

AS I HAVE LOVED YOU
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

John 15:12

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

9:00 AM; 6:00 PM

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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.

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting IV

The paraments are white during the season of Easter suggesting the joy of the resurrection.

In-person worship rubrics will be found in bold italics.

✠ GATHERING ✠

OPENING VOLUNTARY Prelude, Fugue, and Variation

César Franck

ACCLAMATION

Bruce W. Tippet

Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia.

(John 14:23)

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In-person worship: The quartet will offer a portion of the Gathering Hymn as the assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty,
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

In-person worship: The quartet will offer the Hymn of Praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich - es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 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, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

In-person worship: The quartet will chant the Psalm.

PSALM 98

ELW Tone 16

- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ²O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.
- 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.
- ⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.
- ⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.
- ⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING 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 obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey 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, 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.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

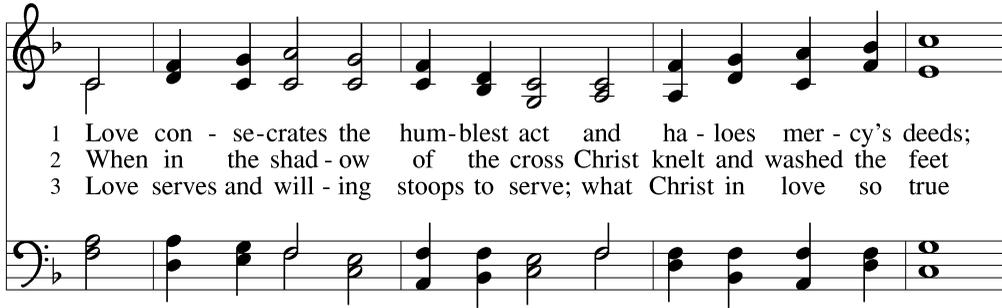
SERMON

Julia Grossnickle

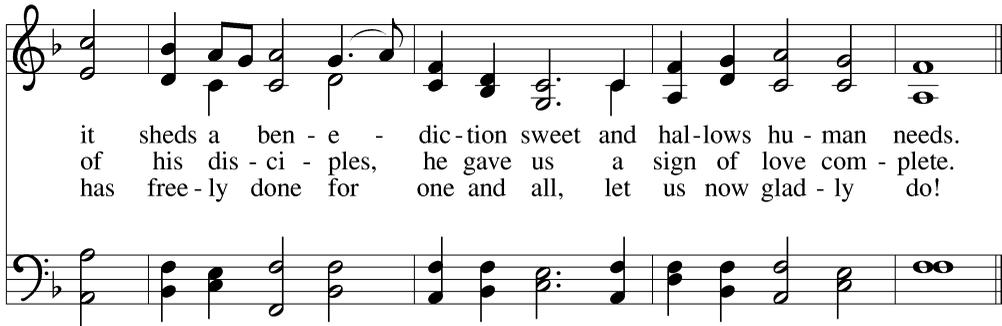
In-person worship: The assembly may remain seated and reflect upon the text of the Hymn of the Day as the Cantor offers an improvisation on it.

HYMN OF THE DAY 360 Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

TWENTY-FOURTH



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

We stand.

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 OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Peace I Leave with You

Walter L. Pelz

(online only)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord and fill to the brim our cup of bles-sing.



Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the



bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your



pres - ence and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

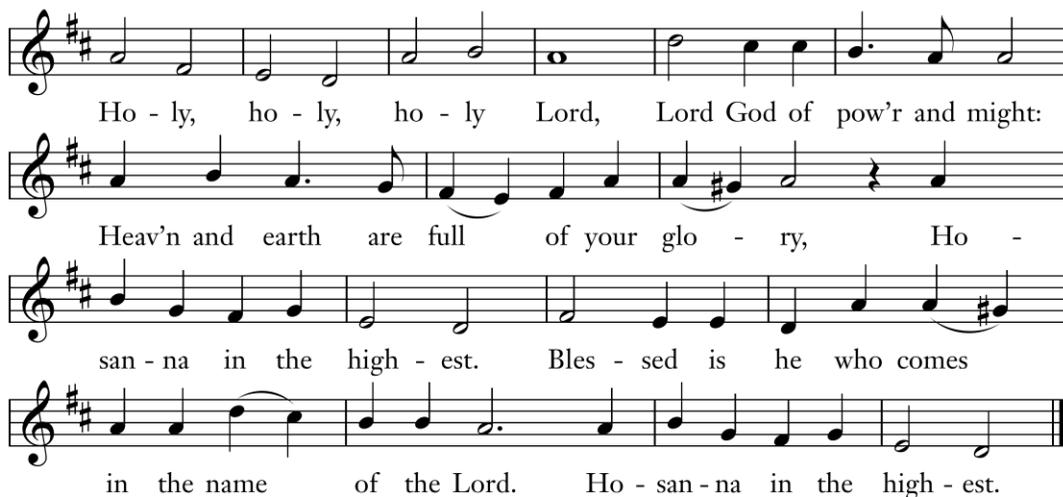
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

In-person worship: The quartet will offer the Sanctus.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

