

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

## May 9, 2021



### Introduction

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.

*We gather each week to worship and pray on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Peoples. For thousands of years they have walked the land and paddled the waters of the Salish Sea. We are grateful to the Squamish, Musqueam and the Tsleil-Waututh Nations for their stewardship of these lands and adjoining waters throughout the ages.*

## Words of Welcome

## Acknowledgement of the Land

## Announcements

### Gathering Hymn - #367 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound, verses 1 and 3



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### **Acclamation:**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, † the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

### **Prayer of the day:**

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.**

### **Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

<sup>45</sup>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, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>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.

## Gradual: God Is Love

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the upper staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. The bass line starts with a half note G2, followed by a half note B-flat2, and then a series of chords in the lower register.

oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.

The second system continues the piece. The upper staff features a melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

God is love. God is love.

The third system concludes the piece. The upper staff has a melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. The bass line features a prominent chordal structure, including a final cadence with a double bar line.

Text: Mark Mummert, b. 1965, based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19  
Music: GOD IS LOVE, Mark Mummert  
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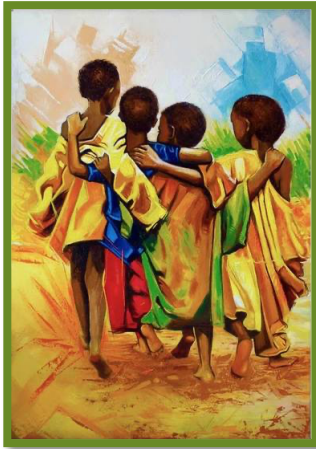
## Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you O Lord**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.



<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day – A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as  
I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.  
By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if  
you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know  
you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34–35  
Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

## Intercessions

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.

### *A brief silence.*

O triune God, we praise you for your wondrous love, and for the steadfastness of believers throughout this pandemic. We especially lift up the witness of our Anglican siblings and their Bishop, John Stephens. Whenever churches face hardship or challenge, strengthen us in affection within and between denominations.

Hear us, loving God:

**fill us with your love.**

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise.

Hear us, loving God:

**fill us with your love.**

Faithful Savior, We praise you for the gradual lessening of the pandemic and for your gift of vaccines. Inspire wealthy members of the World Trade Organization, including Canada, to support the bid from poorer countries to lift vaccine patents so that they can produce the vaccine affordably and save their people.

Hear us, loving God:

**fill us with your love.**

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, and all of each gender who give mothering care. Protect mothers in societies where women have few rights. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot mother a child. Wherever children are deprived of mothering, provide responsible and affectionate care.

Hear us, loving God:

**fill us with your love.**

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Receive now the petitions of our own hearts as we lift up those who have asked us for our prayers, especially members of our own community -- be present with those who are sick, recovering from surgery or who live alone: *Pat O., Tanya, Pastor Larry, Gerry, Estelle, Billy, Tilly and Aud*\_\_\_\_\_ We lift up others whom we remember in the silence of our hearts. *A brief silence.*

Hear us, loving God:

**fill us with your love.**

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives (*especially*). Keep us united with them in your lasting love.

Hear us, loving God:

**fill us with your love.**

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.**



## Offering

At this point in our worship services we usually receive the Offering. In the Offering, we not only offer our financial gifts for the ministry of the church, but we also make a recommitment, an offering, of ourselves for Christ's ministry in the world.

Thank you for your faithful support through your financial gifts to the ministry of Gloria Dei and through which your gifts also support ministry in our Synod, across the ELCIC, and out in the global world beyond these borders.

## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,  
Maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
ourselves, 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 Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life:  
creating a wondrous universe,  
proclaiming freedom from captivity,  
becoming the song of your people.  
We praise you, O God, for your Word.  
**We praise you, O God, for your Word.**

Your Word is made flesh among us:  
with Mary in the garden, you call us by name.  
With Thomas beholding your wounds, you call us to believe.  
With sheep of other folds, we are gathered by your voice.  
Your Word names our death and our life:  
a seed that falls into the earth and dies,  
rain and snow that come down from heaven to water the earth,  
a vine in which we abide.

