

Sixth Sunday of Easter



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 26, 2019

Service of the Word

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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Marilyn Tackaberry, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

EASTER GREETING

GATHERING SONG *Because He Lives*

SB 103

GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

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 a- | mong 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 na- | tions on earth. R**

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 supplant sun and moon.

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 anymore. 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 14:22-29

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?"

²³ 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.

²⁴ 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.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ 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.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prevail upon us with your Spirit. You have called us to proclaim the good news of your grace. Let all who love you proclaim your word of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Feed us with the bounty of your creation. Bless the earth. Give rain and sunshine for the flourishing of orchards, gardens, and fields. Give us thankful hearts as we share the fruit of the land with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The leaves of your tree of life are for the healing of the nations. Bring an end to civil war, genocide, and terrorism. Stop the violence in our own nation and abroad. Overcome divisions of race, politics, and religion. Mend relationships across borders and across oceans especially in North Korea and the Persian Gulf.. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Our hearts are troubled and afraid. Visit us again with your peace. Comfort those facing uncertain futures: those who are unemployed, underemployed and those Ford employees who are suddenly without a job. Help those in difficult relationships, those with chronic pain, those waiting for news about their health, and those who are sick especially those on our prayer list and those we mention silently in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for all who have died in service to the nation and for all who put their safety aside to protect freedom at locally and abroad. Inspire us to walk in your light and to live for the sake of freedom and justice for all of your children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Open the gates of salvation to all who are written in your book of life especially those who have given their lives to save others. Lead us into the city that needs no light of sun or moon, where you will be our light forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *When Peace like a River: It Is Well with My Soul*

ELW 785

DISMISSAL

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Joanne Niederhauser; Ushers: Del & Carol Vogel; Scripture Reader: Katy Emerich; Projectionist: Kathy Nummer; Money Counters: Dick & Theresa Eisen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken or Pastor Joyce. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

The Attic and Bake Sale Committee will meet on Monday, June 3rd at 9 AM in the Fireside Room.

The Attic and Bake Sale was very successful this year due to all those who generously contributed items and/or donations. The profits totaled \$2,873.00 (bake sale - \$614.00 and attic sale - \$2,259.00). A huge thank you to all the committee members and volunteers who worked so faithfully and diligently to make this project possible and also successful.

There will be a special day of recognition for graduates at the 9:30 am service on Sunday, June 2, along with acknowledgement of our Community Education Scholarship recipients for 2019. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

On June 1st, St. Peter will be hosting a Drug Take Back Day from 9 AM - 1 PM. Bring any unused or expired prescriptions to the church and a St. Clair police officer will be here to collect them and dispose of them properly.

On Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 am we will meet at Grieg Park for worship, with music led by the Bluegrass group. Following worship we will have a blessing of bicycles, a bicycle safety lesson from a St. Clair police officer, and a potluck lunch. After lunch we will take a ride to play a game of kickball. Chicken will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dish to pass. Please also bring your own chairs, table service and drinks. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to let us know you are coming and what you will be bringing. This promises to be a fun day for all as we kick off the summer. (In case of inclement weather, worship and lunch will be at St. Peter's).

We are looking for players to join our church slow pitch softball league. There will be 8-10 games, a few practices and lots of fun! There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Alan Freed, Jack & Char Boulier, Dennis Angus, Marlene Eisen, Bill Mau, Linda Barr. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 20; Sunday 73

ANNIVERSARIES: 5/26 Katy & Alan Emerich 12 years
 5/27 Kathleen & Bernard Nummer 53 years
 5/28 Betty & Guy MacIntosh 71 years

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Pastors' day off	Evening Worship, Communion 5 pm	Sunday School, Worship, Communion 9:30 am Tim Horton's 10:30