

**Second Reading: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. <sup>22</sup>And 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 gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

**Gospel: John 16:23-33**

<sup>23</sup>{Jesus said to his disciples,} “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup>I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” <sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**Lessons for Next Week**

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 133; Revelation 22:1-6 [7-11] 12-20; John 17:20-26



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This congregation practices “open communion”. We invite all who believe that our Lord’s body and blood are truly and essentially present in the bread and wine to share in the sacrament. We believe Christians are worthy to receive communion when, according to the teaching of Scripture and Lutheran tradition the words, “given and shed for you” are accepted by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

**The Order of Word and Sacrament**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter      May 25, 2025**

Prelude, Announcements (please stand when indicated by \*)

**We Gather**

- \*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....LBW p. 77
- \*Opening Hymn           *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*           LBW #439
- Greeting & Kyrie .....p. 78-79
- \*Hymn of Praise ..... p. 81-82
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**We Hear God’s Word**

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**We Respond to God’s Word**

- \*Hymn of the Day                   *“Built on a Rock”*                   LBW #365
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**We Receive Holy Communion/Eucharist**

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- \*Words of Institution & Lord’s Prayer.....p. 89, 91
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- \*Post-Communion Canticle .....p. 92-93
- \*Benediction & Amen.....p. 94-95
- \*Closing Hymn                   *“Blessed Assurance”*                   WOV #699

**We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields**

Postlude

**First Reading: Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and 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 some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

**Psalm 67 (LBW)**

- <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let your ways 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 upon 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 her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- <sup>7</sup>May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## **What's Happening**

### **Today:**

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored anonymously. Thank you!
- Graduation Celebration for Ashtyn Brugger following the service. She is the daughter of Rob and Jenille Brugger. Congratulations, Ashtyn!

### **This Week:**

Wednesday	6:30-8 pm	Men's Fellowship, meet at First Lutheran
Thursday & Friday		No electrical power at FLC. Panels being replaced.
Sunday, June 1	8:30 am	Council Meeting
	11:15 am	Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Fiske and his wife Sue. Hamburgers will be provided—please bring a potluck item to share.

## **Notes and News**

- Thank you to Rod Stieg for working on our well pump! The Men's Fellowship group plans to meet at church Wednesday night to pull the pump from the well.
- Pastor Fiske has asked for men to help load a trailer for their move. Meet Tuesday at 4:30 pm at their storage shed which is south of the Assembly of God Church, 901 Park Hill Drive. Call Pastor Mike for more info—406-854-5368.
- Please add your financial support for the Outreach Clinic by putting a donation in a Baby Bottle or by bidding on the vintage baby quilt made by our quilters.
- The quilts you see on the pews were lovingly made by our quilters for use by those in need. NALC Disaster Response will use them in many places in the USA.
- Please contact the office if you are interested in directing or helping with VBS.