



LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2012—10:00 AM

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS *La Cañada Flintridge, CA*

We welcome all guests to our worship service of praise and thanksgiving! We pray that you will be blessed with God's peace and joy through Word and Sacrament. Please fill out a worship registration form and pass it to the center aisle. May God bless you and bring joy to your life.

A nursery is available on the lower level for parents with young children. Children may find today's Children's Bulletin helpful in understanding today's message. Please ask an usher for a copy.

*Worship Activity Bags are available in the Narthex/Entry.
Please return them after the service.*

*Children's Church is for children ages three through sixth grade.
Please join us during the gathering time.*

Take home this bulletin to have the most up-to-date schedule and announcements. Get this bulletin and more on the web at www.lcifoothills.org.



"Our vision is for you to have a dynamic relationship with God, to share his relationship with other believers, and to invite others to join us in making Jesus known."

Gathering

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.

Prelude

Sun Coe

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Church Gathering

It's Sunday

by Mark Anzelon



1. Come on__ child - ren ga-ther a - round and lis - ten to the song that we sing



__ A song of__ peace,__ a song of__ joy,__ a



song of love a-bove ev' ry - thing__ It's Sun - day,__ It's Sun - day,__ and



all God's peo - ple sing Hal - le - lu;__ It's Sun - day,__ It's



Sun - day,__ and all God's peo - ple sing Hal - le - lu__ jah (Yeah)!



It's Sun - day,__

Greeting with the Peace of Christ

We share the peace of reconciliation with one another and with God. Greet one another in the name of the Lord. **“Peace be with you.”**

Confession and Forgiveness

** Please stand if you are able. Congregational responses are in bold.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Faithful and just God, **we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

The Good News of Forgiveness

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

Opening Song

Oh, Sing to the Lord

#795 (WOV)



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
and sing to our God, and sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Text: Brazilian folk song; English and Spanish tr. Gerhard Cartford, b. 1923
Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune

Greeting

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Song of Praise

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

#673 (WOV)



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Satan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Satan had me bound,
3 When I was in trouble, When I was in trouble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Satan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trouble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME. African American spiritual

Prayer of the Day (Pray Together)

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.

The Word

First 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.

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

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm: Psalm 98

Let us pray this psalm responsively.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

#612 (WOV)

** Please stand if you are able.*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Caribbean traditional
Music: HALLE, HALLE. Caribbean traditional

Gospel: John 15:9-17

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.

A reading from the Gospel of John, the fifteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹As 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.

¹²This 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

** Please be seated.*

Sermon

Pastor Bruce Johnson

Song of the Day

When Love Is Found

#749 (WOV)

** Please stand if you are able.*



1 When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be
2 When love has flow'ered in trust and care, build both each
3 When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to
4 When love is torn and trust be-trayed, pray strength to
5 Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or



glad that two are one. When love ex - plodes and fills the
day that love may dare to reach be - yond home's warmth and
hope though all seems strange, till ease re - turns and love grows
love till tor - ments fade, till lov - ers keep no score of
youth, in calm or strife. Lift up your hearts. Let love be



sky, praise God and share our mak - er's joy.
light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
wise through list - 'ning ears and o - pened eyes.
wrong but hear through pain love's Eas - ter song.
fed through death and life in bro - ken bread.

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936
Music: O WAIY WAIY, English tune

The Apostles' Creed (Together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.

A brief silence . . .

Each petition will end: "Lord, in your mercy,"

Respond: "Hear our prayer."

