

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9th, 2021



## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Prayer:** O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will; therefore grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the manifold changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Sunday Musician:** Susanne Anderson

**Sunday Reader:** Don Fretz

**Sunday School:** “Ascension” <https://youtu.be/VwoIDhkAlfE>

**Precious Moments:** “The Story of Saul” <https://youtu.be/6I1dL1mbPjc>

**Children’s Message:** “Joyful” <https://youtu.be/EgxSYtGspGU>

**WORSHIP NOTE:** Until May 20, Sunday Worship Service will be:

- **live-streamed at 10 AM** on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC>).
- Following the service, a recording will be uploaded to YouTube – “Gathering the Scattered” at: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3a4p6prdJGEyP5S-q-cNSq>).
- A PDF version of the order of service for each Sunday will also be posted on our church website: [christlutheransc.ca](http://christlutheransc.ca).

Any questions or concerns, please contact Judy Slingerland or Pastor Todd or phone the church office. May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Mark 1: 35-39      Wed.: 1 Tim. 2: 1-8      Friday: Col. 3: 1-4  
 Tuesday: Col. 4: 2-6      Thurs: Acts 1: 1-11      Saturday: Luke 18: 1-8a

<b><u>Last Sunday Attendance: May 2nd, 2021 10 a.m. – 10</u></b>					
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (–)</u>
Current:	271,175.00	5,214.90	4,439.00	55,280.69	(22,618.90)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	587.00	4,935.00	(449.62)
Property Improvement:			407.00	1,786.50	

**COLLECTION NOTE:** At this point we are not collecting any materials for the church. This means no milk bags for making mats; no SOUL bingo prizes; no Christmas cards for Sunday School or SOUL; no puzzles for exchange, etc. Thank you.

**FLOWERS FOR ALTAR:** If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign your name at the back of the church or email: [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca). Cost is \$25/bouquet

**THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN:** The March and April 2021 copy of The Canadian Lutheran is now available at the church. If you can read it online at: [WWW.CANADIANLUTHERAN.CA](http://WWW.CANADIANLUTHERAN.CA)

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC:** It's important for members to keep in mind that expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue to accumulate even when you are not comfortable attending service.

**1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:** Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation continues to facilitate this service for us. To assist you in continuing your financial support to your church, we encourage you to fill out the form that is available for printing at:

[http://christlutheransc.ca/?page\\_id=96](http://christlutheransc.ca/?page_id=96) and then mail the form along with a voided cheque to:

Lutheran Church-Canada, East District Corporation  
275 Lawrence Ave., Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3  
Attn: Darryll Holland

**2. BY MAIL:** cheques can still be mailed to:

Christ Lutheran Church  
140 Russell Ave. St. Catharines, ON L2R 1W1

or dropped in the Church mailbox at the East entrance.

**3. ONLINE VIA LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA:** Lutheran Church-Canada has opened a web portal that allows parishioners to donate directly to their home church:

<https://lutheranchurch-canada.tng-secure.com/?pageld=donation-edit&categoryld=10972>

select "St. Catharines-Christ Lutheran-30950" from the drop down menu, enter the amount of your donations and LCC will transfer your donation to Christ. Donation is via VISA or Mastercard. Tax receipts will be issued by LCC (not Christ).

This opportunity will be in effect until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day  
**MORNING PRAYER & PRAISE**

*From the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Wheatridge Ministries*

**OPENING HYMN:**

*"Hymn To Joy"*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark 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,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
God 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.**

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**RESPONSIVE ENTRANCE PSALM**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in his Temple.**

Praise him in his mighty heaven.

**Praise him for his strength.**

Praise him for his greatness.

**Praise him with trumpet blasts.**

Praise him with harps and lyres.

**Praise him with tambourines and dancing.**

Praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.

**Praise him with loud cymbals.**

Praise him with crashing cymbals.

**Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.**

**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.**

## PRAISE

PSALM 96

(Tune: "The Happy Wanderer")



**Come, sing your praise to our great God, Who made the earth and skies,**



**He formed them both by His strong Word and called them Paradise!**



**CHORUS:**

**Clap your hands! Cheer His Name! Shout His praise!**



**For He remains your God alone. He rules!**



**He reigns! And gives us His own Son!**

**We are His people, His blest sheep. Christ is our Rock of faith.**

**He shaped us as one family, each one of equal worth.**

**CHORUS: Clap your hands! Cheer His Name! Shout His praise!**

**For He remains your God alone. He rules! He reigns!**

**And gives us His own Son!**

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you.**

We pray: Almighty and merciful God, You send your Holy Spirit to be the light and life of all Your people. Open our hearts to receive His riches, so that we may produce the fruits of the Spirit in love, joy and peace. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# THE WORD

## **The Old Testament:** *Isaiah 49:13-18*

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me." Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. Your builders outdo your destroyers, and those who laid you waste go away from you. Lift up your eyes all around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall put all of them on like an ornament, and like a bride you shall bind them on. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM SONG**

*"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"*

**He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole wide world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the moms and the grandmas in His hands,  
He's got the aunts and the sisters in His hands,  
He's got the friends and the neighbours in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

**He's got the sun and the rain in His hands,  
He's got the moon and the stars in His hands,  
He's got the rivers and the mountains in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

## **The Epistle:** *1 John 5: 1-6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His Word. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **SUNG GOSPEL SONG**

*"He's Got The Whole World"*

**He's got everybody here in His hands,  
He's got everybody there in His hands,  
He's got everybody everywhere in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

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**The Holy Gospel** *St. John 15: 9-17*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I 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. 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE SONG:**

*In You Is Gladness"*

**In You is gladness, amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.**

**By You are given the gifts of Heaven,  
You the true Redeemer are.**

**Our souls You waken, we're not forsaken;  
Who trusts You surely can rest securely,  
And live forever. Alleluia!**

**Our hearts are pleading Your presence needing  
living our dying, on Christ relying,  
now and forever. Alleluia!**

**If He is ours, we fear no powers,  
Not of earth or sin or death.**

**He sees and blesses in worst distresses,  
And can change them in a breath.**

**Wherefore the story, tell of His glory  
With heart and voices; all Heaven rejoices,  
Singing forever: Alleluia!**

**We shout for gladness, away all sadness!  
Love Him and praise Him; and still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever. Alleluia!**

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MESSAGE *John 15:9-17 – "A Love You Just Can't Shake"* - (print out below)

## PRAYER

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

Dear Lord of all hopefulness and joy, *You are our soul's anchor, strong and sure*, which prevents us from drifting aimlessly in this time; as we rise and begin our days, may the faith given to us as dear children by baptism in Jesus Christ remove threats of care or anxiety and plant joy and bliss into our lives by Your Holy Spirit; as we pray to You

**Lord, at the break of this Day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

Lord of all eagerness and faith, our Preserver and Sustainer. You stand ready to act on our behalf when any troubles arise. Whose own dear Son's hands worked and laboured, whose hands perfectly laboured by taking on the pains of the cross for our good. Bless the work of our hands, especially the devoted work of love we remember today, of our mothers, wives, grandmothers, aunts, friends and neighbours and all women who nurture and are there for us. May the strength You give in our hearts be that first love You gave to us in Jesus Christ; as we pray to You, **Lord, at the noon of this day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

Lord of all kindness and grace, the family home is the cradle of love and by Your presence we reflect Your holy love in speech, deed, and thought. Help and move our hands swiftly to embrace family, fellow workers, strangers, and all others in need of support and encouragement. Hear our prayers for all who are in need of healing, strength, comfort or hope, especially all those we know and love in need of consolation. Thank you for being with us, Your children at the ending of our day with love in our hearts for You, Your Son, Your Word and all whom You created. As we pray to You,

**Lord, at the eve of this day.**

Dear Lord, help us be still and know that You are our God, that You are with us every step of the way, in all seasons of life and in all hour of the day. Hear us for the sake of Him, Who gave Himself up for us, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Saviour.

**Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who are in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name....**



## BLESSING

The blessing of our Almighty God, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and always.

**Amen.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

*SERVICE NOTES: Today's order of service is adapted from the 1974 Wheatridge Ministries of the US (LCMS) called "Modern Matins", out of their Special Services folder. ALL HYMNS & MUSIC has been reprinted with permission from WEBSITE: [www.hymnary.org](http://www.hymnary.org).*

*Happy Mother's Day*

# A MOTHER'S *Love*

There's no love like a mother's,  
Her heart is filled with care.  
With Christ as her example,  
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,  
Not changing for all time.  
When needed by her children,  
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,  
God bless them every one.  
For all their tears and heartaches,  
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,  
A mother's love lives on,  
Through many generations,  
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,  
Who love with higher love,  
From power God has given,  
And strength from up above.