



**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
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ZIONVILLE



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 9, 2021

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Happy Mother's Day!
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***This week, we welcome you to join us for speaking softly in unison as noted in bold in the bulletin. However, following the recommendation of the Christ Lutheran Church Re-opening Task Force and CDC guidelines, worship this week will not include singing but if the Holy Spirit moves you to hum – make a joyful, yet **soft** noise unto the Lord, and as always, please be respectful of those around you and their comfort levels. **

PRELUDE

Aria

Paul Manz

WELCOME & PREPARATION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

During the Season of Easter, instead of the traditional Confession and Forgiveness, we give thanks for our baptism. When we give thanks baptism, we are reminded that our sins are forgiven in the grace-filled waters of rebirth – **and while we don't go about confession and forgiveness in the 'normal' way**, rest assured, your sins are still forgiven.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

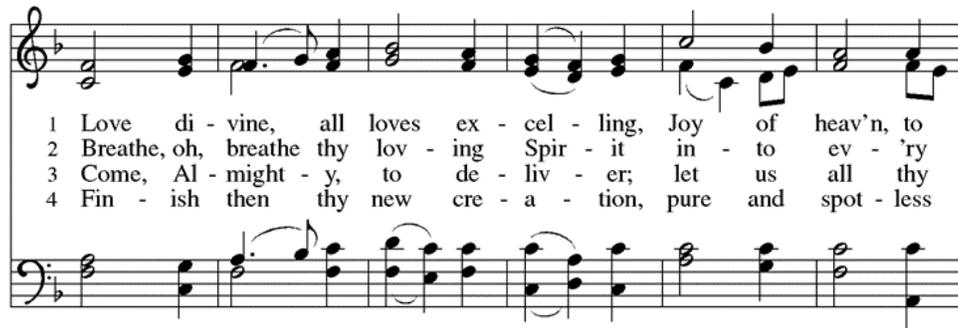
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.
C Amen.

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

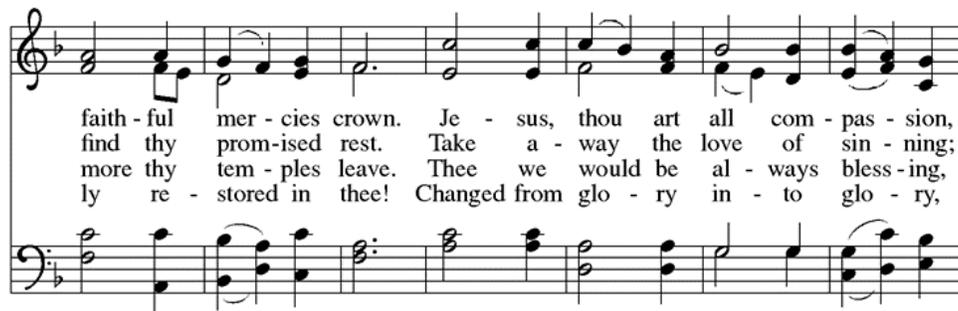
Please refrain from singing at this time.



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!

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

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.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON Acts 10:44-48

P While 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, 47"Can 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..**

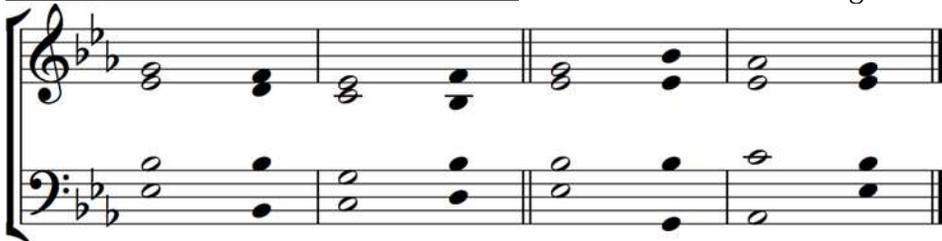
P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 98

Please refrain from singing at this time.

Underlined, bolded and italicized words indicate a change to the next pitch.



(+) – Indicates a repetition of the second half of the chant.

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

²O 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.

⁴Shout 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.

⁶With 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.

SECOND LESSON 1 John 5:1-6

P Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6This 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.

P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the gospel. Please refrain from singing at this time.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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GOSPEL John 15:9-17

P The holy gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "As 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.

12"This 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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Seminarian Matthew DeLoera

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

Please refrain from singing at this time.

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

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

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.

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P 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.

Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P 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, O God..

C Your mercy is great.

P Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your **word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples** of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering. This day we pray especially for Ed, Shannen, The Jones Family, all who are battling COVID-19 or complications from it, Chisholm Family, David, Marilyn, Martin, Candice, Rayce, and Dorothy and for all those we now name silently or out loud in this assembly. (A brief silence). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We pray for all who have lost a loved one to the Coronavirus. Comfort them, and spark in all the need to care for our neighbors even at our own expense and comfort. We pray for the continued health and steadfastness of first responders and those on the front lines of the pandemic, Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great

P Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P 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, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P 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.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

In this age of social-distancing, you are invited to leave a word of peace in the comment section of the worship broadcast. Send ***greetings to a church member, a person you don't recognize, or simply like or love someone else's post. In all things spread peace.***

VOLUNTARY

Glorious Celebration
~Handbells~

Cynthia Dobrinski

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Even though we are unable to partake in the normal practice of offering, it is important to **acknowledge that God's faithful people are supporting the mission of Christ Lutheran Church and** as such it is important to give our thanks and praise to God.