Prayer Concludes

Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Offering/Presentation of Gifts

Anthem Chorale

Offertory Response

Be an Offering

by Mark Anzelon

** Please stand if you are able.*



1. All I am was lost, _____ placed up - on a cross, _____
2. In the dark - est night, _____ where there's hope de - nied, _____
3. All I am was lost, _____ all but for the cross, _____



3 _____ laid in - to the grave, _____ no-thing left to say; _____ then a stone was moved,
_____ when a chi - ld cries, _____ be an of - fer - ing; _____ when an old heart breaks,
_____ now my heart can sing _____ be an of - fer - ing; _____ All I am was lost, _____



6 _____ then an emp - ty tomb, _____ now my heart can sing _____ be an of - fer - ing.
_____ where the bat - tles rage, _____ in the midst of hate, _____ be an of - fer - ing.
_____ all but for the cross, _____ now my heart can sing _____ be an of - fer - ing

Refrain:



9 _____ Be an of - fer - ing _____ all you are and own, _____ all you'll e - ver be _____



12 _____ lay it at his feet _____ Be an of - fer - ing _____ sow - ing seeds of hope



15 _____ on a world in need _____ Be an of - fer - ing _____

The Meal

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

The Lord's Prayer (Pray Together)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

We practice "open communion" and will distribute the sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine or white grape juice). Extend your hand if you receive the Sacrament. If not, please come forward and receive a blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song

Come, Let Us Eat

#214 (LBW)



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In . . . his pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. c. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.
Music: A VA DE. Billema Kwillia, b. c. 1925; adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

Communion Song

Bind Us Together

#748 (WOV)



Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that



can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.



1 There is on - ly one God. There is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.



There is on - ly one Bod - y; that is why we can sing.
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . . you are the glo - rious new wine.

Text: Bob Gillman, b. 1946

Music: BIND US TOGETHER, Bob Gillman, b. 1946

Post Communion Prayer (Pray Together)

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

Amen.

Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

Amen.

Sending

Sending Song

May You Run And Not Be Weary

#97 (W&P)

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your
heart be filled with song. And may the
love of God con - tin - ue to
give you hope and keep you strong. And may you
run and not be wea - ry. May your
life be filled with joy. And may the
road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

Text: Handt Hanson

Music: JOURNEY BLESSING, Handt Hanson

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Sun Coe

Week of May 13 - May 20

Sunday, May 13, 2012 - Mother's Day

Worship	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday School	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	LCIF
Worship and Children's Church	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	LCIF
La Cañada Korean Church	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Sanctuary
Boy Scouts Troop 747	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Conference Room

Monday, May 14, 2012 - CCNS Field Trip

Christian Education Committee	7:00 PM	Volunteer Room
COSA	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Youth Room
ALANON	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Men's Prayer Breakfast	7:00 AM	La Cañada McDonalds
Women's Bible Study	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conference Room
CCNS Parent Meeting	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
CEA	7:00 PM	Conference Room
Church Council	7:00 PM	Volunteer Room
Pack 512 Leaders	7:00 PM	Youth Room

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Kiwanis	7:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
St. Luke's Soup Group	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
ALANON	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Conference Room
Youth Group	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Youth Room

Thursday, May 17, 2012

La Cañada Korean Church Ladies Bible Study	10:00 AM - 2:30 PM	Conference Room
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Sanctuary
RCA	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Conference Room

Friday, May 18, 2012

La Cañada Korean Church Bible Study	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Conference Room
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Saturday, May 19, 2012

CEA	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Conference Room
CEA	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Conference Room
Sons of Norway Potluck	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Movie Night	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Youth Room

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Worship	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday School	9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	LCIF
Worship and Children's Church	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	LCIF
Congregation Meeting	11:25 AM	
La Cañada Korean Church	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Sanctuary
Boy Scouts Troop 747	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Conference Room

(More details about each event are available at www.lcfoothills.org.)

Welcome to Lutheran Church in the Foothills!

Fellowship with Coffee and Treats

We invite "everyone" to a time of food, coffee and good talk after the 10 AM worship service. We meet in the Fellowship Hall - go left as you leave.



La Cañada Flintridge Fiesta Days

**Monday, May 28th, 10:30 AM
on Foothill Blvd**

LCIF & CCNS will be marching together in the La Cañada Flintridge Fiesta Days Parade! Please plan to join us.



