

Holy Communion
Sunday, May 26, 2019
Pastor - Rev. Emily Tveite
Organist - Lori Free

Organ Prelude

Pastor's greeting

Opening Hymn: **#858 Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

Order of Worship: pages 94, 147 - 150

Prayer of the Day - Celebrate

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: **#392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

Apostle's Creed: page 105

Prayers of Intercession - Celebrate

Offertory: page 186 in Service Music - "Create in me..."

Communion: pages 152 - 155

Communion Hymn: **#471 Let Us Break Bread Together**

Sending Song: **#855 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Dismissal

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
CELEBRATING OUR 137th YEAR
IN HIS SERVICE
1882 - 2019

Pastor Emily Tveite began her work at Lutheran Campus Ministry in August 2015. She was born and raised in Austin, Texas and earned her undergraduate degree in Religion from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. She completed her seminary studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. During that time, she served as Intern at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA. The experience of working in the Pacific Northwest inspired her passion for journeying with those new to the Christian faith and equipped her for working in a climate of declining religiosity. More recently, Pastor Emily served as Associate Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oregon, WI, where her work focused on faith formation for all ages. Her husband, Paul Tveite, is a Software Engineer. They are parents to toddler Eleanor. Emily enjoys cooking and eating, playing board games, and reading. She loves to travel and especially visiting America's National Parks.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.

All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.

Restrooms are located in the Pioneer School

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on the web site.**

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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

A brief silence.

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.
Your mercy is great.

Feed us with the bounty of your creation. Bless the earth with enough rain and sunshine for the flourishing of orchards, gardens, and fields. Give us thankful hearts as we share the fruit of the land with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

The leaves of your tree of life are for the healing of the nations. Bring an end to civil war, genocide, terrorism, and violence. Overcome divisions of race, politics, and religion. Mend relationships across borders and across oceans (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (commemoration of John Calvin, renewer of the church, 1564) Psalm 93. **Tuesday** Revelation 21:15-22. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Jiří Tranovský, hymnwriter, 1637) 2 Chronicles 34:20-33. **Thursday** (Ascension of Our Lord) Acts 1:1-11. **Friday** (Visit of Mary to Elizabeth) Luke 1:39-57. **Saturday** (commemoration of Justin, martyr at Rome, c. 165) Exodus 33:18-23. **Seventh Sunday of Easter** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.

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Celebrate

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019

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.

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.**

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

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."¹⁰ 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.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,¹² 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.¹³ 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.¹⁴ 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.¹⁵ 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.



Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.

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

²Let your way be known ¹ upon earth,
your saving health a- ¹ mong all nations.

³Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- ¹ tions on earth. **R**

⁵Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought ¹ forth its increase;
God, our own ¹ God, has blessed us.

⁷May God ¹ give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ¹ stand in awe. **R**

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And 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. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But 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.

^{22:1} 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 ² 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. ³ 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; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ 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.

Gospel

John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

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. ²⁴ 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.

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

or John 5:1-9 [not printed]

Jesus performs a healing miracle on the sabbath. In doing so he both reveals divine creative power and teaches a richer, deeper meaning for the sabbath as a healing and creative time.