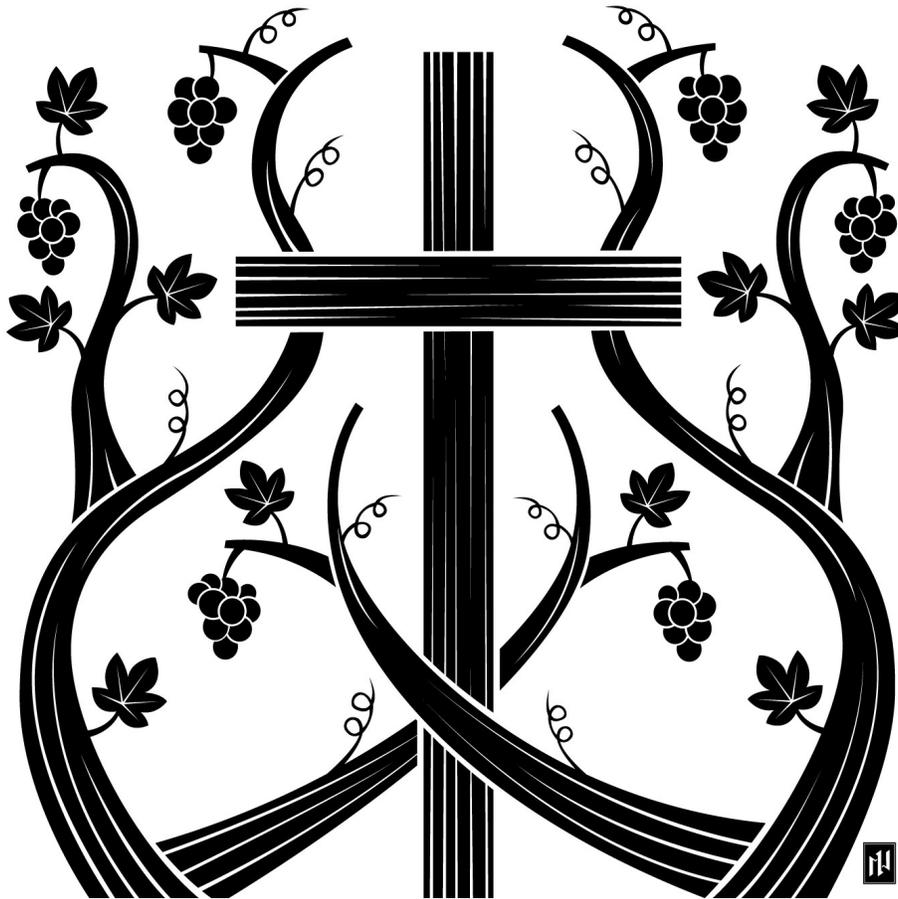


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*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)*

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*Pastor Joel A. Voss*

## Notes for Visitors:

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the red hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.
- **Holy Communion:** The Sacrament of Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper) will be celebrated at the close of our church services today. If you are a communicant member of another WELS congregation, we invite you to share this Sacrament with us. If you are not a member of our church, we ask you to honor our Biblical practice of close communion and refrain from coming forward until you have completed doctrinal discussions with one of our pastors. (Please read "Attending the Lord's Supper" for more information. Pamphlets are in the Capitol Ave. entryway.)

## May 9, 2021 *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

### *The Pastors' Notes*

We bask in the glory of Jesus' resurrection for several weeks following Easter. The Sundays of Easter are colored white to remind us of that glory. During these weeks, the Old Testament lesson is replaced with a lesson from the book of Acts, showing the advancement of the gospel through the Church.

The latter half of our Easter Sundays focus us on our relationship to the risen Christ through his Word. Today we see that because Christ is for us, he lives in us. The readings today closely follow our thoughts from last Sunday. Christ has done all the work for us, in order to save us.

Because of that, our lives are motivated to show, in word and action, that Christ certainly lives in us. We see this in the believers at Antioch (Acts 11). We are encouraged to live differently than the world, as those who belong to Christ (1 John 4). And we see that the motivation for such living comes from the relationship Christ has established for us - he has chosen us as his friends (John 15). Our second hymn, #411, reminds us of the wonderful implications of that relationship.

## Order Of Worship: Service of the Word, pg. 38

*The liturgical songs will be omitted (Oh, Taste and See; Verse of the Day). Liturgical responses (Amen, etc.) will be spoken.*

**HYMN: 492** (Son of God, Eternal Savior)

**INVOCATION** (pg. 38)

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** (pg. 38)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (pg. 39)

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**FIRST LESSON** (Acts 11: 19-26)

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that took place at the time of Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But there were some men from Cyprus and Cyrene who came to Antioch and also began to speak to the Greeks, preaching the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a large number of people believed and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> A report about this reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to go on to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw God's grace, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with devoted hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man who was full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a large number of people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul. <sup>26</sup> When he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year they met with the church and taught a large number of people. It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.

**PSALM 98** (pg. 103)

**EPISTLE LESSON** (1 John 4: 1-11)

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. <sup>4</sup> You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and will come to him and make our home with him. Alle-

lulia. (John 14: 23)

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**GOSPEL LESSON** (John 15: 9-17)

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup>These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN 411** (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

**SERMON** Love one another as I have loved you (John 15: 9-17)

**APOSTLES’ CREED** (pg. 41)

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (8:00AM)

**CONFIRMATION RITE** (10:30AM)

**LORD’S PRAYER** (pg. 43)

**PRAYER** (pg. 43)

**BLESSING** (pg. 44)

**HYMN 458** (May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill)

**HOLY COMMUNION** (Words of Institution and Distribution)

*Following the closing hymn, there will be a silent dismissal for those not remaining for Holy Communion. During distribution there will be no hymns. You are encouraged to use the Personal Preparation for Holy Communion on page 156 in the hymnal, and / or the Communion prayers on the top of page 11. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer pumps before coming forward. When departing after distribution, please allow the pulpit side to exit first, then the organ side.*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**CLOSING BLESSING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **Amen.**

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