

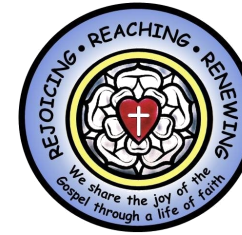
MEMORIAL DAY

Remember & Honor



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DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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May 25, 2025 ✚ 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. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

Memorial DAY



Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Confession & Forgiveness

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

The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death,
the ruler of all the kings of the earth.
He loves us, and by his blood he sets us free from our sins.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.
(Silence is kept for self-reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,
we confess to you that we are dead in trespasses and sins.
We have not truly received your peace,
nor have we been instruments of it.
In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve,
for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Christ was handed over for our trespasses
and was raised for our justification.
In him we have forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead.

If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, dwells in you,
then he who raised Christ from death,
will also give life to your mortal bodies.
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

✙ SENDING ✙

Announcements

Benediction

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 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* #543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

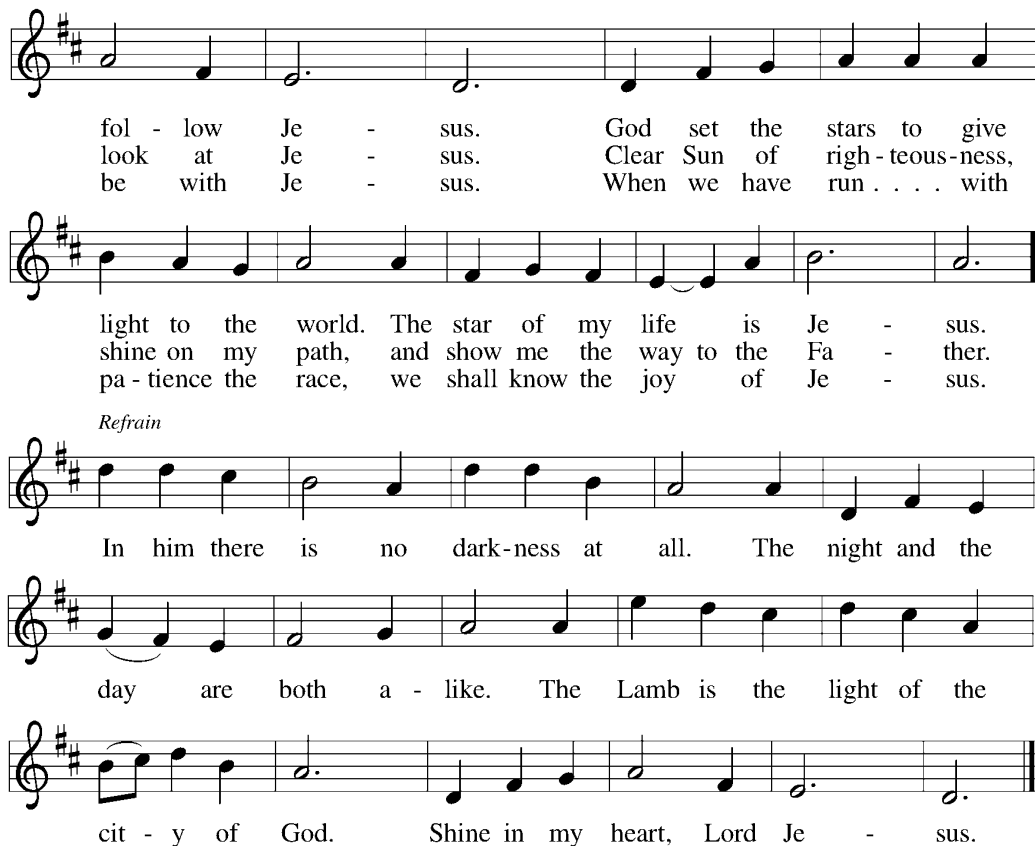


Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with
light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

