



**May 29, 2022**

**Welcome!**

We are glad to have you join us in the worship of Our Lord.

**Please sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary.**

**Mask wearing is optional if you are fully vaccinated.**

**Today's Altar Servers**

Leader: .....Phil Newlander

Greeters/Usher: ...Phil Anderson

Lector: ..... Ben Mroz, III

Music: ..... Molly Finkbiner

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## *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Flowers by Larry and Kim Hanshaw in honor and thankfulness to our friend, Dr. Ruth Major.

**Meetings**

**AA Meeting** – Tuesday and Friday at 12 pm and Thursday at 10 am.

**Choir:** Rehearsals in the Sanctuary at 8:45 on Sundays.

**Boomwhackers, Bells and Chimes:** Wednesday, at 5 pm and Sunday School soon after practice.

**Faithful Community Quilters:** Will meet June 13 from 10 – 3. Over 80 quilts have been sent to the children's hospital from our group since last September. There will be a break for July and August. We will begin again in September – the second Monday of each month.

**Bible Study:** Each Sunday morning at 7:30 am: Community Room.

**Usher and Lector Volunteers** needed, contact Jacquie Halko. Please call (570) 646-3922 or email at [jacquie5444@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquie5444@yahoo.com).

**Bulletin Sponsors and Flower Donations:** The 2022 Bulletin and Flower charts are NOW located on the table by the Sanctuary doors. In-house bulletin for \$10 and \$20 towards silk flowers or you may bring your own fresh flowers.

**George Haab** would like a phone call now and then (570) 460-9015. He is living in Sacred Heart Senior Facility in Center Valley – thanks!



*It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.*

**PRELUDE** Praise to God, George Frideric Handel, Robert J. Powell; Intermezzo, Johannes Brahms, Thomas Chesterton; and Variations on Bunessan, Charles Callahan.

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** (Please stand as you are able)

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 the trouble 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.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

**LBW 158**

## 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.**

## 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 - passionate 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,

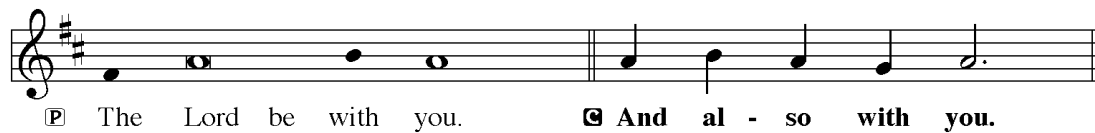


*Refrain*  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## HYMN OF PRAISE “BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me, bless God’s Holy Name.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: ACTS 16: 16 - 34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.<sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

## **Psalm 97**

The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**You who love the LORD, hate evil!**

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

## SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

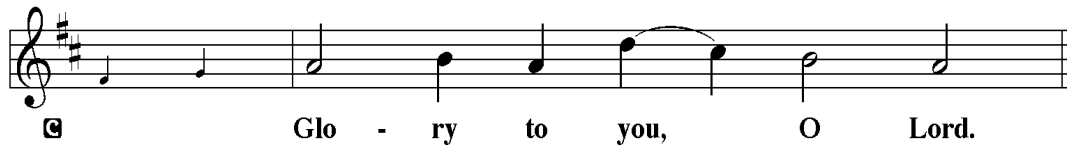
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

**VERSE / GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”** *(Please stand as you are able)*

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, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter beginning at the twentieth verse.



## John 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



*(Please be seated)*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*(Please stand as you are able after the sermon.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**        *“Baptized in Water”*

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## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 on 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 and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken by the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.*

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians (*especially*). May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those on our prayer list and those who we name aloud or in our hearts

#### **PRAYER LIST**

*George, Matt, Susan, Swatzell Family, Bobbies family, Denise P., Bob Jr, and Brent P. Jason R., Robert F., RC, Mike and Brenda G., Erik C, Sabrina, Tracey E., Drew D., Margery B, Barbara, Kevin D, Sherry K, Walt D, Adam C. and Family, Megan, Jim, Roberta R., Judi O'D, Diana, Wolcott Family, Jeanine, Tom and Valerie M., Rick, Julie, Daniel, Pastor Dennis B. Marge M., Jenn, and Rachel*

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. 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.**

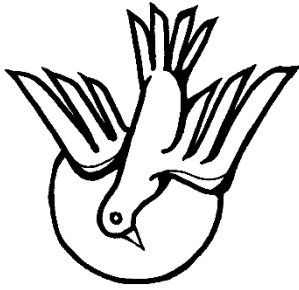
We pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

#### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(Please share Christ's peace in social and acceptable ways.) (Please be seated)*



**OFFERING Music:**... Come, Be Baptized.....Words and Music by G. Alan Smith, played by Rick Halko, (guitar, voice) and Molly Finkbiner (keyboard). ..

**OFFERING PRAYER** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all into your house of worship. Reach out to us and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may see and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✝ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**      *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*      **LBW 170**

**DISMISSAL:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.'"*  
Matthew 28:5-7 (NIV)