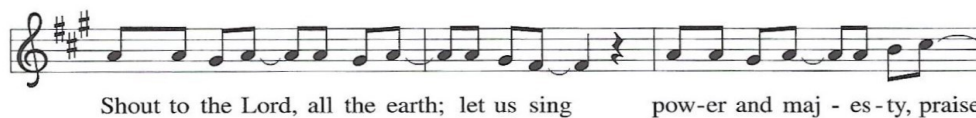
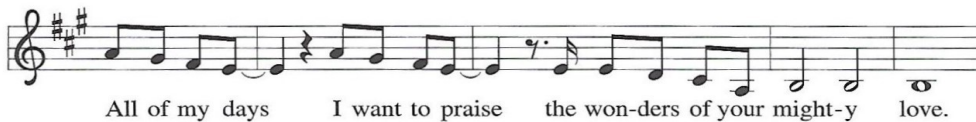
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**The Sending*

- A** Alleluia. Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Cherié Hockenberger



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: Darlene Zschech

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SHOUT TO THE LORD

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Pray for our Members: Eleanor Anderson, Jack Conklin, Patricia Ezdebski, David Hawley, Marty Mielke, Joyce Usiak.

Pray for our Friends: Baby Ray Anderson, Tommy Anderson, Rev. Chris Anderson, Hunter Bowman, June Brault, Bob Cottrell, Graeleigh Jensen, Ted Kinzacky, Kendra, Ken Kolb, Charity Lawler, Bruce Mitchell, Leah Mitchell, Tony Pouch, Elisabeth Rice, Edward Ritzema, Randy Robins, Deb Russel, Mason Stapley, Fred Tibbotts, Rev. Chris Anderson, Rev. Wayne Buskirk, Rev. Bill Huether, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Rev. Dennis VanKampen.

Pray for those at home:

Pray for those in care facilities: Ann Bird, Sherry Johnson, Cathy Marrison, Carolyn Malkewitz.

Pray for our Armed Forces: *Army* -Christian Boomgaard, *Reserves* - Tad Reed; *National Guard* -

Pray for our Veterans, especially those suffering from the wounds of war.

Pray for our Parish Family: our area churches and our Synod, as well as churches throughout the United States and the world, especially for the people of Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos and Rev. Bruce Thorsen. Synod Assembly 2024, Bp. Craig Satterlee and Sandra Schlesinger Vp. Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil , Calvary, Hillman - Dana Howard, Sr. Warden Emmaus Monastery, Vestaburg - Srs. Diane Stier and Linda-Susan Beard



The names on the Prayer list will be rotated every 30 days unless we are notified other wise. The Pastor can not assume that people want a personal visit, but is more then happy to do so upon request. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements. (231)843-3686



Sunday: May 5, 2024—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Joyce Usiak and Lyn Kolb
Assisting Minister Mary Hoffman
Lector Mike Nagle
Chalice Bearer Vicki Dorrell
Acolyte Jacqueline Carie
Coffee Hour Sonja and Carol Siewert
Ushers Dick and Dee Falk
Offering Counters TJaye Brand, Heidi Dalm and
Mary Hoffman

Sunday: May 12, 2024—Ascension of Our Lord

Altar Guild: TJaye Brand and Mary Hoffman
Assisting Minister Anna Anderson
Lector Walt Malkewitz
Chalice Bearer Bill Anderson
Acolyte Kaykeigh Shriver
Coffee Hour Jessica Wood and Kevin Iteen
Offering Counters Linda Rogers, Bob Budreau and
Sonja Siewert

