



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022 | 10:30am

Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

The prelude signals a time of silent prayer and reflection.

PRELUDE

Alleluyas

SIMON PRESTON

(4 AUGUST 1938 – 13 MAY 2022)

INTROIT

Vidi Aquam: I Saw Water Flowing

MICHAEL MCCARTHY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.

***HYMN AT THE PROCESSION**

DOWN AMPNEY



- 1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
- 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
- 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
- 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

*GLORIA

Fast and lively

Org. *f*
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

5
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9
- migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13 *mp*
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

27 Org.

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

32 *f*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

35

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

40

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

44 *ff* rit.

A - - - men, a - - - men, a - - - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

NOW 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.”¹⁰ 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.

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.

GRADUAL PSALM

sung by the choir

67

MAY God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us. ²Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you. ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth. ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you. ⁶The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing. ⁷May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

A reading from Revelation.

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.

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.

***SEQUENCE**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is Living!"
Now still he comes to give us life

And by his presence still all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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.

***SEQUENCE**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN


Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavenly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!
Be to the Father, and our Lord,

To the Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory , never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

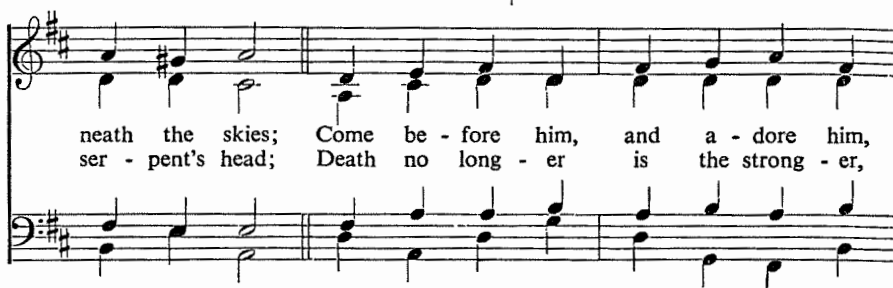
SERMON

PASTOR PEDERSON

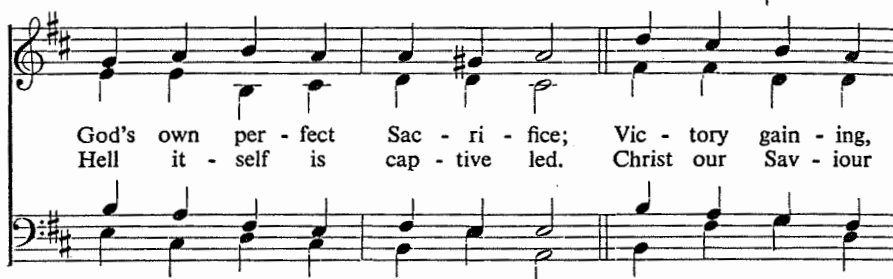
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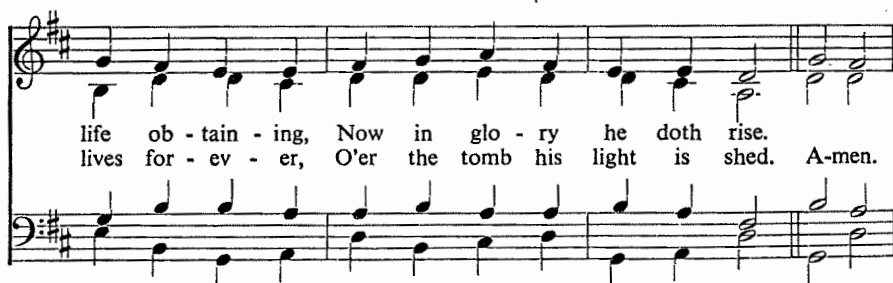
1. Praise the Sav - iour, now and ev - er, Praise him, all be -
2. Day of glad - ness, gone is sad - ness; Christ hath bruised the



neath the skies; Come be - fore him, and a - dore him,
ser - pent's head; Death no long - er is the strong - er,



God's own per - fect Sac - ri - fice; Vic - tory gain - ing,
Hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ our Sav - iour



life ob - tain - ing, Now in glo - ry he doth rise.
lives for - ev - er, O'er the tomb his light is shed. A-men.

