

## Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-7

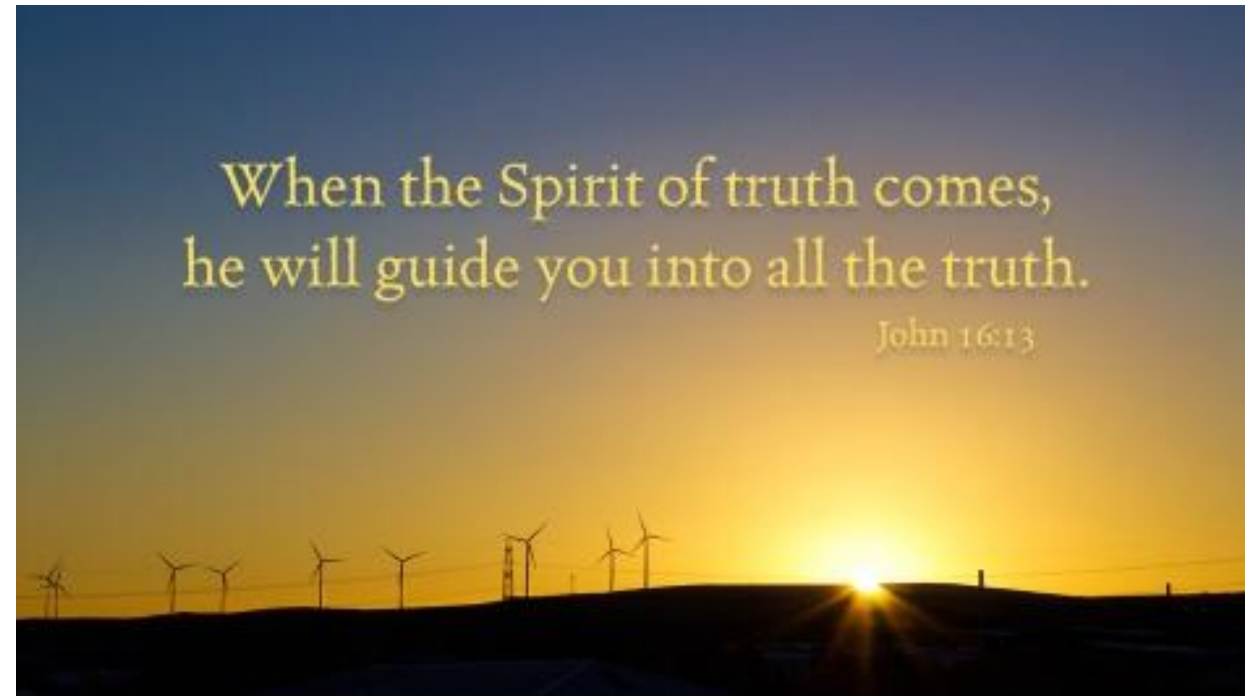
<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

## Gospel: John 16:12-22

<sup>12</sup>{Jesus said to his disciples,} “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup>A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

### Lessons for Next Week

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33



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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**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter      May 18, 2025**

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

**We Gather**

- \*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness .....LBW p. 77
- \*Opening Hymn                   *“Beautiful Savior ”*                   LBW #518
- Greeting & Kyrie .....p. 78-79
- \*Hymn of Praise ..... p. 81-82
- \*Salutation & Prayer of the Day..... p. 82

**We Hear God’s Word**

- Lessons
- First Reading: Acts 11:1-8
  - Psalm 150.....LBW p. 225
  - Second Reading: Revelations 21:1-7
  - Gospel Acclamation.....p. 83
  - \*Holy Gospel: John 16:12-22
  - Sermon                               *“A Little While”*                               Pastor Mike Fiske

**We Respond to God’s Word**

- \*Hymn of the Day                   *“Thine Is the Glory”*                   LBW #145
- \*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed.....p. 84
- \*Prayer of the Church & Sharing of the Peace.....p. 85-86
- \*Offering, Offertory Hymn & Prayer.....p. 86-87

**We Receive Holy Communion/Eucharist**

- \*Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus..... p. 88-89
- \*Words of Institution & Lord’s Prayer.....p. 89, 91
- Lamb of God & Sharing the Lord’s Supper..... p. 92
- \*Post-Communion Canticle .....p. 92-93
- \*Benediction & Amen.....p. 94-95
- \*Closing Hymn                   *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*                   LBW #559

**We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields**

Postlude

**First Reading: Acts 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

**Psalm 150 (LBW)**

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple;  
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- <sup>2</sup>**Praise him for his mighty acts;**  
**praise him for his excellent greatness.**
- <sup>3</sup>Praise him with the blast of the ram’s horn;  
praise him with lyre and harp.
- <sup>4</sup>**Praise him with timbrel and dance;**  
**praise him with strings and pipe.**
- <sup>5</sup>Praise him with resounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud clanging cymbals.
- <sup>6</sup>**Let everything that has breath**  
**praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

## **What's Happening**

### **Today:**

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored anonymously. Thank you!

### **This Week:**

Wednesday    6:30-8 pm    Men's Fellowship, at First Lutheran (Mark 406-515-0116)

## **Notes and News**

- Join us June 1 after the service for a reception and meal honoring Pastor Mike's and Sue's upcoming move from our church and community. Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a potluck item to share!
- Thank you to Corey Bollinger for mowing and doing other yardwork last week! Call Dave Pratt 853-5185 if this is a chore you can help with this summer.
- We are participating in the annual Outreach Clinic Fund Drive, from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Place your cash or check donation in an empty baby bottle and put it back in the basket. Let's support this important service in our community!
- A vintage hand embroidered baby quilt completed by Judy Stichman is being offered for silent auction to benefit the Outreach Clinic. The quilt is on display in the narthex. Bids will be accepted until Father's Day.
- Enjoy the year's bounty of quilts made by our dedicated quilters! As you look at them, please add your prayers that they might be a blessing to someone soon.
- We will be celebrating our high school graduate Ashtyn Brugger next Sunday with a reception following the service.
- Please contact the office if you are interested in directing or helping with VBS.