Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We gather for worship as Easter people in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 98

Holy God, in reverent awe, we come to worship you!

We gather to honour and glorify God's almighty name.

Righteous God, we rejoice as we come to worship you!

We gather to celebrate God's power over the forces of evil.

Faithful God, with thankfulness, we come to worship you!

We gather to sing praises to the God in whom we trust.

Amen.

~ written by Joan Stott, based on Psalm 98. Posted on **The Timeless Psalms.**

HYMN ***Come, Now Is The Time To Worship***

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

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OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 98**

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.
The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

VIDEO ***Earth and All Stars***

Performed by Jason Meissner, Lukas Jaeger, Joey Hyland, Drew Jaeger, & Todd Jaeger

SCRIPTURE READING **John 15:9-17**

[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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ***"Invited Into Friendship or Love Like Jesus"***

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.

BLESSING OF CURRENT CONFIRMANDS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us...God: **fill us with your love.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*** #836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs 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.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou 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!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Jeremy Nye (friend of Donavon Main); Kay Wieland (former co-worker of Pastor Deb)

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Shelly (friend of Carla Oerter); Grace Childs (friend of Mikkey Twittero); Ron Fry; Ruth Henriksen; Bob Anderson; Ashley James; Carmen Lakner; Audra (daughter of Ron Wagner); Pastor Art Weitschat; Arliss Alberts (friend of Pastor Deb)

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Sandy Anderson, Linda (friend of Cathy Dahl); Dennis Wilkersen; Kitty Aman; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel; Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue); Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson); Aldean (Cousin of Deann Hagen)

**For those in long-term care facilities

**For our leaders at every level

**For all teachers and staff as end the school year

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.

COMPANION SYNODS

The ELCA Companion Synod Program forges relationships between the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and companion churches around the world, fellow members of the Lutheran World Federation. The SD Synod is in companionship with two churches: **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon** and **The Lutheran Church, Faith and Hope of Nicaragua**. We have missionaries in these synods as we work to develop strong relationships between the SD Synod and the church body in Cameroon and in Nicaragua. Our financial contributions not only help sponsor these missionaries as well as our SD Companion Synod Coordinator, Nathalie Fida Lassang, they also help to raise church roofs in Cameroon, assist children in getting education, train pastors in those countries, build youth leaders and help farmers through education, seeds and resources in Nicaragua. Pastor Deb had the opportunity to travel to Cameroon several years ago to experience the importance of our Companion Synod Partnership. Through our financial contributions and prayer, we are truly helping to spread the Gospel to our siblings in Christ in Cameroon and Nicaragua. More information can be found on the SD ELCA website. *Contributions can be placed in the Globe offering, the offering plate, mailed to OSL or given to the Mission of the Month using Tithely. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your support.*

WE HAVE CHOCOLATE!

The OSL Community Youth Group and the 2021 Bible Campers are selling chocolate bars to raise money for their summer faith opportunities. The regular bars are $1.00 each and the large bars and boxes of chocolate are $2.00 each.

Interested in a chocolate bouquet for a birthday, Mother's Day, thank you, end of the school year or Father's Day gift! Visit with Pastor Deb about putting something together! Delivery options available!

Thank you so much for your support!!!

Sunday, May 9th
Happy Mother's Day
9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube with Blessing of current Confirmation students
Fellowship Following Worship
10:30am Mission Committee Meeting (Pastor Deb's office)
10:30am Confirmation (large fellowship hall)
6:30-8pm HS Youth Group

Thursday, May 13th
9:30 am WELCA @ OSL and via Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Sunday, May 16th
8:15 am Property Committee Meeting (Upstairs Classroom)
9:30am Worship with Holy Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube
Fellowship Following Worship
10:30am Church Council Meeting (Back Fellowship Hall)
NO HS Youth Group

www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa
www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa

We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to follow God and serve others."

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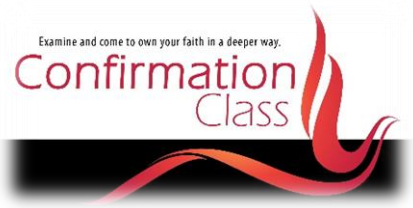

Continue to keep our confirmands in your prayers as they journey together deepening their faith.

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