



# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Worship! Words in **bold** are said together.

*Welcome*

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

*L: 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 font)*

*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 and trouble the 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. **C: Amen.***

*Sharing the Peace*

*L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

*Gathering Song – I Will Call Upon the Lord (lyrics display on screen)*

*Refrain: I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised  
so shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.*

*The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock,  
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.*

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and let the God of my salvation be exalted. Repeat Verse and Refrain 3x.*

*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.***

## *Scripture Readings*

Acts 16:9-15 p. 900

<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.**

Psalms 67 p. 460

<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
<sup>2</sup>that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power 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 the nations upon earth.  
<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.  
<sup>7</sup>May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 p. 1008

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit he 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</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.

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The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 14:23-29

p. 877

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children's Message and Sermon*

Pastor Curt Matz

*Song of the Day – You Never Let Go*

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
Your perfect love is casting out fear.  
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life,  
I won't turn back I know You are near.  
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,  
and if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

*Refrain:* Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm.  
Oh no, You never let go, in every high and every low.  
Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on,  
A glorious light beyond all compare.  
And there will be an end to these troubles but until that day comes,  
We'll live to know You here on the earth.  
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me,  
and if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear? *Refrain.*

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on.  
And there will be an end to these troubles,  
but until that day comes, still I will praise You, still I will praise You! *Refrain.*

*Final:* Lord, You never let go of me.

*Apostle's Creed*

**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.**

## *Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "God in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

### *Offering*

- ◇ Mail: Lord of Life Lutheran, 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705
- ◇ Online: "giving" tab at [www.lordoflifeak.com/giving](http://www.lordoflifeak.com/giving) or the QR Code →
- ◇ Phone app: download "Give Plus Church" search by zip 99705, choose Lord of Life, and follow the instructions. Giving is secure.



### *Offering Song – Light the Fire*

I stand to praise you, but I fall down on my knees.  
My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak.

*Refrain:* So light the fire (light the fire) in my soul (in my weary soul)  
fan the flame (fan the flame) make me whole (make my spirit whole)  
Lord you know (Lord you know) where I've been (where I've been)  
So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel Your arms around me, as the pow'r of your healing begins.  
Your Spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind. *Refrainx2.*

### *Offering Prayer*

**Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### *Christ's Words of Institution and Communion*

We eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### *Announcements*

- Are you handy? We have a leaking faucet. Ask Pastor Curt for particulars
- Tomorrow night: Evening bible study with potluck

### *Blessing and Dismissal*

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

*L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done. C: Thanks be to God.*

## ***Special Thanks to...***

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## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries...***

5-23 Lynne Skjefte  
5-23 Loretta & Er Pananen (program on announcement board!)  
5-24 Karen Kuhnert  
5-26 Barb Thoma  
5-28 Julie Tanguay