3 Anthems glorious, hymns victorious,
Raise we to our Paschal King;
Bonds are broken, heaven is open,
Sing, ye ransomed mortals, sing!
Christ is risen from death's prison
Healing in his wings to bring.

4 Earth rejoices, all its voices
Glory to the Father sing;
Praise the Saviour, laud him ever,
Son of God, our Lord and King;
Praise the Spirit, through Christ's merit
Life eternal he doth bring. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*APOSTLES' CREED

As the whole people of God, let us profess our baptismal faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Each intercession ends with these words:

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Peace I Leave with You

AMY BEACH

*HYMN AT THE DEDICATION

ELLACOMBE

All praise to God the Father, All praise to Christ the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!

*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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:*
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Majestic

Org. *f* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

6 *ff*

might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Slower

Org. *p* Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

4 *pp*

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

LAMB OF GOD

Slowly and gently

Org. *p* Lamb of___ God, you take a-way the sin___ of the

7 *mp* world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of___ God, you take a - way the

13 *mf* sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of___ God, you

19 *rit. pp ppp* take a-way the sin of the world, grant us___ peace.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

VOLUNTARY

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

THAXTED

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!
3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day - light is se - rene;

the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.

I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
 where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,

what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
 for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:
 the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.

to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
 in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest
 To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,

a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
 where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.
 the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

***DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Duane C. Pederson
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively
Worship Assistant	Janet Segerdell
Reader	David Hendrickson
Communion Assistant	Lois Coffin, Charlene Pederson
Acolytes	Gus Leffers, Vivian Torre
Ushers	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler
Counters	Tim Brumbaugh, Lois Coffin, Pat Fisher
Little Free Pantry	Greta Schneider

Coffee/Fellowship Time

Our thanks to *Kathy Caraballo and Don Spitzer* for hosting the fellowship time following worship today in the Welcome Room.

May 22 - 5:00 pm Messiah: The Easter Portion

Come listen to St. John's choir, soloists, and instrumentalists.

May 29 - 9:30 am Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Memorial Day weekend we change to a single service of worship at 9:30 am.

Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Pentecost Sunday, June 5

Vacation Bible School and Music Camp

VBS/Music Camp July 18-22 VBS will be 9-12 and Music Camp is 1-3.

You can choose to do one or both!

9-12 or 1-3 \$80 | 9-1 or 12-3 w/ lunch \$100 | 9-3 (includes lunch) \$140

Volunteers are needed! Contact Nathan with any questions.

Looking Ahead...

May 29	Summer Worship Schedule begins - 9:30 am
June 5	Confirmation and Pentecost Sunday
June 26	Mass on the Grass Outdoor Worship
July 18-22	Vacation Bible School/Music Camp
July 31	Mass on the Grass & Blessing of the Animals
August 28	Mass on the Grass & Blessing of Backpacks
September 11	Rally Sunday - Worship at 8:30 and 10:30 am
	Day of Service & Unity Walk 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Little Free Pantry

Volunteer: We need help to maintain the Little Free Pantry – clean, organize, and restock. To volunteer, click [here](#) or contact Janet Segerdell - janet.segerdell@gmail.com.

Contribute: Items in greatest demand are dried rice and dried beans. Bring items to the church Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 12 noon or Sunday morning, or you can order items from Amazon and have them delivered directly to the church. Please do not place items directly into the LFP because it complicates keeping track of inventory.

Thank you for your generosity in helping to meet the emergency needs of those who live in food insecurity.

Step Up Appeal Update

As shared with the congregation a few weeks ago, the support of our membership for the Step Up Appeal to address visible capital projects at the church exceeded the \$39,800 goal! To date, \$53,100 has been committed with \$35,900 received towards the commitments. This means that we have some breathing room to not only accomplish the recarpeting and signage, but to direct funds to either additional projects or toward the water damage repair not covered by insurance. Know that exceeding our goal is *very* good news and that the “extra” is helpful in addressing the many capital needs around the church that far exceed the identified projects for the appeal.

We hope that commitments made will be fulfilled over the next couple of months so that work can commence over the summer. Additional commitments or gifts would be most welcome.

I am awed by your generosity! Thank you!

Pastor Pederson