Through your Word, you appoint us to bear fruit, fruit that will last.  
We bless you, O God, for your Word.  
**We bless you, O God, for your Word.**

By your living Word, we are witnesses of these things.  
Breathe into us your Holy Spirit.  
Open our minds to understand the scriptures.  
Give us wisdom to declare what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes,  
what we have looked at and touched with our hands  
concerning the word of life.  
Fill us with strength to love, not in word or speech alone,  
but in truth and action.

With every creature in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them,  
we join in the hymn of all creation, as  
we thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.  
**We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.**  
**Amen.**

## **Our Father**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing:

May our glorious God grant us a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.  
Amen.

## Sending Hymn – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vs 1, 2, 3



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!

## Dismissal:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Postlude

Thank-you to the following people who share their gifts today to make this service happen: Pastor Vida Jaugelis, Sonja Koruga, Shelley Meglaughlin, Kathleen Stoll, Jim Berger and Kyler Storm.

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## Announcements - India COVID Crisis CLWR Appeal



India is facing an unprecedented crisis in the fight against [#COVID19](#), as millions tested positive this week alone, and cities across the country face a desperate shortage of medical supplies including oxygen.

Together with the Humanitarian Coalition, CLWR is appealing for funds to rush emergency assistance to people in need in India.

How to donate now to help save lives.:

You can Donate directly online [clwr.org/india](https://clwr.org/india) or you can donate by cheque to Gloria Dei, marking – “CLWR India Crisis.”



## Thursday, May 13 at 7:00PM

Zoom email letter writing party

The ELCIC is member of *Faith in the Declaration, a of coalition* various Church houses from across Canada which support the timely passing of legislation that will implement the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* into Canadian law.

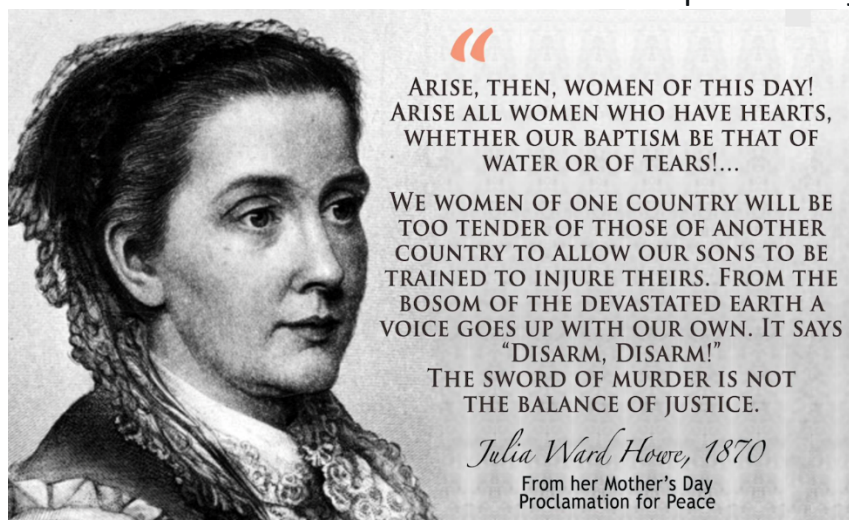
**Pastor Vida** is hosting a Zoom session on

**Thursday, May 12 at 7PM** to answer your questions and provide your with information on how you can write an email to the David Lametti, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General in support of Bill C-15. Zoom link will be sent by email to church membership.

<https://www.faithinthedeclaration.ca>

## Happy Mothering Day!

Mother's Day did not originate as a Hallmark holiday. It started in the Methodist Church to honor all of the women who worked for peace and justice.



May God go with you on your journey this Week.



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