LCIFers will be wearing football jerseys. CCNSers will be wearing their preschool shirts. We will also have a small "float" celebrating TOUCHDOWN CHURCH! Please sign up on the bulletin insert so we'll have a head count (and so we can find football jerseys as needed!)



Join us at the La Cañada McDonald's for a time of fellowship, food, and prayer THIS Tuesday, May 15.



We meet in the Conference Room THIS Tuesday, May 15, at 9 AM. All ages are invited!

BOOK CLUB

Join us in the Conference Room at 7 PM NEXT **TUESDAY, May 22**. We'll be talking about *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Cultures of North America* by Colin Woodard.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 20
11:25 AM



We will be discussing Elections, Reports, and the 5-year Plan

Electronic Waste Recycling

Any kind of electronics will work: from toaster, coffee maker, TV, microwave oven, monitor, to printer—anything you could plug into an outlet. Bring it to the church office before Memorial Day or call Sherri Miller on her cell at 323-356-7228.



Collecting Yarn for Knit for Kids



Our Knit Together group is making sweaters for Knit for Kids (a World Vision Project). If you have yarn (any color or quantity), you can donate it to this worthy cause. Bring it to the church office or to the knitting group on second and fourth Wednesdays—you could help make them too!

Meet Lutheran Church in the Foothills (LCIF)



Our facilities and the Tower of Redemption, representing the people of God at prayer and praise. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills"

LCIF AT A GLANCE

Sunday Worship Services:

8 and 10 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services; "family-style" at 8 AM.

Christian Education for Adults and Youth at 9 AM.

Children's Church during the 10 AM Service.

Fellowship/Coffee Hour: after the 10 AM service.

Our schedule may vary on holidays and during the summer, so please call to confirm worship days and times.

Church Office Hours:

9 AM to 2 PM

Monday through Friday

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"Our vision is for you to have a dynamic relationship with God, to share his relationship with other believers, and to invite others to join us in making Jesus known."

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God!

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, please contact Yvonne Baldwin at 818-248-0320. What a great way to honor or remember someone or a special event!

Serving Us Today

8:00 am

Altar Guild: Carole Brown

10:00 am

Acolyte: Grant Haxton
Miles Haxton

Altar Guild: Kathy Murphy
Ushers: Julie Foster
Joe Johnson

Anne Reinhard
Dale Zuelow

Lector: Kirk Cassidy

Communion Server: Kirk Cassidy

Coffee Fellowship: Lori Moody

Attendance Last Week

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Ministers—All People of L.C.I.F.

Bruce Johnson, Pastor

Melissa Chaddick, Youth Ministry

Mark Anzelon, Anthem Chorale

Sun Coe, Pianist/Organist

Lisa Jenks, Children's Worship

Astrid Hirsch, Nursery Attendant

Renée Brandt, Newsletter Editor

Sherry Michel, Secretary

Elsie Ford, RN 818-209-9535

(Parish Nurse)

Worship Registration Form

Welcome to
Lutheran Church in the Foothills
 on the
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2012



Please complete this form and pass it to the end of the aisle.

NAME—Please list all family members present:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

- I am (We are) receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- I am (We are) interested in membership.
- I (We) desire a pastoral call.
- I am a (We are) Visitor(s).
- I am a (We are) Friend(s)/Relative(s) of:

- Please add us to the mailing list.
- Please add us to the email list.

Be sure to check out our Family Devotion Helps table in the Narthex/Entry. You'll find Devotional books, Prayer Request/Praise cards to let us know how to pray for you, and printed prayer lists. Check it out TODAY!



Fiesta Days Parade

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There will be _____ person/people (including me!) attending. Name (s) _____

We'll need a football jersey in size(s): _____ Child Small _____ Child Medium _____ Child Large

_____ Adult Small _____ Adult Medium _____ Adult Large _____ Adult Extra Large

Cost for shirts will be determined—knowing the quantity needed will help!
