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Art by Anna Patterson

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. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.

This service will use a liturgy **Bread of Life** in **With One Voice** (blue hymnal) in your pew.

PRELUDE TENA RACKOW

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

A: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism

L1: We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

L2: All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

L3: Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.

L4: Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

L5: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

P: Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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GATHERING HYMN "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY" ELW#705 (Verses 1 & 2)



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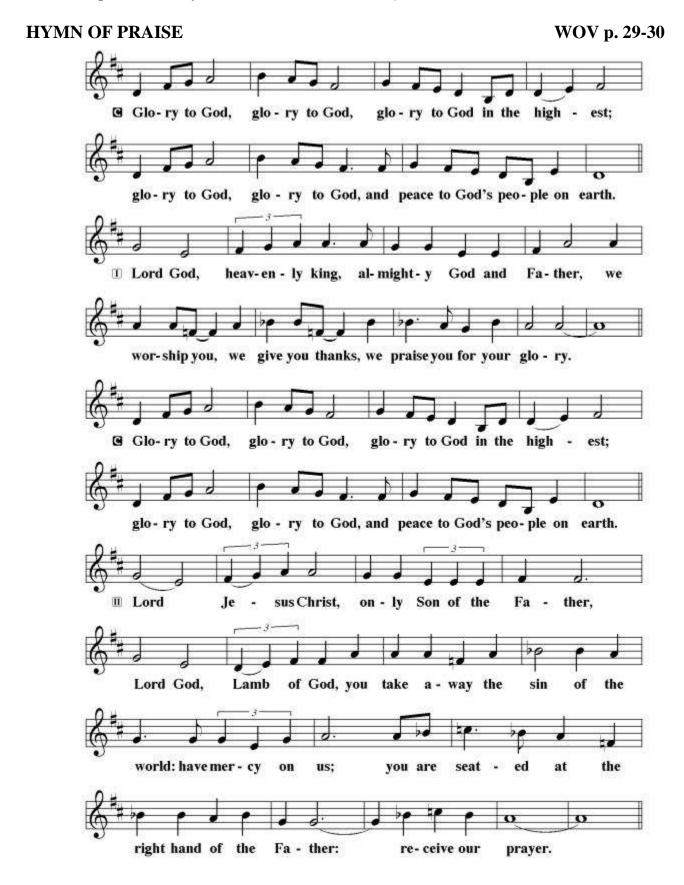
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**





PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

C: 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.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Story time with Mi-Shell

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

L: A reading from Acts.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When 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. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and 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. ¹³On 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. ¹⁴A 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. ¹⁵When 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67 (read responsively)

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

²Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us. ⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.



GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

P: The holy gospel according to John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus 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.

²⁴Whoever 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. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷Peace 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. ²⁸You 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. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY "PEACE, TO SOOTH OUR BITTER WOES" ELW#381



- 1 Peace, to soothe our bit ter woes, God in Christ on us be-stows;
- 2 Peace with in the church still dwells in our wel-comes and fare-wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre-cious blood; and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur-rounds our dy - ing hour.



NICENE CREED *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great

WA: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

WA: Prevail upon us with your Spirit. Convince us daily that you have called us to proclaim the good news of your grace. Let all who love you proclaim your word of life Hear us, O God. **C:** Your mercy is great.

WA: Feed us with the bounty of your creation. We pray for farmers who work close to your creation. Give them strength and patience as we experience excessive water in our lands. Hear us, O God. **C:** Your mercy is great.

WA: Our hearts are troubled and afraid. Visit us again with your peace. Comfort those facing uncertain futures: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those in difficult relationships, those with chronic pain, those waiting for news about their health, and those who are sick, especially Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Gene Hesselbacher, Lois Paulsen, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Randy, Brian, Fred, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann family, Aleta Broge, Richard Gordon, Shriley, Steven DeHaven, Jean, Cathy Stouffer, Dave, Terry, Dave Heinkel, and our friends in Pine Ridge community. Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to Fern Harnish. Be our never-failing voice of comfort through all the trials of this life. Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: We give you thanks for all who have died in service to nation. Inspire us to walk in your light and to live for the sake of freedom and justice for your children.

Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Open the gates of salvation to all who are written in your book of life. Lead us into the city that needs no light of sun or moon, where you will be our light forever.

Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, feeding your sheep by using our gifts to tend the weary and feed the hungry, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

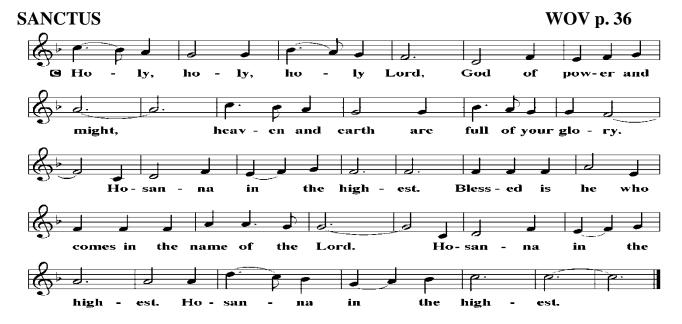
C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S
SUPPER

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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,

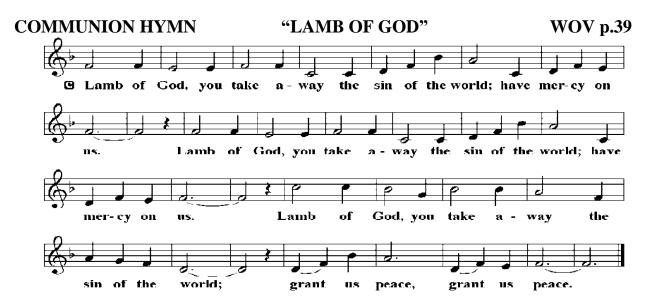
As we forgive those who trespass against us;

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

We practice open Communion — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION HYMN "SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER"

ELW#423



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-'ry bur-den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

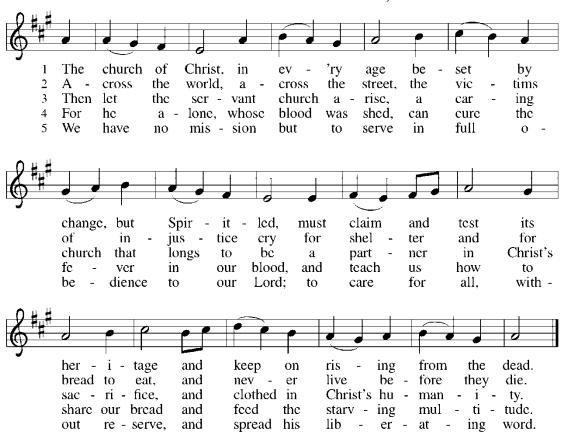
COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: As Jesus said to his disciples "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." May the peace of Christ surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE" ELW#729



DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE TENA RACKOW

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<u>Communion Asst</u>: Beth Martin and Sheila Keene <u>Communion Usher</u>: Troy Keene and Andrew Martin

Communion Set-up: Jay and Michelle Andrews

Sound System: Troy Doubler and open

<u>Greeters</u>: Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker, Chris and Angie Brinker <u>Ushers</u>: Paul and Shirley Fox, Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher

Elevator Operator: Denny Luke

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

May 26th through June 2nd, 2019

Today: Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 10:30am

Monday: Office Closed-Memorial Day

Wednesday: "Piece Corps" Quilting Group 8:00am-11:30am Friday-Saturday Youth OWL Night 5:00pm-9:00am

Next Sunday Worship Service 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am Confirmation Class 11:00am

Attendance: May 19th - 58

Total Offering 05/19/2019 - \$990.00; amount needed -\$2688.96

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

Congratulations to the Graduates

Alec Aurand, grandson of Donna Aurand, has graduated from Highland Community College; he will be continuing his education at University of Illinois majoring in Physics.

Congratulations to all our area graduates, best of luck with all your future endeavors.

Pine Ridge Retreat Center update

Check their facebook page to meet their new members! Praise the Lord!



https://www.facebook.com/PineRidgeRetreatCenter/

Open House, First Lutheran Church Freeport

First Lutheran Church, Freeport will be hosting an open house for Pastor Keith Johnson. 2019 marks the 20th Anniversary of Pastor Johnson's ordination and his 10th Anniversary as the pastor of First Lutheran Church of Freeport. Open house will be held on June 2nd, 2019 from 1:00pm-3:00pm in Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran Church Freeport, 303 S. Galena Ave.

Youth OWL Night: May 31st-June 1st

Attention! Spring Youth OWL Night will be Friday May 31st to Saturday June 1st. We need your help with spreading the words out. Post the flyers, share with social media, and tell your friends and families!!! We are also looking for adult helpers. If you can come and be present (you do not need to play games) any time during the OWL night, please let Kristy or Pr. Miho know. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Monroe Clinic Heal Grief and Education Group

Heal grief and education group offers sessions to anyone 18 yrs. and older who have experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and supportive setting. The six week group session begins Wednesday evening June 5th and will continue through July 10th from 6:00-7:30pm. Meetings will take place at St. Camillus Center, 2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI, there is no cost to attend, and space is limited. To register or express interest in attending please call 608-324-1230 or 1-800-367-8406. Also registration can be done online at www.wwwmonroeclinic.rog



Cycle to Synod is a Three-Day bicycle ride from Princeton to Rock Island leading into the Annual Synod Assembly. This Three-Day ride will bring awareness and raise funds for ELCA World Hunger. Congregations are encouraged to enlist Financial Sponsors and Prayer Sponsors. Anyone who enjoys riding their bike may join the ride for a portion of a day, a full day, or the entire three-day event June $11^{th}-13^{th}$. To sign up as a cyclist, please go to nisynod.org.

Are you going somewhere this Summer?

Send your pictures and/or postcards to the church office. We will include in our newsletters and/or facebook page. Have a wonderful summer!