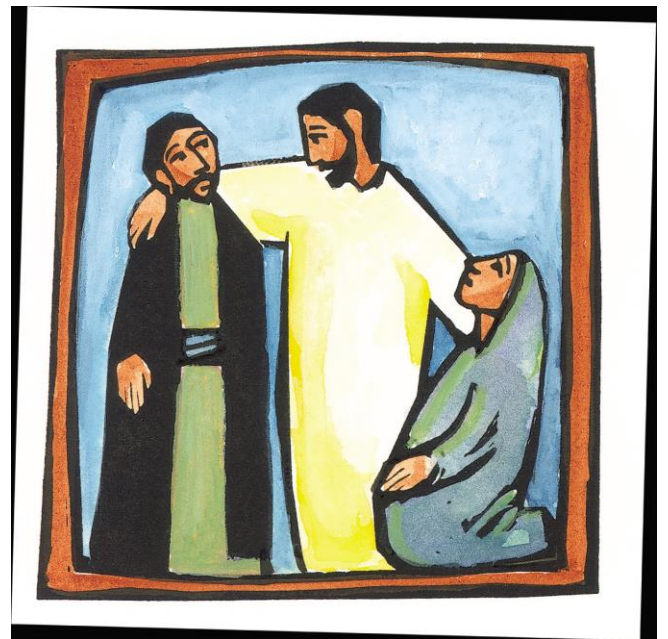


# Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.



May 9, 2021

9:30 a.m.

HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Hope, Minnesota

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## Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

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*Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."*

Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am  
on Facebook "LIVE"  
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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Quote: "Joy lies in the fight, in the attempt, in the suffering involved, not in the victory itself."  
-Mahatma Gandhi*

## WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

James Biery

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

*P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## WE PRAISE GOD

**GATHERING HYMN**

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*  
(verses 1 & 4)

Hymnal #631

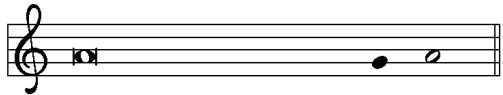
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

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!



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



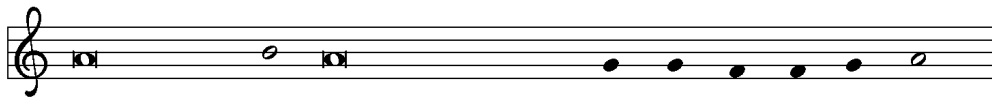
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

(unison) **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.**

**ANTHEM**

*“To God Be the Glory”*  
Greg Eklund, trumpet

William Doane/Arr. Karen Kuehmann

**GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED**

**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.*

<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.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words...* **Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND 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.*

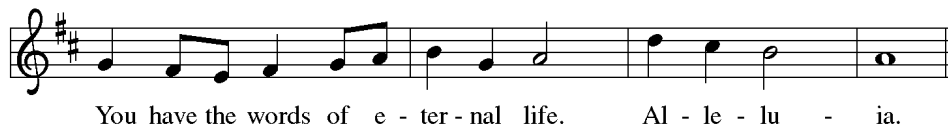
<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. 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.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words...* **Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL VERSE**

*“Alleluia ”*

Hymnal Pg. 151



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**GOSPEL READING**

John 15:9-17

*Pastor: The holy gospel according to John... Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.*

<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.

*Pastor: The gospel of the Lord... Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.***SERMON***"Surprised by the Spirit"*

Rev. Jason Wahlstrom

**MOMENT TO REFLECT** (*We pause in silence.*)**WE RESPOND****SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

Hymnal Pg. 227

**Dylan Thomas Courtney**, son of Brandon & Laura Courtney. Sponsors: Bridget Courtney, Amy Haack, William Murashie, Thomas & Lindsey Murashie.**APOSTLES' CREED** (spoken during the Baptism)**Do you believe in God the Father?**

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

**Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?**

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

**OFFERING/CHILDREN'S TIME***(You are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on "Make Donation." Thank you!)***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*



**LORD'S PRAYER** (unison) **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 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**

**BENEDICTION**

P: Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. C: **Amen**

**MISSION HYMN**

*“Savior, Again To Your Dear Name”*

Hymnal #534

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,  
 with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;  
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.  
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;  
 once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,  
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;  
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,  
 then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.  
 that in this house have called up - on your name.  
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.  
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

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**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!****SENDING MUSIC***“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”*

