

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2 & 5, 2024

*Jesus' Business Is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours*

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Opening Hymn .....570, "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Order of Service..... Setting One, Page 154

Prayer of the Day: O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*).....Psalm 89C v. 1

## SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation ..... Page 161

Gospel Acclamation Verse: *And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. \*/ But the greatest of these is love.*

## GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day .....721, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

SERMON..... "God Chose You" John 15:9-17

Offering Hymn ..... 750 v. 2, "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Nicene Creed .....Pages 162-163

Communion Liturgy ..... Page 165

Communion Hymn..... 667, "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Closing Liturgy ..... Page 170

Closing Hymn ..... 583 vv. 1 & 5, "God Loves Me Dearly"

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## FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-42

**Because Tabitha loved Jesus, she was always helping the poor in the town of Joppa. Because Jesus loved the people of Joppa, he had Peter raise Tabitha from the dead.**

*In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, "Come to us without delay!"*

*Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them. After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and*

*said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive.*

*This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.*

## SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-11,19-21

**Friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life— the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.*

## GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

**The living Lord gives us this command. Remain in his love so that we might also love each other.**

*"As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. 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. I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.*

*"This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. 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. 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. These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMMUNION:** Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

**HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK:** Dean Ebert/Rob Stern; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart.

**ORGANISTS:** The **May** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

**ANNUAL GROUNDS INSPECTION:** All church council members are reminded that our annual grounds inspection will take place at the **Wednesday (May 8)** council meeting. This meeting will begin at **6:30 PM!**

**\*\*\*ELDERS**—Please be reminded that your meeting will begin at **6:00 PM** that evening.

**AREA ASCENSION SERVICE:** This year's Area Ascension worship service will be held on **Thursday, May 9**, at **6:30 PM** at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brownsville**. Pastor Mose will be delivering this year's sermon. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend this special worship service. Because of this service, there will be **NO** Thursday evening worship service at St. Matthew's that night.

**THE EXAMINATION** of this year's eighth grade confirmation class will take place next **Sunday, May 12**. They will be confirmed at the **Sunday, May 19**, worship service. This year's confirmands are: Amelia Boeder, Ava Grotelueschen, and Ashton Neu.

In addition, Ilyssa O'Gorman will also be confirmed at the May 19 worship service. Ilyssa has studied the Christian faith with Pastors Drake, Kesting, and Mose through the Trinity Community Center classes and will be examined privately.

**ALTAR OFFERING:** This year's altar offering will be taken on **Thursday, May 16**, and **Sunday, May 19**. The money received has been designated as follows: 100% to the budget. Please look for the special envelope marked **Altar Offering** in your envelope packets.

**WALL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:** Our school will be hosting this year's WALL Softball Tournament on **Friday-Saturday, May 17-18**, at the Iron Ridge Firemen's Park. All are invited and encouraged to come down and cheer our team on as well as enjoy the concessions which will be served throughout the tournament. If you would be willing to help in any way (i.e. concessions, grilling, providing donations, setting up, cleaning up), please speak with **Kevin Lorge** as soon as possible. We need all the help we can get with this big of an endeavor! There will be 11 teams involved and all their families in attendance!

**WE THANK** the students in 4K/5K for their wonderful song on Sunday!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 19; Sunday: 105

**Offerings:** \$3,420.00

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,239.00)*

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$30.00; Christian Aid & Relief: \$20.00



*We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the tables at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.*

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Communion Worship Service.....	9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School .....	10:15 AM
Monday:	School Board Meeting.....	7:00 PM
Wednesday:	Elders' Meeting .....	<b>6:00 PM!!</b>
	Church Council ( <b>Annual Grounds Inspection</b> ) .....	<b>6:30 PM!!</b>
Thursday:	<b>AREA ASCENSION SERVICE (@ St. Paul's, Brownsville)</b> .....	6:30 PM
	<b>NO</b> Evening Worship Service @ St. Matthew's!!	
	Adult Choir .....	8:00 PM
	<b>SCRIP ORDERS DUE</b>	
Sunday:	Worship Service ( <b>Examination Sunday</b> ) .....	9:00 AM
	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	

## 89C Love Enduring Evermore

Psalm 89C st. 1

1 Love will be our song for - ev - er, faith - ful love from  
a - ges past: love en-shrined with - in a prom-ise made by  
you and sure to last; hu - man tongues and an - gel voic - es  
join in rev-'rence and de - light, prais - ing your un -  
ri - valed splen - dor, lov - ing LORD, the God of might.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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