

Joy of Christ Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 22, 2022

MUSIC PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING PRAISE SONG – LOVE DIVINE, -- RED BOOK#631

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit, into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation; perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,

we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,

who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God,

for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne:

through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

GLORIA

Refrain: Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise. **Refrain**

Jesus, Savior of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all. **Refrain**

At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One and you alone are the Lord. **Refrain**

Glory, Father and Son, Glory, Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify you name. **Refrain**

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.

Amen.

LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15 A reading from Acts.

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

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹May 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 among all nations.**

³Let 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 nations on earth.**

⁵Let 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.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Glory be to the Creator God, and to the Son Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-27 & 22:1-5 A reading from Revelation.

¹⁰And 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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

RED BOOK, PG 102

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

Announcement Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³Jesus 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Bishop Andy Taylor

CHILDREN'S SONG

BE NOT AFRAID

RED BOOK, #388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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CHILDREN'S SERMON & BLESSING

HYMN OF THE DAY

GOD SENT HIS SON.....- THE CELEBRATION HYMNAL #358

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

***Refrain:* Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.**

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and the joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives. ***Refrain***

And then one day, I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns. ***Refrain***

THE 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.**

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

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After the petition: **God, in your mercy,**

The Congregation responds: ... **hear our prayer. Amen.**

PEACE Response: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Offerings Brought Forward)

RESPONSE: **The Queen's Prayer**

'O kou aloha no Aia i Ka Lani,
A 'o kou 'oia'io, He hemolele ho'i.

Nolai la e ka Haku, Ma lalo Kou 'e heu,
Ko makou maluhia. A mau loa aku no. Amene

Translation: Your loving mercy is as high as Heaven
And your truth, so perfect.

And so, O Lord protect us beneath your wings
And let peace be our portion. Now and forever more. Amen

BLESSING OF THE OFFERINGS

Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together

in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body,

that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful

God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave

himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to

eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

RED BOOK, pg. 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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 the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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RED BOOK, PG 112

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY:

PURPLE BOOK, #138

You Shall Go Out With Joy
And Be Led Forth With Peace
The Mountains And The Hills
Will Break Forth Before You
There'll Be Shouts Of Joy,
And All The Trees Of The Field
Will Clap, Will Clap Their Hands
And All The Trees Of The Field
Will Clap Their Hands
The Trees Of The Field
Will Clap Their Hands
The Trees Of The Field
Will Clap Their Hands
While You Go Out With Joy

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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