

**THE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

Pastor: Pastor Denise Arnold  
Music Ministry: Seth Burns  
Music: Seth Burns  
Coffee hour: Jane Vaughn  
Flowers: Carter  
Greeter:  
Communion Asst.:  
Reader: Dana Libby  
Please sign up for greeter, coffee hour and flowers on clipboard in narthex.

**Next week**

Pastor Denise Arnold  
Seth Burns  
Jan Thompson & Seth Burns  
Jan Thompson  
Jan Thompson  
Bill Wood  
Dana Libby  
Amanda Little

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by the Carter family in remembrance of Dan.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING June 5<sup>th</sup> after church. See email or snail mail for details.**

**STEWARDSHIP:** “There is always a storm. There is always rain. Some experience it. Some live through it. And others are made from it.” — **Shannon L. Alder**

**Greeter, flowers and coffee hour signup sheet-** Sign up on the clipboard in the narthex to be a greeter, host coffee hour or bring flowers.

After service we will be having Sunday School with our kids for the month of May focusing on “How to Pray”. Have the kids get a snack and come down to the last Sunday school room. If you adults need some help on prayer come join us - The more the merrier!!! “No Kids Sunday School May 29th”

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**- Adult Study

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**- Newsletter Deadline

**May 29<sup>th</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup>**- Family Promise

**May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>**- FISH

**Church Camp out** - July 22-24 Please join us for fun, food and fellowship. Even if you do not stay, we potluck on the Saturday evening and you can come and spend the day with those in attendance.

*Gloria Dei Lutheran Church*

**Worship Plan for Sunday, May 22, 2022**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight



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**Introduction to the day**

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)

#### 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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### COMMUNION & COMMUNION SONG

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

#### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

#### SENDING SONG I the Lord of Sea and Sky (ELW 752)

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

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

### 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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## KYRIE

*Refrain*  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.  
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the  
u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you  
this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,  
*Refrain*  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
*Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of  
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -  
le - lu - ia. 2 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.  
*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people (*especially*). Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died (*especially*) when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL & OFFERING

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

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

**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.**

\*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*New member responds:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support Carol and pray for her in her life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

We welcome new member Carol to our congregation.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace (*especially*). Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness.

God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**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.**

#### **WORD**

##### **FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15**

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 <sup>1</sup>us and bless us; may the light of God’s face <sup>1</sup>shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known <sup>1</sup>upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup>you, O God; let all the <sup>1</sup>peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and <sup>1</sup>sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples <sup>1</sup>praise you, O God; let all the <sup>1</sup>peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought <sup>1</sup>forth its increase; God, our own <sup>1</sup>God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God <sup>1</sup>give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth <sup>1</sup>stand in awe.

## SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

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.

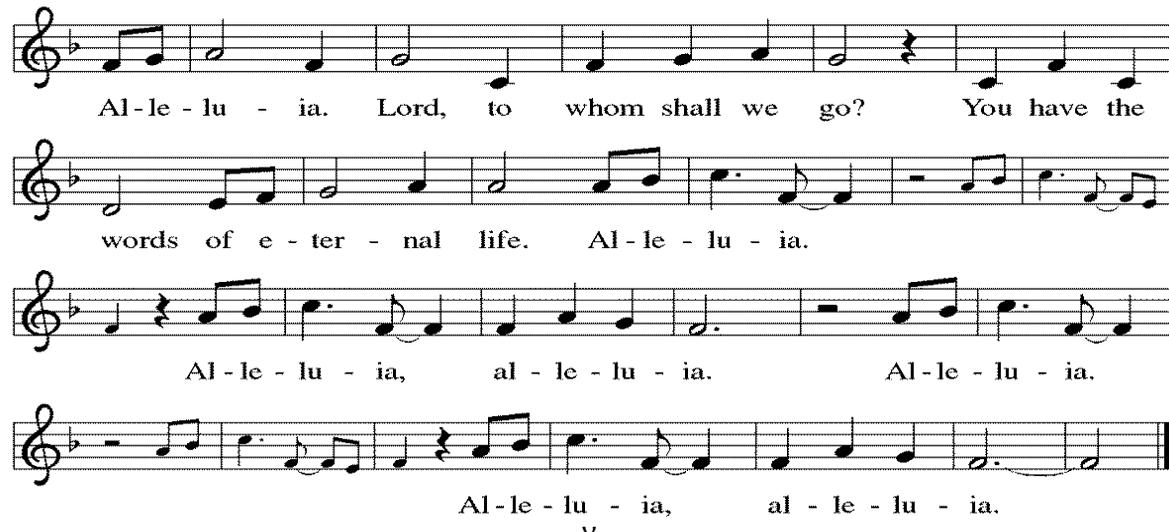
<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

## GOSPEL:

The holy gospel according to John 5:1-15

**Glorify to you, O Lord.** After this<sup>[a]</sup> there was a Jewish feast,<sup>[b]</sup> and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now there is<sup>[c]</sup> in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate<sup>[d]</sup> a pool called *Bethzatha*<sup>[e]</sup> in Aramaic,<sup>[f]</sup> which has five covered walkways.<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>3</sup> A great number of sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed people were lying in these walkways.<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>5</sup> Now a man was there who had been disabled for thirty-eight years.<sup>[i]</sup> <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and when he realized<sup>[j]</sup> that the man<sup>[k]</sup> had been disabled a long time already, he said to him, “Do you want to become well?” <sup>7</sup> The sick man answered him, “Sir,<sup>[l]</sup> I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am trying to get into the water,<sup>[m]</sup> someone else<sup>[n]</sup> goes down there<sup>[o]</sup> before me.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, “Stand up! Pick up your mat<sup>[p]</sup> and walk.” <sup>9</sup> Immediately the man was healed,<sup>[q]</sup> and he picked up his mat<sup>[r]</sup> and started walking. (Now that day was a Sabbath.)<sup>[s]</sup> <sup>10</sup> So the Jewish leaders<sup>[t]</sup> said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and you are not permitted to carry your mat.”<sup>[u]</sup> <sup>11</sup> But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat<sup>[v]</sup> and walk.’” <sup>12</sup> They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Pick up your mat<sup>[w]</sup> and walk?’”<sup>[x]</sup> <sup>13</sup> But the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped out, since there was a crowd in that place. <sup>14</sup> After this Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “Look, you have become well. Don’t sin any more,<sup>[y]</sup> lest anything worse happen to you.” <sup>15</sup> The man went away and informed the Jewish leaders<sup>[z]</sup> that Jesus was the one who had made him well.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON & HYMN OF THE DAY (OCEANS) on screen

### WE WELCOM NEW MEMBER CAROL RIFE & THE APOSTLES CREED

To all gathered her today:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?