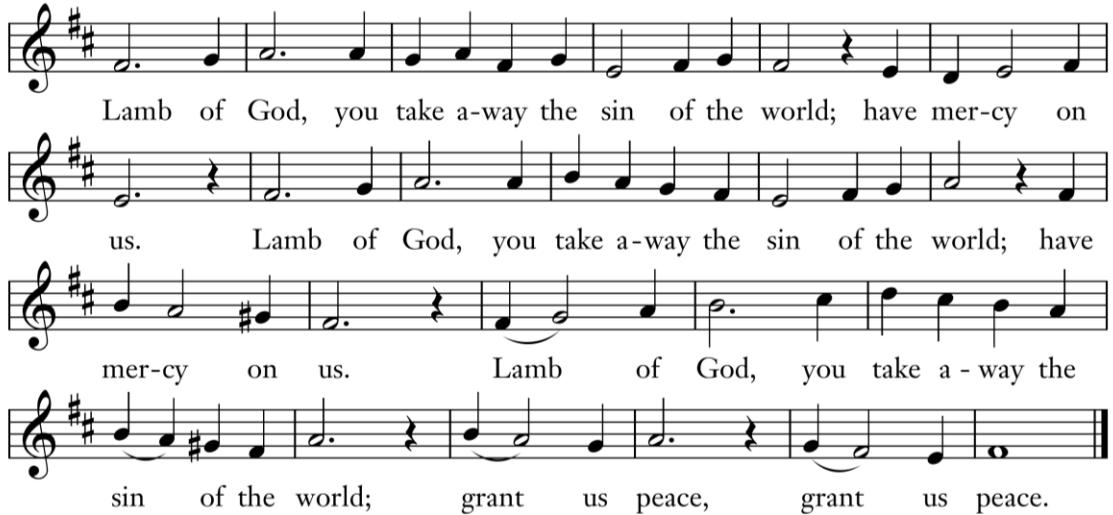
When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

In-person worship: The quartet will offer the Agnus Dei.

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, grant us peace.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing using the individual communion kits that you received when checking in for worship. Gluten-free wafers are available when you check in. Please wait to take communion until the pastor comes to the end of the row and shares the Eucharistic Proclamation with you. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion will receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks

**that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.**

**By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

THE BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

In-person worship: The quartet will offer a portion of the Sending Hymn as the assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

HYMN TO JOY

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,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

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 joy 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,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

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.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In-person worship: Please wait to be dismissed by an usher.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on HYFRYDOL

Ralph Vaughan Williams

In-person worship: upon being dismissed, the assembly is invited to gather on the front plaza to sing the Doxology together. (Please remain masked.)

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

Soli Deo Gloria

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Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of mothers and mothers-at-heart on this special day, by Art and Carol Kainz.

This week we keep in prayer Eleanore Regenthal, 7551 Fair Oaks Drive, #113B, Clemmons, NC 27012. Please send **Eleanore** a note.

Please remember Drive Through Communion today, Sunday, May 9, from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the portico on the back side of the church for those who registered earlier in the week.

In person worship registration for the upcoming Sunday begins each Sunday prior to the next week's worship service. You will receive an invitation via email each Sunday evening at **8:00 p.m.** There will be two worship services – 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. If you are unable to access a computer, you may call the church office beginning Monday morning to register.

Christ's Beloved Community Food Pantry has a special need for volunteers to unload and shelve large shipments and donations on **Tuesday, May 11** from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and **Thursday, May 20** from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers may sign up [HERE!](#)

Tuesday Bible Study is back! Join Rev. Katie Bryant on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. This month's topic is **Community in the Bible**. Click [HERE](#) to join us or look for the Flocknote next week.

We want to celebrate all of Augsburg's 2021 graduates from college, trade programs, graduate school, or any other accomplishment. Please contact Robin Welch at youthministries@alcwss.org with the graduate's information and a picture by Sunday May 16 so that we can recognize them. We plan on honoring all of our graduates in the June Beacon!

Mark your calendars for the next Food Drive for Christ's Beloved Community Food Pantry, **Thursday, May 20** from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Non-perishable food items will be collected at the portico at Augsburg. Our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul's Episcopal will be collecting diapers and wipes for CBC so Augsburg members can focus on non-perishable foods.

Submissions for the June Beacon should be emailed to Kathy Barnes at kathy@alcws.org by **Thursday, May 20**.

In preparation for in person worship, we need ushers and communion assistants. If you are interested in volunteering as an usher, please contact Mark Galchutt at arkgalchutt@gmail.com or Joel Myers at joelmyerssales@gmail.com. If you can help as a communion assistant, please contact Diane Evans at devans12@triad.rr.com.

We keep you in prayer during our time apart. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please send them an email. Pastor Paul is seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is pastoralassociate@alcws.org

Readings for next week: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Worship attendance for services last week: 241 views on **YouTube**.

Providing Service Today

Bulletin Cover Artist

Ethan Olsen

Greeters (online)

Youth Group

Readers (online only)

Prayer of the day: Jenna Collins

Prayers of Intercession: Youth Group

First Reading: Claire Bryant

Offering Prayer: Rachel Baynes

Second Reading: Emma Hanes

Ushers

(9:00) Nick Seeba, Damion Richardson, Carrol Epting

(6:00) Phil Martin, Jim Crozier, John Bandle, Rick Brant

Lead Ushers

Mark Galchutt & Joel Myers

Communion Assistants

(9:00) Maria Fortin & Marty Tanyi

(6:00) Diane Evans & Alana McOuat

Assisting Minister

Pastor Lori

Gospel & Preaching

Julia Grossnickle

Presiding

Pastor Wollner

Quartet

(9:00) Daniele Olsen, Bill Stevens, Bruce Tippet, Karen Kookan

(6:00) Spencer DesChenes, Bruce Tippet, Rob Ulery, Jan Wiles

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