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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 25, 2025 9:15 a.m.**

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor  
Susanna Faust, Minister of Music  
Annette Dittman, Director of Youth Ministries  
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator  
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

**Prelude: Leggiero from Aalaiki'ssalaam: Variations on a Lebanese Theme  
by Naji Hakim (1955- )**

**GATHERING**

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P. In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **C. Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water is poured.*



Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor** ELW 475

## **GREETING**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P. 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. **C. Amen**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> When 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.



<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and 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. <sup>13</sup> On 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. <sup>14</sup> A 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. <sup>15</sup> When 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. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 67

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- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let your way be known | upon earth,**  
**your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on**  
**earth. R**
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples | praise you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> **The earth has brought | forth its increase;**  
**God, our own | God, has blessed us.**
- <sup>7</sup> May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

## Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And 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. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of

the nations. <sup>27</sup> But 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.

<sup>22:1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup> through 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. <sup>3</sup> Nothing 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; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And 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.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

Annette Dittman

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



## **Gospel: John 14:23-31**

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus 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. <sup>24</sup> Whoever 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.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But 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. <sup>27</sup> Peace 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. <sup>28</sup> You 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. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.” <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; <sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon: Our Home**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**

**HYMN of the DAY: Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

**ACS 942**


*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing




in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

*Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933  
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## PRAYERS

To the petition “Hear us, O God,” please respond: “Your mercy is great.”



## GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING


*The ushers will pass the offering plates at this time. You may also use this QR code to give using your credit card, or you may text a gift to Grace at 844-613-0815.*



# Music at the Offering: Lift Every Voice and Sing by James Weldon Johnson

## OFFERTORY

ELW Setting 3



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A. Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world. **C. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

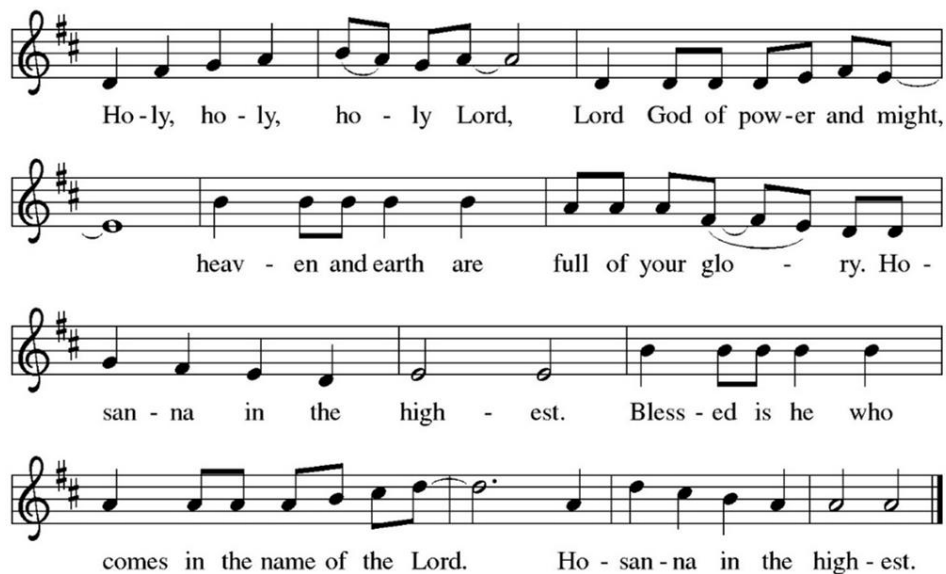
P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**  
P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....  
....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C. Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven....**

## Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the world, have mer - cy on us, have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the world, have

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins\_ of the world, grant\_ us\_\_\_ peace, grant\_ us\_\_\_ peace.

## Communion Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

*Please stand.*

## TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **C. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always. **C. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

**ELW 377**

**DISMISSAL**

A. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Jubilate**

**Fela Sowande  
(1905-1987)**

**Serving today – Thank You!!**

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Susanna Faust

Lector: Karen Seiler

Ushers: Karen Seiler & the MacDonalds

Communion Assistant: Ken Seiler

Altar Guild: Jaime Kaler

Acolyte: Usher

Altar Flower Prep: Karen Seiler

Coffee Hour: Cathy Farrell

Council Offering & Lockup: Jeff Krout

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

**NEXT WEEK**

**Acts 16:16-34**

*While in prison, Paul speaks to the jailer, who is then baptized*

**Psalms 97**

*Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous*

**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

*Blessed are those who wash their robes*

**John 17:20-26**

*Jesus prays that the disciples will be one and abide in his love*

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