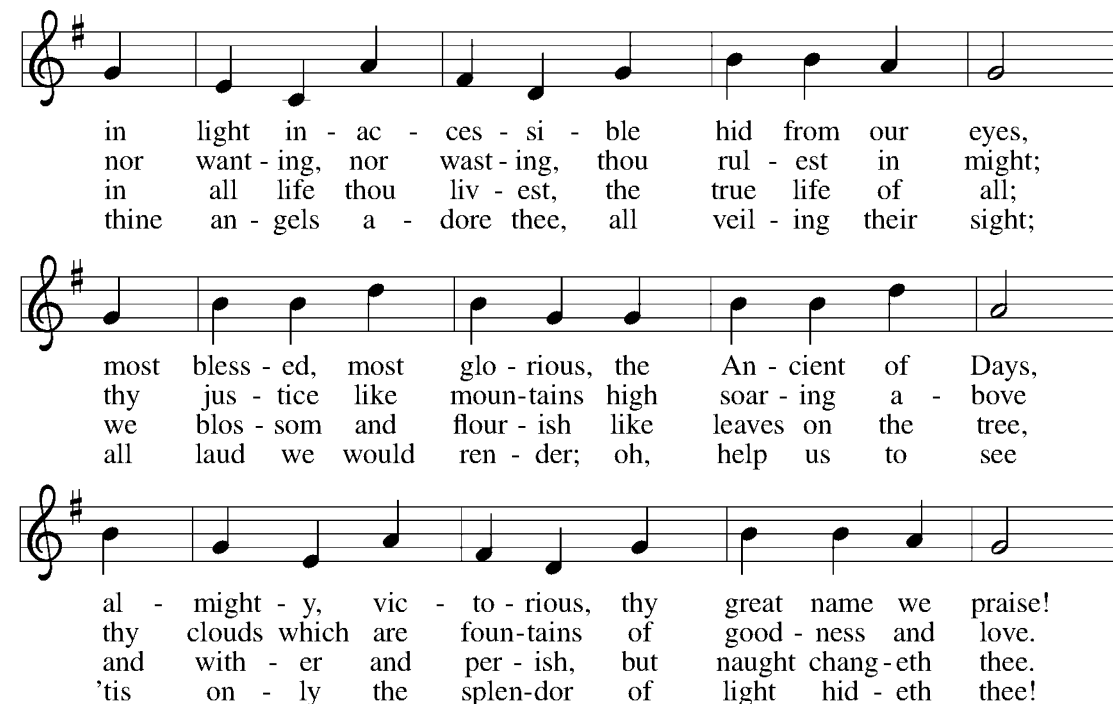
Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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.**



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

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Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876
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Call to Worship

As the prophets foretold, a virgin did conceive and bear a Son.

And he was called the Prince of Peace.

Our Lord set out to make the crooked straight
and the rough places plain.

For God is a God not of disorder but of peace.

Jesus came to bind up broken hearts, heal the sick,
and comfort the sorrowful.

And the peace of Christ will rule in our hearts and minds forever.

Our Brother came to reunite those who once were far off,
to make enemies into friends.

**For he is our peace; he has broken down the dividing wall
and eliminated the hostility between us.**

Our Messiah blessed us with his Spirit to comfort us always and teach us everything he told us.

And he gave us the peace that the world could not give, the surpassing peace that comes only from the Father.

Therefore, let us abide in his surpassing peace.

With encouragement and hope, may we seek to live in harmony with one another.

Abiding in the compassion and humility that come only through his surpassing peace, **may we seek to please others instead of ourselves.**

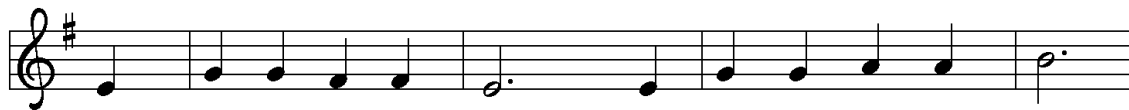
Abiding in the vision and strength that come only through his surpassing peace, **may we seek to build up and support.**

And the peace of Christ, which surpasses all human understanding, will surround us in the land yet to come, **so that together with one voice we shall glorify our God, whose radiance surpasses the brightness of all jewels and the sparkling of all crystal.**


Apostolic Greeting

The Easter joy of our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the expansive love of God the Father, and the unique peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie *Have Mercy On Us* *ELW, setting 10*



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:
The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* #628




1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas-ant soil!
3 Thy gar-dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual-ly are green;
4 There trees for-ev - er-more bear fruit and ev - er-more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas-ant flow'rs as no-where else are seen.
there ev - er-more the an - gels sit and ev - er-more do sing.
thine end-less joy, and of the same par-tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F.B.P., 16th cent.
Music: North American traditional; arr. Hymnal version
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Distribution Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

Hymn continues on the next page.

Hold in your light of compassion every troubled heart
 that waits for the dawn of your one eternal day.
 Shine with the fullness of your love into every fear-filled soul,
 and make yourself known to all who long to see your face;
 until that hour when night is no more,
 and there is no need of lamp or sun, when you will be our light,
 and when in your eternal radiance
 you shall reign forever and ever, one God,
 Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