P Let us Pray

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
C Amen

THE MEAL

Rev. W. Steinke

Communion is both an individual and communal sacrament. Individual in that Jesus is present in, with, and around the elements we take into ourselves, and communal in that we partake of the bread and wine as a collective body of believers. Because of the communal nature of communion, please refrain from eating and drinking until pastor invites you to do so. All (no asterisk) **are welcome at God's table.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

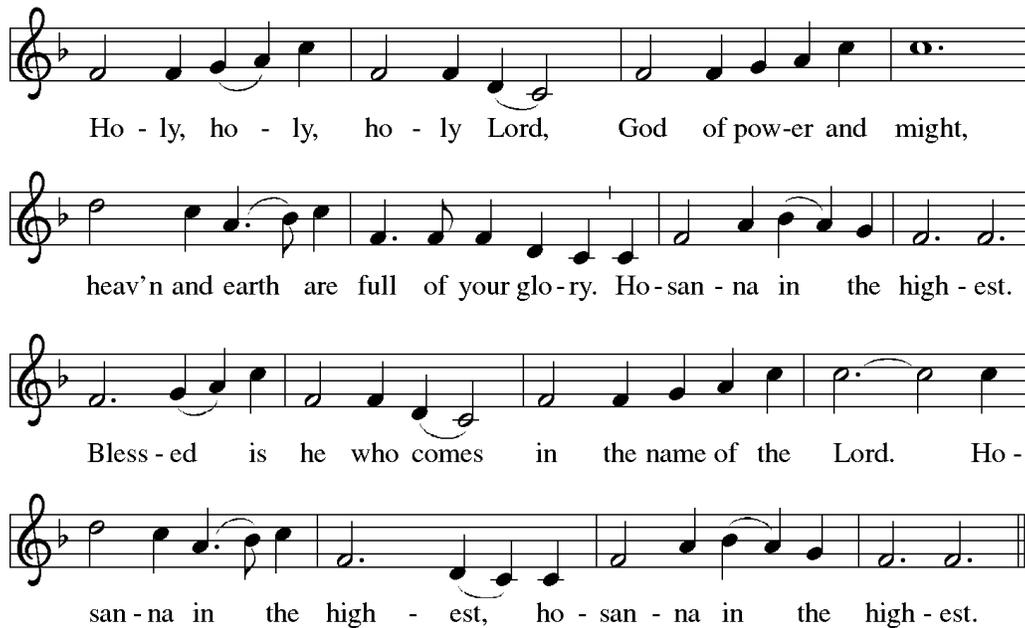
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Please refrain from singing at this time.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of 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 for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus draws the whole world to himself.
Come to this meal and be fed
C Amen

P The body of Christ given for you.
P The blood of Christ shed for you.

Please be seated.
Time for prayer and meditation

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Please see insert and eNews for full details.
-Save the Date: Annual Meeting on June 13th

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

P **Gracious God, we pray for women around the world, for God's continued presence and blessing among them, and for the peace of Christ to dwell in their hearts.**

We give thanks for women who have been our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters, and friends. We also give thanks for fathers, grandfathers, and other men in our lives who have mothered us with their own nurturing and care. Give them grace and bless their lives.

We pray for all women who are mothers through birth, adoption, or foster care. May they be supported in their vocation by the people in their lives, and may their children be nourished and provided with all they need to thrive.

We pray for women who are pregnant; those who wait with joyful expectation, and those who hold uncertainty and fear. We pray for women with high-risk pregnancies, and for women whose lives are endangered by the birthing process.

We pray for those who long to be parents, but struggle with infertility. We pray for women who have lost children. Comfort them with your everlasting presence and assure them of new life.

We pray for women who are incarcerated, abusive, or neglectful. Show them compassion and mercy.

We pray for those for whom this is a day of mourning and sadness. For those who have lost mothers and other important women in their lives, that they may be comforted with the peace that passes all understanding.

We pray for women who give of themselves not just through childbearing, but with their wisdom, gifts, and physical abilities. Bless all women, that they may receive equal compensation for their work, may be protected from abuse and harassment, and may be valued as precious in your sight.

Holy God, we lift our prayers and thanks to you, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P **Just as God's Word was sent into the world**

to heal and redeem so God sends you into the world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope.

Go now to be light for the world!

And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,
the Redeemer, ✠ and the Sustainer
be with you this day and remain with you always.

C Amen.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Please refrain from singing at this time.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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SENDING

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccatà

Georgi Mushel

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In honor and memory all mothers

Upcoming Commemorations

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760

Sunday, May 9, 2021

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

Matthias, Apostle

Friday, May 14, 2021

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.



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