



May 21-22, 2022  
Easter 6

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text 608-471-7267.

# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

WELCOME

## \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

In the waters of baptism... now and forever. **Amen.**

## \*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

### **\*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.**

### **\*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.**

### **READING** Acts 16:9-15

<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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL** John 14:23-29

The Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

# SERMON

## \*HYMN

## "Here I Am, Lord"

#574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

### *Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

**\*NICENE CREED**

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 at 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, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

**\*PRAYERS**

P: 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.*

*(Sunday worship - after a brief silence ...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**      The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Please share a sign of peace with those around you.)*

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are circled in purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

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

**\*HYMN** "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" #763



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,  
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.  
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

**\*DISMISSAL** (*Done from the back of the church*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** are extended to all graduates whether they are to graduate from high school or higher education. We celebrate the gifts God has given to each person, gifts of knowledge, wisdom and skill. May they use those gifts to continually be doing God's work with their hands.

We recognize the following High School Graduates:

Adam Chandler  
Delaney Christianson  
Madelyn England  
Kylee Gander  
Justin Hennessey  
Madeline Janisch

Zachary Long  
Charles McConkey  
Elsa Mitchell  
Ryan Nickles  
Edward Schmitz  
Maxwell Williams

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Monday, May 23 at the Presbyterian Church West Salem 12:30 – 5:30 pm.

**COME AND WORSHIP:** Summer hours begin next week, May 29 - Join us for worship on Saturdays at 6 PM and Sundays at 8 & 10 AM.

**USHERS NEEDED:** Go to SignUpGenius on the church website to volunteer.

Check out the May newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more ...

**Masks are optional when you are in the building. Thank you!**



## FEED OUR CHILDREN SUMMER LUNCH

**PROGRAM** - will be back up and running for summer 2022.

Our current needs are:

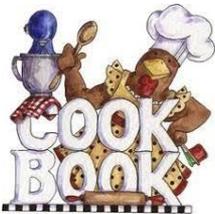
Peanut butter, jams and jellies, ranch dressing, fruit cups or pudding cups, animal crackers, chex mix, veggie straws (bulk or family size is great). And Zip-lock bags (**snack size only** at this time).



If you are interested in helping to prepare food, serve or deliver meals, or have other questions please contact Angie Hemker (608)780-9172 (text is preferred). Please pray for another successful serving season.

## LET'S GET COOKIN...

In case you haven't heard ... as part of Pastor Jean's sabbatical, a new cookbook project is on the horizon, but she can't do it alone.



That's where YOU come in ... providing the necessary recipes for a new cookbook.

While Pastor Jean is on sabbatical, the congregation is invited to submit your favorite recipe(s), and when Pastor Jean returns, she (along with a few helpers) will compile the recipes and create a new cookbook.

As you share your recipes, you are also invited to **share a short note/comment** about why the recipe is special to you. What's a recipe without a story!

Recipe forms are available in the office or on the front page of the church website. Drop your submissions off in the office, send them by email, or drop them in the mailbox by the East Avenue entrance **by July 15.**



## June Dairy Days

June Dairy Days is approaching quickly! The festival is June 3, 4, and 5 and we hope you can volunteer for both the Fun Run and the Food Stand.

The **Fun Run** is held Saturday, June 4.

- Volunteers are needed to help with registration, set-up, and serving as crossing guards from 6:30 - 9:30 AM. Sign up sheets will be available at church or contact Judy Gilbert to indicate your ability: (608) 797-3001
- Runners/walkers are also needed for the 5K or 5 Mile run or walk! Registration is open: [www.eventbrite.com/e/315637539377](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/315637539377)  
Registrations received by May 19 receive a t-shirt, but online registration is open through the morning of June 4. Spread the word!



### AND ...

There are LOTS of opportunities to help at the **Food Stand** (at Village Park) which serves food all weekend. Grillers, servers, ticket workers, window workers, and shift leaders are needed. Youth and their families are especially encouraged to help out on all shifts. Sign-up sheets for helping will be available at church and online at: <https://signup.com/go/DZmNnUq>. In order to indicate you're with our group, please add "**OSLC**" after your name so we know which folks are coming from which area church. Families can sign up for several spots in the same shift.

## WORSHIP TIME CHANGE!



Starting **Sunday, May 29** the 10:30 AM worship service moves to **10 AM!!** This will stay through, and including, Labor Day weekend, September 4<sup>th</sup>.



## SYNOD-ASSEMBLY OFFERING COLLECTION

During the Synod Assembly Worship at Riverside Park on Sunday, June 12, they will be collecting NEW (in the package) socks and underwear to be shared at Clothes Closets in the Coulee Region.

You are invited to bring these items to church BY JUNE 10 so our assembly delegates can bring them to the worship. There is a box in the gathering area for your donations.

### Speaking of worship on June 12<sup>th</sup> ...

The whole synod is invited to attend the ***Worship in the Park*** at 10 AM at Riverside Park. Following worship there will be a picnic (food trucks) and time for fellowship with those from around the whole LaCrosse Area Synod. There will also be a time of doing **service projects** around the area. Check out the synod website:

[lacrosseareasynd.org/2022-synod-assembly](http://lacrosseareasynd.org/2022-synod-assembly) for details (*at the bottom of the page*).

[Parking will be limited. The circle drive around the bandshell area will be open to allow easy drop-off locations for those car-pooling or busing. A limited number of spots will be available around the park and near-by streets. Public ramps are free on weekends.]