

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 9, 2021**

**WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time**      **Brice Smith**

**Celebrating All Women of Faith**

**Opening Song**      **"Faith of Our Mothers"**      *ST. CATHERINE*

**\*Call to Worship**

Our love of God is evident in this, that we obey the  
commandments of God.

**We have not chosen God, but God has chosen us!**

**Let us love one another as Christ has loved us!**

The victory that conquers the world is faith!

**What does it mean to conquer the world?**

**We do so in believing that Jesus is the Christ!**

The One to whom the Spirit testifies is Christ Jesus.

**As the Spirit is the truth, so Christ is also the truth!**

**Let us worship the Lord God in spirit and in truth!**

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**Song of Faith**      **"Build My Life"**

**Opening Prayer**

**Alleluia**      **"Agnus Dei" (Lamb of God)**      *M.W. SMITH*

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**The First Reading**      **Acts 10:44 - 48**

**The Second Reading**      **1 John 5:1-6**

**\*The Gospel**      **John 15:9-17**

**\*Song #305**      **"He is Lord"**

**Parent and Child Dedications**

**Brinley Mae Cripe – Amy & Jared Cripe**

**Malcolm Alan Smith – Ashley & Matthew Smith**

**Song #607**      **"Happy the Home When God Is There" (Stz. 1+2)**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication:**  
**Lord Jesus, you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God! We**  
**declare this truth with our testimony, and we show it by**  
**devoted giving and obedience living! Guide us in our using**  
**and sharing of these gifts, so the world might witness your**  
**love in us in worship and work, confirmed and empowered by**  
**the Spirit of truth! In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Children's Message**      (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

**Message**      **"I Love My Church: We Follow the Spirit"**  
**The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter**

**Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer – 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead  
us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

**RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE**

**\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship –** If the Spirit of God is  
moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to  
be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you  
to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Hymn #447**      **"Because He Lives"**      *RESURRECTION*  
**"Amen"**

**\*Spoken Benediction & Postlude**

**\*Please stand if able**

## HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY

**GOOD NEWS!** God loves you and wants to redeem all people. The Bible outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior (Rescuer and Redeemer) and Lord (Ultimate Leader). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell your family and friends about your new faith in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly announce your decision to be a Christian.

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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