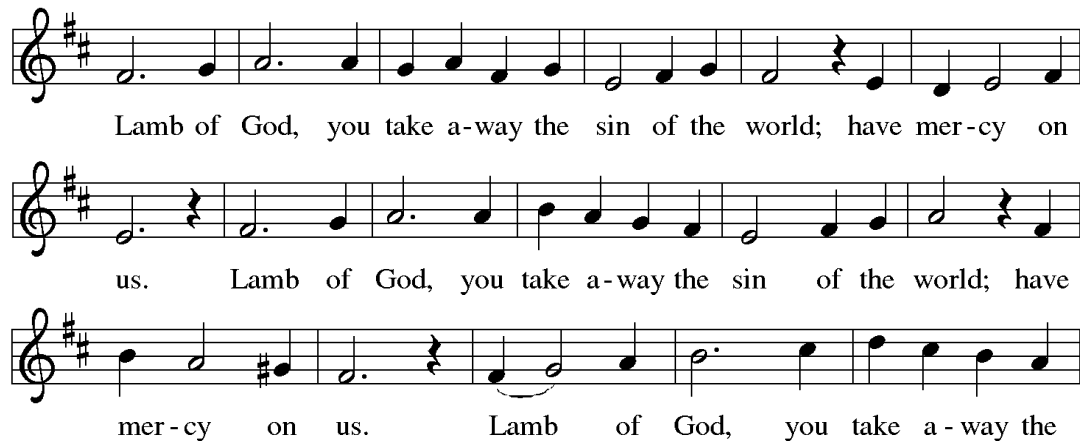
Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us.
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.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW setting 4



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



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise

Glory Be to God

ELW, setting 10



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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.

Memorial Day Litany

Lord of the living and the dead, today we remember

all those who fought and died defending our country.

May our memories of what they did give us courage in our day.

Today we remember all those who died

representing our country in other lands.

May our memories of them inspire us

to represent our country well.

Today we remember all those who battled with dignity to the very end.

May our memories of them move us to have respect

for the principles this nation was founded upon.

Today we remember all those

who continue to serve in the armed forces.

May their service bring honor to all those who have gone before.

✠ 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.

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."



Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Lord God Almighty, from your throne flows the river of life.

Fed from that river,

your tree of life bears fruit for the healing of the nations.

Nourish your church in this sacred meal,

that the bread and wine we receive

may be poured out through us as life abundant.

By the power of the Holy Spirit

make your church a healing balm in places of suffering and sorrow.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us

the body and blood of your Son;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,

broke the bread, and gave it to them saying:

Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

*Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Revealing God, whose radiance is all holiness,

make your face to shine upon us that we may be saved.

Look with mercy upon those who turn to you in hope

and long for peace the world cannot give.

✠ MEAL ✠

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.



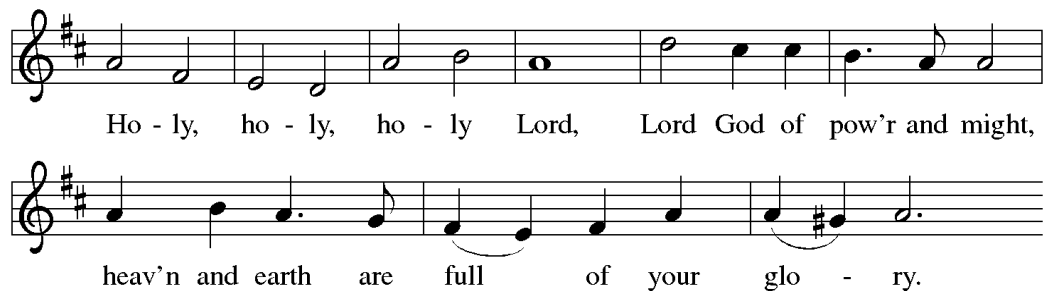
Proper Preface

We lift our hearts in praise to you, God of glory,
because in every time and place
you have shown yourself to your people
and revealed your purpose to dwell with them always.
In the wilderness you made your place of dwelling in a tabernacle.
In Jerusalem the temple became a theater of encounter with you.
In Jesus your Son you came among us,
making your home in human flesh.
In his death he faced the consequences of our sin,
and in his resurrection he made possible
an everlasting home for us at your right hand.
You have prepared for us a holy city of heavenly lights
where we will dwell with you forever.
So with angels and archangels
we join the praises sung forevermore in that eternal city.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW setting 4



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.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Let us read Psalm 67 responsively.

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.



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.

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

(Tune: #855)



Christ from the dead is raised! The reign of death is o’er!

A We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ.
Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God,
trusting that you are always with us;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of our Risen Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Prayers of the People

- P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A brief silence.
- A Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- P Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A: Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- P Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling, *especially...* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- A This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With All - le - lu - ias now be praised the Lord for- ev - er - more!

“Lo, all who keep my word in love,” we hear Christ tell,

“Re - ceive their Fa - ther and their Lord with-in their hearts to dwell.”

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Holy 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 St. John, the 14th Chapter.
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.”

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

Gospel Response

(Tune: #855)

“Lo, all who keep my word in love,” we hear Christ tell,
“Re - ceive their Fa - ther and their Lord with-in their hearts to dwell.”
Christ from the dead is raised! The reign of death is o’er!
With Al - le - lu - ias now be praised the Lord for- ev - er - more!

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Children’s Time
Sermon

Hymn of the Day *I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* #860

1 I’m so glad I’m so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,
Je-sus lift-ed me. I’m so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,

sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

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Nicene Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...
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.