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**HE HOLY SPIRIT...  
WILL TEACH YOU  
ALL THINGS.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

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## Service of Holy Eucharist

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available in the cups in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform Pastor Rachel or Intern Jennifer.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

**WELCOME...** We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

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### **The Sixth Sunday of Easter:**

*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. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

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## **PRELUDE**

### **GATHERING**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light,  
the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,  
**you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,**

**renew us in grace,**

**and restore us to living in your holiness,**

**through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**



Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ

puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,

restores innocence to the fallen,

casts out hate, brings peace,

and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you

and ✝ frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (ELW 389)**

## **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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



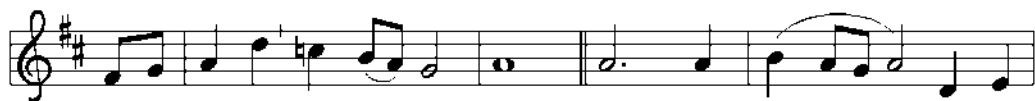
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM: “*Lord, Who Has Formed Me*”

(By Philip Godfrey, Words by George Herbert )

*Lord, who has formed me out of mud, and hast redeemed me through thy blood,  
And sanctified me to do good, purge all my sins done here-to-fore:*

*For I confess my heavy score, and I will strive to sin no more.*

*Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me, with faith, with hope, with charity,*

*That I may run, rise, rest with thee,*

*That I may run, rise, rest with thee.*

## 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.*

A reading from Acts.

<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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 67

- <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.**
- <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.

## 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 supplant sun and moon.*

A reading from Revelation.

<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.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.**

<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.”

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

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.*



## **SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: “All Glory Be to God on High” (ELW 410)**

### **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 INTERCESSION**

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, ruler of the nations, renew your call to all people. Raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nourish all lands through springs, rivers, lakes, pools, and irrigation systems. Produce abundant food by the flowing of your Spirit throughout creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Help us to extend your hospitality and inspire us to share the grace of Christ in places near and far. Use even small interactions to usher in peace for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send compassionate servants to those who live with health concerns in body, mind, or spirit.  
Deliver your healing and peace to all in need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bear the burdens of people who long to work, yet remain unemployed or underemployed.  
Give them dignity when they seek help, and place them where their gifts may be used.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You have given blessed salvation to all your saints. Thank you for writing our names also in the book of life. Make us Christ's presence for others while we await his coming.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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.*

## **OFFERING**

### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:**

***"We Place upon Your Table, Lord" (ELW 467)***

*The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the 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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and includes some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has four measures, the second and third have four measures each, and the fourth has four measures.



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”* (ELW 445)

*“Come and Fill Our Hearts”* (ELW 528)

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*The assembly stands to receive the blessing.*

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
that you make your home with us,  
bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.  
Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here,  
that we may wipe away tears,  
tend to those in mourning and pain,  
seek the healing of the nations,  
and bring to earth the presence of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,  
the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## PARISH SHARING TIME

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

## SENDING HYMN: “*On Our Way Rejoicing*” (ELW 537)

*The assembly stands.*

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE



### ***TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK:***

First Reading—Acts 16:16-34

Psalm— Psalm 97

Second Reading—Revelation 22:12-21

Gospel—John 17:20-26

## **A WORD ABOUT THE GOSPEL**

### **Peace in the Flesh**

When we gather for worship on Sundays, we sing, we hear God's word, we pray, and then, just before we share the meal at God's table, there is this strange thing we do: we share a sign of God's peace. Or, to be exact, we shake hands or hug the people around us, saying "Peace be with you!" or "Christ's peace!" In doing so, we echo the words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you" (John 14:27).

But what does this mean? Peace as a feeling of tranquility and relaxation? Peace as the absence of disagreement? Peace as a diplomatic solution to global tensions? What exactly is the peace Christ gives us?

True peace is not a feeling, nor is it a policy or a program. It is a person. "For he (Christ) is our peace" (Eph. 2:14). Peace is enemies being reconciled, strangers becoming brothers and sisters. Peace is the healing of a broken and polluted earth, the poor being lifted up, the oppressed set free, the lonely welcomed. Peace is community.

All of us have experienced this peace at some point in our lives—perhaps in the forgiveness of a friend, the love of a mother, or the unexpected generosity of a stranger. When we gather around the water of baptism, the meal of the eucharist, and the word of the gospel, we come to seek that peace in each other. And because we all need reminders occasionally, we take time to say out loud in the middle of worship, "The peace of Christ be with you always." And as we look around at the people gathered here, our words become flesh: the peace Christ left for us is reaching out to us in one another.

## **COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK**

### **Philip and James, Apostles**

***Sunday, May 01, 2016***

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

### **Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Died 373**

***Monday, May 02, 2016***

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

### **Monica, Mother of Augustine, Died 387**

***Wednesday, May 04, 2016***

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

# Serving the Church

**THIS WEEK—May 1, 2016**

**NEXT WEEK—May 8, 2016**

**Preacher:** Intern Jennifer Michael  
**Lector:** 8:00AM Steve Boss  
10:30AM Trey Sherwood  
**Acolyte:** 8:00AM Eli Jablin  
10:30AM Nick Ferris  
**Ushers:** 8:00AM Marie Frick  
Laura Buckner  
10:30AM Georgia Mitchell  
Barb Rouse  
**Greeters:** 8:00AM The Anderson  
Family  
10:30AM Lois Hiller  
Ed Hiller  
**Nursery:** 8:00AM Hailey Anderson  
10:30AM Kate Jablin

**Preacher:** Intern Jennifer Michael  
**Lector:** 8:00AM Laura Buckner  
10:30AM Mark Lyford  
**Acolyte:** 8:00AM Connor Frick  
10:30AM Kent Henry  
**Ushers:** 8:00AM Maia Anderson  
Marie Frick  
10:30AM Bob Campbell  
Mike Smith  
**Greeters:** 8:00AM Bobbie Schimek  
Al Schimek  
10:30AM Teresa Sherwood  
Jason Sherwood  
**Nursery:** 8:00AM Kelcey Anderson  
10:30AM Rosalind Kidwell

**Stewards:** Sharon Leder & Mark Lyford

**Altar Guild:** Margot Birkholz

**Coffee Fellowship:** The Jablin Family

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*This is Christ's church...*

*There is a place for you here.*