



HOLY  
COMMUNION  
*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Sunday, May 22, 2022  
8:30 a.m. Eucharist

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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PRELUDE

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

GATHERING

EASTER GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 67

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

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

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the  
nations on earth.**

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

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

OPENING HYMN

"The Risen Christ"

Hymn 390

PRAYER OF THE DAY

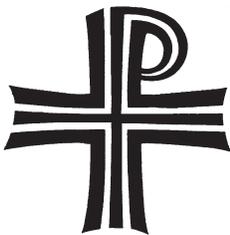
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

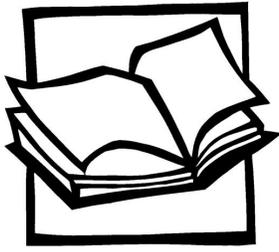
Let us pray.

God of spirit and wisdom, while still with his disciples, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit and a peace that would exceed our understanding and remain forever. Abide in us that we may bring your peace to the world through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



*The Holy Spirit gathers us  
in unity on this first day  
of the week.*



*God speaks to us  
in scripture  
reading, preaching,  
and song.*

*(Please be seated)*

## WORD

### 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All sing:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en from the dead.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, “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.”

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

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

*(Please stand)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Peace Like a River”

Hymn 785  
stanzas 1, 2 and 4

APOSTLES’ CREED

Together we confess our faith.

**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

Freed from the tomb, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*Each petition concludes:*

Lord 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

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## MEAL

### OFFERING OF MUSIC

“A Simple Dance”

Arr. Michael J. Glasgow

*(Please stand)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...with the sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### LORD’S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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.**



*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ.*

*(Please be seated)*

COMMUNION  
“Ballade”

Arnold B. Sherman

*(Please stand)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.  
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.**

SENDING

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

“O Day of Peace”

Hymn 711

DISMISSAL

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

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Maestoso e Vivace,” from Sonata No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn



*God blesses and  
sends us in mission  
to the world.*

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>presider</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>hospitality</i>
Zee Gregerson	<i>assisting</i>
Sara Gunsch	<i>reader</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Bell Choir	<i>ensemble</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>

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