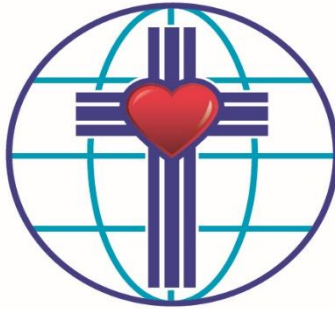


WELCOME TO



GLORIA DEI
LUTHERAN CHURCH
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

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.

We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.

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Prelude:

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

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

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.

**ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 834 "Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise"**

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW pg. 213 "Glory to God" (*see
insert*)

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.

All respond:

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

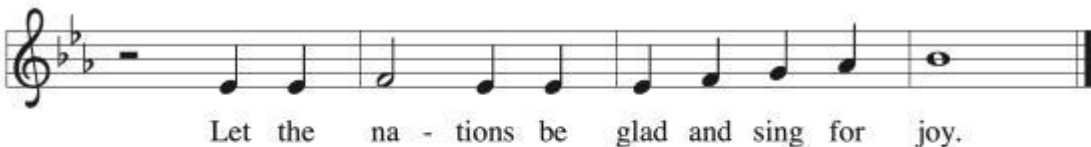
FIRST READING: ACTS 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67



Psalm 67:4

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- ¹ May 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 a- | mong all nations.**
- ³ Let 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 na- | tions on earth. R**
- ⁵ Let 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.**
- ⁷ 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

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 174 " Celtic Alleluia"

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 593 "Drawn to the Light"

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin

Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius

Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need

Deuteronomy 16:17

All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

OFFERTORY: ELW 465 "As the Grains of Wheat"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:

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.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

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

SANCTUS: ELW 525 "You Are Holy"

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer
At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:*

... with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

... into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

... with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

... we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

... without end. **Amen**

***The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

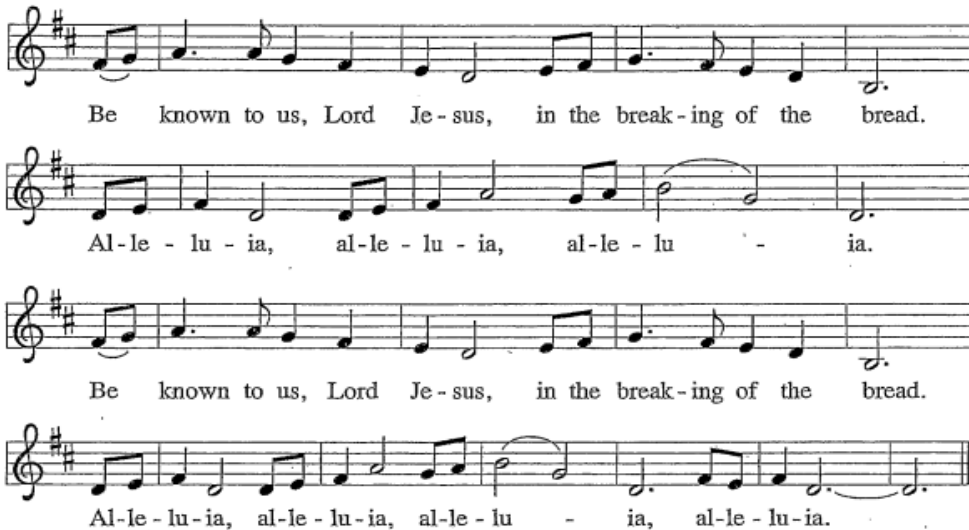
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

LAMB OF GOD: "Be known to us, Lord Jesus"



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).

The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.

The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non-

alcoholic juice (small chalice). Worshipers may receive Communion via "intinction," dipping the Host into the Chalice, or by common cup, on the PULPIT side of the Altar. If you're on the Pulpit side, you may also feel free to intinct. The other chalice is for intinction ONLY.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The appropriate response is:

Amen.

During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.

HYMN: ELW 474 "Bread of Life from Heaven"
Choir: Majesty

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain seated:

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.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 815 "I want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

***The end of Worship –
The beginning of Christian Ministry.***

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor:		Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara
Music Director:		Len Cremisio
Asst. Ministers:	9:30 a.m.	
Reader:		Arelene Kelly
Crucifer:		Leone Goding
Communion Assistant:		
Assisting Minister:		Ellen Clement
Ushers:	9:30 a.m.	Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson, John Kelly
Altar Care:		Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson
Post Worship Sec.:	9:30 a.m	Joy Yonko
Counters:		Arlene Kelly
Greeters:	9:30 a.m.	
Fellowship:		

Communion Wine: Given by Jeanne Talts, In loving memory of her husband Andy Talts.

Altar Flowers: For May is given to the Glory of God

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