

Sunday May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

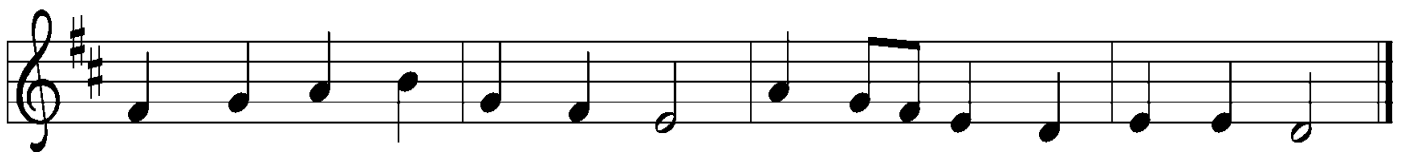
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

#398 ELW



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892

Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ,

you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God,

you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Near the Cross”

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by

Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 67 (*Read Responsively*)

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
Selah

²**that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Please stand for the gospel

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Glory to you, O Lord

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service" #712 ELW



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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Please stand if you are able

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace (*especially*). Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people (*especially*). Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died (*especially*) when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate

OFFERING - Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and
believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

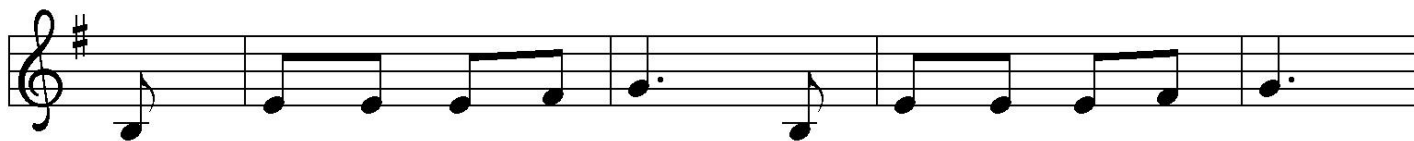
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where
hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the
resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit
of adoption, ✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "The Lord Now Sends us Forth" #538 ELW



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



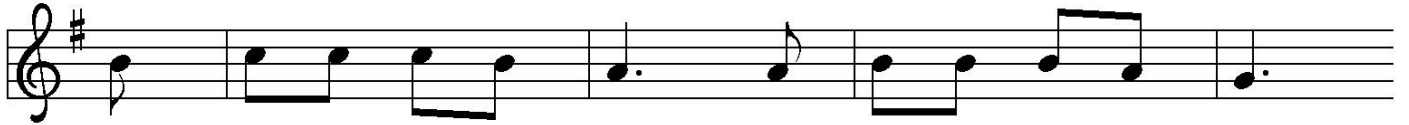
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



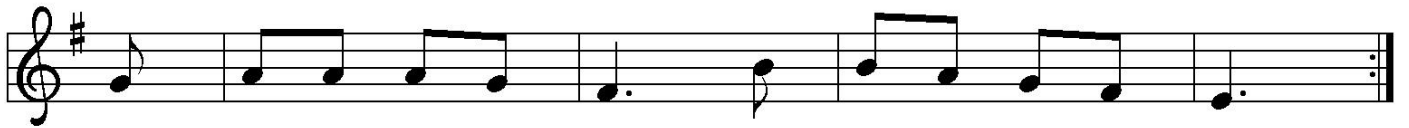
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Hospitality: Help! Please Sign up or bring treats for the freezer.

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 15, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 57 Online: 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Jim Christensen, Jean Bolke whose husband Les, passed away on Wednesday, May 18.

GAME DAY Join us today, Sunday, May 22 for a fun afternoon of Corn Hole. Find yourself a partner or Sign up as a single and we will partner you up with another (Not a requisite to sign up, but it would be nice to see how many we will get!). This will be a family-friendly tournament, so bring the kids and grandkids. We will have other games if Corn Hole isn't your bag! Bring a snack to! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

SURVEY – If you didn't fill out a survey last week on Summer Worship Service Options, copies of the survey are in the Narthex. Please fill out the survey and return to the collection box in the Narthex. Results will be in the June Newsletter.

CRAFTERS! Mark your calendar for Monday, May 23 at 9 am to brainstorm ideas for our fall bazaar. Bring ideas or craft that you think we can do as a group.

SINGSPIRATION Glory Baptist Church will be having an evening of singing the Old Time Favorites. Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 4:30pm. See poster in Narthex for more information. Snacks following the singing.

HOSPITALITY we need hospitality servers on Sundays if we wish to continue coffee time after our worship service. If you can't serve, please bring in treats we can keep in the freezer and use as needed.

SPRING CLEAN-UP Wednesday, June 1, 9:00 a.m. Please help with the spring cleanup if available. We will be cleaning the yard and washing windows.

SUMMER LAWN MOWING Please enjoy the outdoors and sign up to help mow the church lawn this summer. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

LES BOLKE passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. He was a long-time former member of our church. Prayers for his wife Jean.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda May 23, 2022 – May 29, 2022

Monday	5/23	9:00 am	Crafter's Meeting
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/24	4:00 pm	Bell Practice

		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday	5/25	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	5/26	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	5/29	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream
