

*First Lutheran Church*

*May 25, 2025*

*6th Sunday of Easter*

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*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.*

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## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*BRIDEGROOM*

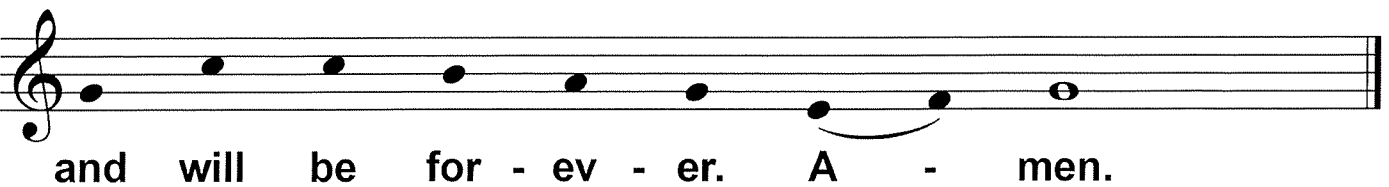
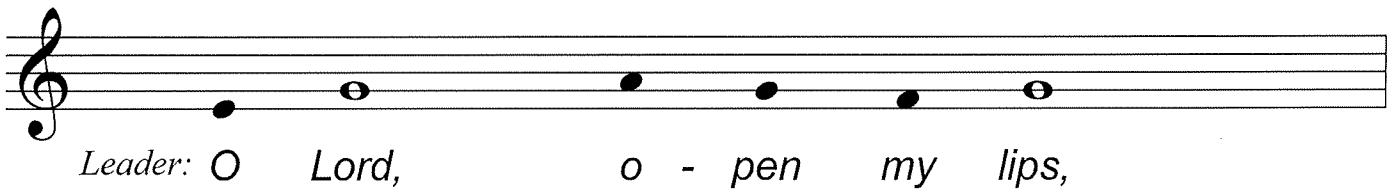
*Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song*

*Robert A. Hobby*

*(Please stand)*

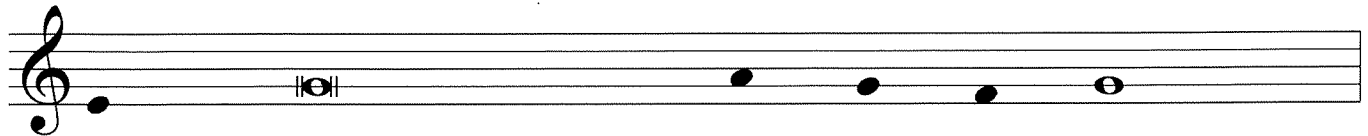
## **MORNING PRAYER**

### **OPENING DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY**



## PSALMODY

### INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

### MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7

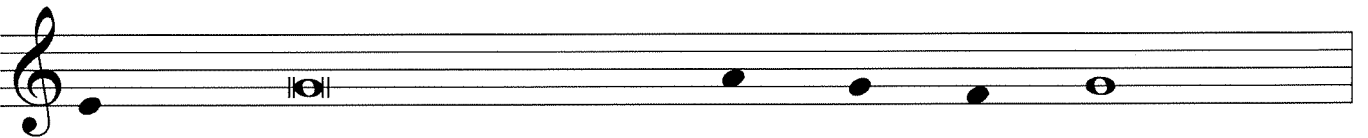


Come, Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the

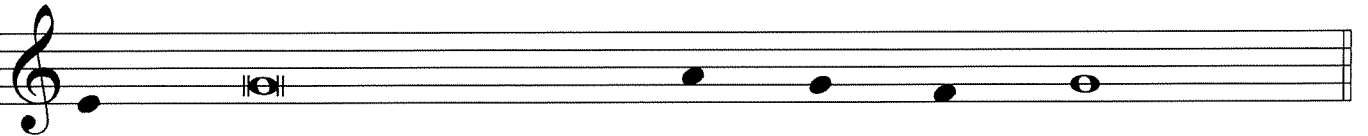


rock of our sal - va - tion.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*



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Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

*L: A reading from Acts, the sixteenth chapter.*

<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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## REVELATION 21:10, 22-22:5

*L: A reading from Revelation, the twenty-first chapter.*

<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

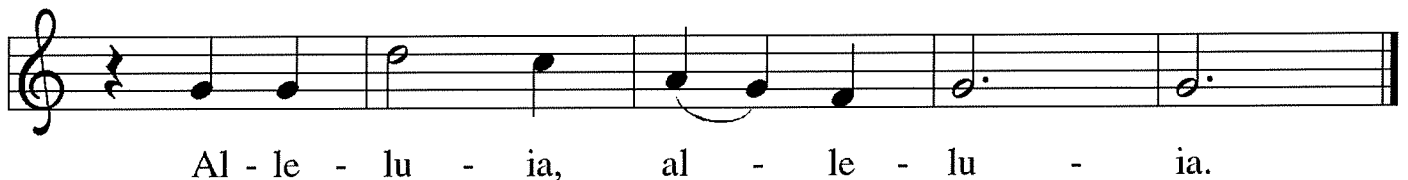
kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his 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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The cantor will sing the verse.

**C: Repeat, Alleluia**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.*



Glo - ry 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.”

*P: This is the gospel of our Lord.*



Praise to you O Christ!



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the  
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
 vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
 prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

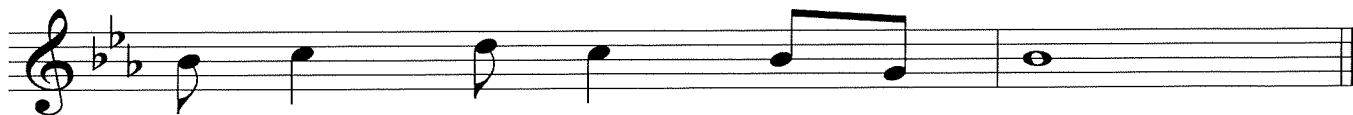
**REVEREND MARK SCHURING**

*(Please stand)*

**EASTER CANTICLE**



This is the day the LORD has made;



let us re - joice and be glad.

Text: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, *The Revised Grail Psalms*  
 Music: Michel Guimont © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith  
as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.**

**C: 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

*VILLE DU HAVRE*

*David Schwoebel*

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Char Pope, piano; Curtis L. King, organ

*(Please stand)*

# When Peace, like a River

## *It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

### OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please kneel)*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need.

L: 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.

*Each petition concludes:*

P: Hear us, O God.

C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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**

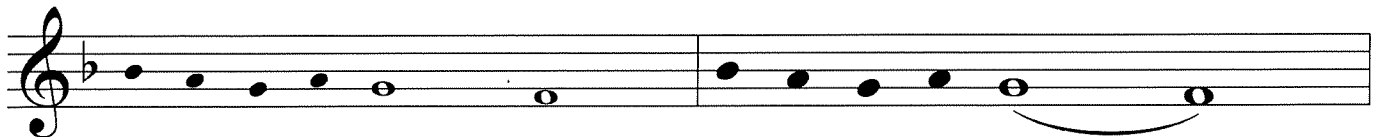
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

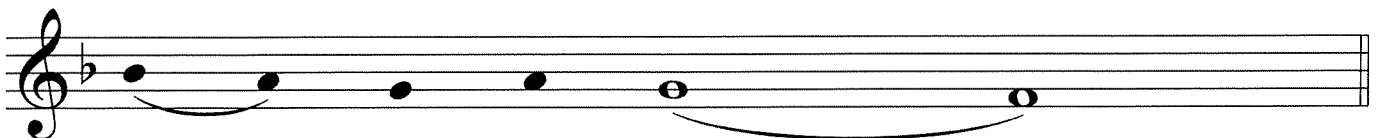
*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER*

C: Oh God,  
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.  
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through  
the years,  
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.  
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,  
bless the changes that are before us,  
bless our call process and the pastoral leaders  
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.  
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us  
as we align with your will, and servant or servants  
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.  
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry  
and our future.  
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord, Amen.

*BLESSING*



Let us bless the LORD.



Thanks be to God.

P: 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.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - - - men.

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**SENDING SONG**

**God of Our Fathers**

**LBW # 567**

- 1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
- 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
- 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
- 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 in this free land by you our lot is cast;  
 make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907, alt.

Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1828–1902

***DISMISSAL***

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace.

P: In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***POSTLUDE***

*NATIONAL HYMN*

*Mark Thewes*

*God of Our Fathers*

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## *Our Mission Statement*

**“God is among us!”**

**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,  
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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## Events in Review

**Sunday** **May 25**

**10:00AM** Church Service

**Monday** **May 26**

**Memorial day**

No Bible Study

**Tuesday** **May 27**

**5:15PM** Bells of Praise

**Wednesday**

**7:00PM** Worship & Music Meeting

**Next Week**

**Sunday** **June 1**

**10:00AM** Church Service  
Honoring Graduates

**Wednesday** **June 3**

**9—5 pm** Life Line Screening

*Thank you to Chsr Pope for the  
beautiful piano music performed  
during the Offering and  
Meditation.*



## Graduates

High School Graduates

that we will be honoring next week (June 1st)

Are

**Zachary Dennis Shawberry**

**Chloe Layne Orians**

**Mitchell Joseph Stephey**

**Andrew Fay**

**Zane Reis**

## Sharing Kitchen

Dates for our participation in the Sharing Kitchen are June 9th & 12th

There is a sign up sheet located on the lobby table if you would be willing to volunteer.

## Lawn Mower for the Week

*(beginning on Thursdays)*



**Steve Livoti**

## Geranium Order

Geranium Order forms are available on the table in the lobby. Orders must be in no later than June 1st to have your honor/memorial names printed



**\$10.00 a piece**