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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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.

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.

GOSPEL. John 15:9-17

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.



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Sunday, May 05, 2024 @ 11:00am**

"In response to God's love, St. Matthew's is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone."

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Order of Worship

This morning's Order of Worship is located in the *Hymnal Supplement*, and the hymns are located in the *Hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW).

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Psalm 98 – Tune 380, *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

Sing to the Lord a new song!

**To the Lord a new song sing;
Praise our God with songs of joy.**

By his own power and holy strength, he has won the victory.

**He has done a wondrous thing;
All the earth, your songs employ.**

The Lord announced his victory; he made his saving power known to the nations. All people everywhere have seen the victory of our God.

**To the Lord a new song sing;
He has done a wondrous thing!**

Play music on the harps! Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the Lord, our king.

**To the Lord a new song sing;
Praise our God with songs of joy.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy before the Lord.

**He has done a wondrous thing;
Let the earth its songs employ.**

He comes to rule the earth. He will rule the peoples of the world with justice and fairness.

**To the Lord a new song sing;
He has done a wondrous thing!**

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Dates to Remember

May 17	6:30pm – Spring Fling: Wine, Cheese and Flamenco Guitars
June 2	10:00am – Coffee Hour, first Sunday of the month

Everyone is welcome to attend **St. Matthew's 1st Annual Spring Fling** featuring Wine (and non-alcoholic beverages), Charcuterie Trays, and live acoustic music. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, however a free-will offering basket will be available to help finance the replacement of a heat pump. Spring Fling tickets are available from Dianne Yungblut or Marilyn Schultz until **May 10**. Please buy your ticket early, as numbers are limited!

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Thanks be to God. Alleluia!