Wilbur Held

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

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| <p><b><i>Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter &amp; Mother’s Day</i></b><br/> 9:30am Worship (online and limited in-person)<br/> 1:00pm Word of Life Worship<br/><br/> 6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>   | <p><b><i>Thursday, May 13</i></b><br/> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm<br/> 9:00am – 6:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved<br/> 12:00pm Bible Study (online)<br/> 7:00pm PRISM’s Taste of the Burbs (online)<br/> 7:00pm Word of Life Worship</p> |
| <p><b><i>Monday, May 10</i></b><br/> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm<br/><br/> 5:30pm – 6:30pm Centering Prayer (on Zoom)<br/> 7:00pm Ensemble</p>  | <p><b><i>Friday, May 14</i></b><br/> Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm<br/> 9:00am – 12:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved<br/> 1:00pm Bingo (outside)<br/> 7:00pm Word of Life Choir</p>  |
| <p><b><i>Tuesday, May 11</i></b><br/> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm<br/> 10:00am Bible Study<br/> 12:00pm – 6:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved<br/> 2:30pm Staff Meeting (on Zoom)<br/> 6:00pm Executive Committee<br/> 7:00pm Treble Tones</p>                  | <p><b><i>Saturday, May 15</i></b><br/> 10:00am Visitation<br/> 11:00am Funeral for John Lingen</p>   |
| <p><b><i>Wednesday, May 12</i></b><br/> Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm<br/> 9:00am – 6:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved<br/> 11:15am HNCCCC Chapel</p>  | <p><b><i>Sunday, May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b><br/> 9:30am Worship (limited in-person and online)<br/> 10:45am Mayfair Festival (outside)<br/> 1:00pm WOL Worship<br/> 6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>                           |
| <p><b>PRISM is accepting donations</b> Monday to Friday from 10:00am – 4:00pm.<br/> <b>May’s Mission Offering</b> is designated to Home Free, an organization which provides a safe haven for women and children who are fleeing from domestic violence.</p> |  |

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## TODAY...

**Help us help Honduras!** Last Sunday, Lisa Fernelius with Not for Sale, spoke of the great need of the citizens of Yoro, Honduras. On top of living with extreme poverty, violence, and political instability and corruption, Yoro was hit with back-to-back hurricanes, devastating their homes and water supplies. Something as simple as clean water can change the trajectory for these families and keep them together as they rebuild their community. For \$35, a water filtration kit can be purchased that will provide clean water for AT LEAST 10 years for one family.

- Due to the generosity of our congregation, we've already raised over \$3,000 for the water purification kits! Remember: you can donate **any amount** via check to Holy Nativity (write Honduras in the memo line) or credit card at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) under the "Give Now" button (specify Mission, Support, then Other Benevolence, and type in Honduras).
- If you'd rather provide a tangible donation, we're also collecting **cloth diapers** (called pre-folds) to wrap around the kits before packing them in a suitcase. Once the group arrives in Honduras, they give the diapers to mothers, who love them! You can buy OR make them; any heavy cotton or flannel will work. Please drop these off in the donation basket in the Narthex of the church OR call Nancy Hanson (763-772-8560) if you'd like her to pick them up from you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

**The sign up for in-person worship each Sunday** opens the Tuesday before at Noon. Due to current COVID rates in Hennepin county, we are currently open to 15 people (plus worship leaders). Sign up starting Tuesdays at Noon here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2ca3f49-inperson>.

**Tuesday In-Person Bible Study** has resumed and will continue through the summer! Join us Tuesdays at 10:00am at church. We are continuing our study of the book of Acts.

**Online Bible Study continues!** Join us for our online Bible Study on Thursdays from noon-1pm led by Pastor Jason. We meet over Zoom and are studying the book of Isaiah together. Feel free to eat your lunch while we meet. No preparation is required, so please join us! The Online Bible Study Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83344434256?pwd=ZkRyT3ZrM0I3TTUyK01hdmFPaDRoQT09>.

Calling in is also an option. Contact Pastor Jason for more information. Last one is May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The PRISM Annual Taste of the Burbs** annual fundraising event is Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Holy Nativity is a Bronze Sponsor – thank you! This is a virtual event like last year, with lots of exciting opportunities for you to support PRISM's programs. Your support is critical now more than ever including a new population of participants that are experiencing food and housing insecurity for the first time. Purchase a Golden Ticket for \$50 for a chance to win \$1,000 plus an exciting travel experience.

The Silent Auction began on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Find all the details at [www.prismmpls.org](http://www.prismmpls.org)!

**Plan to join us for the first Parish Life OUTDOOR BINGO event!** On Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, we are meeting in the church parking lot and everyone is welcome! Just bring a lawn chair. We'll play 10-12 games and have giftcard prizes. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move inside to the Fellowship Hall with masks and social distancing. Who's ready to get out and have some fun?!?!?!?!?!?

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**Mayfair Outdoor Celebration!** Please join us in celebrating another year of education at Holy Nativity. We will be gathering in the parking lot of the church on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:45am - noon. We will have crafts, games and opportunities to donate to current fundraisers. We hope to see you there!

**Quilting** starts up again on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>! We'll meet every Thursday at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sarah Circle** will be meeting on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. We'll either be outside or in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own beverage. Everyone invited! Any questions please call Dianne Ranke at 763-433-8128.

**Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students will be confirmed** on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, in an outdoor service. Stay tuned to see and hear more about this celebratory day!

**Stay in touch** – If you are not on our email list, email us at [office@holynativity.net](mailto:office@holynativity.net) to be added and receive updates and links. (On our list but not getting them? Check your spam folder or let us know!) Also, [“like” us on our Facebook page](#), and join [our Facebook group](#) here.

**Thank you for your continued financial support!** During this time of online worship, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

1. **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
2. **Give online** via [our link](#). Or just go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on “Make Donation.”
3. **Ask the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals.

*Cantor: Greg Eklund  
Scripture Reader: Nancy Hanson*

*People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:  
Geri Lingen, Michelle Hanson, Mary Johnson, Joyce Traczyk, family of John Lingen*

*Baptized today: Dylan Thomas Courtney*

*If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group,  
please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or [office@holynativity.net](mailto:office@holynativity.net).*