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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prayer Before Worship: Holy Spirit, enliven in us a faith and witness like Lydia's, that through deepened prayer we might rise to action in service of the gospel. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, if you are worshipping with us in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!

Prelude Music

**"Gather Us In"
"To Be Alive"**

**ELW #532
Dakota Road Music**

Welcome and Announcements

‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

(All may make the sign of the ‡ cross, the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

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.

(Water is poured into the font as the congregation gives thanks.)

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honor and praise through † Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: “Jesus, Name Above All Names” W&P #77

**Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***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.

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health 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 all the nations on earth.**

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

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-27, 22:1-5

¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:**

“Open our eyes, Lord”

W&P #113

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

***Gospel: John 14:23-29**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered him, "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.

²⁵I 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.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kid's Sermon:

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day:**

"Thine the Amen"

**ELW #826
vv. 1,3&5**

**1. Thine the amen thine the praise
alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head
thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story
thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup
is lifted up lifted up.**

**3. Thine the truly thine the yes
thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee
thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing
then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving
evermore evermore.**

5. Thine the glory in the night
no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree
then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy
celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness
only thee only thee.

***Profession of Faith: The Apostles 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 the Church:**

(Sung Prayer Response)

W&P #27

I cast all my cares upon you;
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

“Ancient Words”

Choir

***Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God,
Ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡HOLY COMMUNION‡

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***Words of Institution**

***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 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 Communion

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

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.

Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)

Distribution Song:

“When Peace like a River”

ELW #785

**1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain

**It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.**

Refrain

**3. He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Refrain

**4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.**

Refrain

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Savior, and you have fed us with the food of life in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us from this place as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the bonds of death, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and ‡ bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School during the singing of the closing hymn.)

***Sending Song: "My Life Flows On in Endless Songs"**

**ELW #763
vv. 1,2&4**

**1. My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?**

Refrain

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

***Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God!

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*Flowers on the altar are
in memory of Alice Braaten!*



✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law), **Krista Gingrich** (knee replacement surgery), **Alyson & Mason Wren** (pregnancy complications—Paul & Marsha Bueide’s granddaughter), **Shirlie Schuldies** (surgery-pacemaker), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin’s mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Mabel Dedlow** (recovering from hip surgery), **Andrew Miller, Jean Collins** (recovery from hip surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett’s niece), **Marj Nikont** (healing & recovery), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson’s cousin’s husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues).

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Alice Braaten**.

Prayers for: **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady’s son-in-law), the people of Ukraine, for peace and the end of war.

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Grant Hinze, 5/24; Beth Janecek, 5/25; Janet Wylie, 5/25;
Hunter Walker, 5/25; Lawrence Gibbs, 5/26; Shelby Hinze, 5/27;
Marlene Downer, 5/28; Jensen Bedlan, 5/28

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.



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MAY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Oatmeal

BACKPACKS: Pudding Cups

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



CLCW MAY MISSION PROJECT: Sullivan Hills Camp

This month we are asking your help in sending monetary support to Sullivan Hills Camp which serves campers each summer in Western Nebraska. The camp offers programs for grades 1-12, special needs families, confirmation and also provides a beautiful setting for retreats. Donations may be placed in the tan "*Designated Giving*" envelopes in the pews. Please be sure to mark on them CLCW Project on the envelope.

Thank you for your support.



SULLIVAN HILLS CAMP



JAM will be taking a break during the summer.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**

Proverbs 22:6

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts. every Sunday @ 11 a.m.



**Reminder: Scholarship Applications for
2022-2023 are due in the church office
June 1, 2022.**

Coffee and Fellowship

We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!



Laundry Love

Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is July 16th. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – May 22

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Dennis Gorr

COMMUNION ASST: Barb Gorr

POWERPOINT: Angela Bonow

ACOLYTES: Micaela Hess

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

AUDIO: Trea Hess

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Dee Brady

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

Next Sunday – May 29

USHERS: Monty & Shari Copsey

LAY READER: Angie Hinze

COMMUNION ASST: Vicki Schmidt

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

ACOLYTES: Merrick Walsh & Max Judy

MEDIA: Chris Jensen

AUDIO: Jack Martin

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP: Please Sign Up!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 22

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 23

5 p.m. – Parish Ed

Tuesday, May 24

12 p.m. – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

Saturday, May 28

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, May 29

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

MAY 22, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



God leads, we follow.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the counselor
Monday	Acts 16:9-15	Paul travels to Macedonia
Tuesday	Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5	River of life
Wednesday	Proverbs 3:5-6	Trust God
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	The ascension of Jesus
Friday	Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Saturday	Psalms 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“When she [Lydia] 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. Acts 16:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to understand how you lead us each day to care for others for the sake of Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you, God, for giving us food; for the food that we eat and the friends that we meet. Thank you, God, for all that you do. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be gracious to you and bless you and make God’s face to shine upon you. (Psalm 67:1)



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MAY 22, 2022
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Down to the River to Pray



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Do you make your own decisions or rely on others to help you make decisions? Explain.
- When is a time you felt God was leading you in your life and/or relationships?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Acts 16:9-15.

Conversations are urged to establish vision and mission statements and make plans accordingly. In the midst of such important planning, it is important to remember who is in charge, who is doing the actual leading. We may take aim at ministry objectives, but when we arrive at the goal or destination, hopefully, we recognize that God was there awaiting our arrival. In Acts 16, Paul and his fellow missionary friends believe they are led by a vision of a man from Macedonia to go there. When they arrive, it is not a man, but a group of women whose hearts are opened, and it is Lydia who opens her home to them. Whether it is Paul in his day or we in our day, it is good to remember that it is not we ourselves who bring God to people.

Discuss: How have you shared your faith with others as Lydia did?

Pray: God, just as you led Paul to Macedonia, lead us each day that we may bring joy and the good news of Christ to waiting hearts. Amen

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, where do you sense God is leading you to serve others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 67 is a prayer reminding us that God blesses us and continues to bless us. Think or talk about ways you and those you know have been blessed by God. Pray the Psalm by inserting your name or that of another and say: *God, our God, has blessed _____.* May God continue to bless _____; let all the ends of the earth worship our God. Amen.



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