

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### INVOCATION

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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### HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast"

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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.**

### FIRST LESSON

**ACTS 16:9-15**

### PSALM 67

### SECOND LESSON

**REVELATION 21:10, 22—22:5**

**VERSE:** Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### ELW #172

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

### THE GOSPEL

**JOHN 14:23-29**

**REFLECTION:** 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.

### HYMN #661 ELW INSERT

**"I Love to Tell the Story"  
"Grato es contar la historia"**

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ (*especially*). Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING** *Allelu, Allelu, Allelu Gracias Senor*

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## **ASCENSION DIALOG**

**HYMN #392 ELW** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"  
**INSERT** "¡Aleluya! Gloria a Cristo"

**BENEDICTION:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

## **THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL**

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
WEDNESDAY	8:00 p.m.	AA
THURSDAY		Ascension Day

### **Let us pray for...**

Kurt Kusserow, **Bishop, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod**  
Peter Asplin, Melissa Stoller, **Assistants to the Bishop**  
Elizabeth Eaton, **Presiding Bishop, ELCA**  
Bishop Henrik Stubkjær, **President, Lutheran World Federation**  
President Modeste, **Tulear Synod, Malagasy Lutheran Church**

**HEALING & SPECIAL NEEDS:** George & Debbie K., asylum seekers especially children, Rachel, Peggy, Marilyn & Brian, Rose & Chip, Rita, Judy H., Kirk, Karen M., Len & Carole, Roni, Karin, Tommy C., Karen., Darlene & Al, Lana, Dayton, Ed R., Tyler, Nan, Sandra, Marylene, Yuri, Lynn F., Pr. Tony, Debbie, Myschel, Amanda & baby, Mitzi, Pat N., Lynn's brother, Charlie, David, Janice, Lance F., Debbie B., Mase, Mindy, Tony, Don M., Alexis' son, Jacob, Chuck A., Roy H., Janet, Linda K., & all with flu, RSV, & COVID & undiagnosed illnesses.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:** Vern Long, Bob McDermott.

**NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING:** Mary Jane Freund (Concordia Ridgewood-Plum); Shirley & Jack Pickens (William Penn Center); Roni Mayhood (Merakey); Esther Schwab (Seneca Manor); June Minnear (Beatty Point Village); Evelyn Rae Dodson (Seneca Place); Peggy Ebert (Kane-McKeesport).

**CAREGIVERS:** Judy M., Chris, Chip, Rebecca, Darlene, Elaine.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Carolina, Cassie, Tyler.

**COUNTRY OF THE MONTH:** Vietnam

**MISSION PARTNER:** Holy Trinity - East Pittsburgh

**CHURCH OF THE MONTH:** St. John's North Versailles

**LUTHERAN AGENCY:** Camp Lutherlyn

**SCHOOL OF THE MONTH:** Linton Middle School

## 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.*

<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.

## Psalm: Psalm 67

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)*

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup>May 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.*

<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.

## 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.*

<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."

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