

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
May 25, 2025

*My peace I give to you.*

John 14:27



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*As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

## Gathering

### Sharing of the Peace

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you!**

L: Let us offer this gift of God's peace to one another.

### Thanksgiving For Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

L: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

L: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and  
give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

L: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

# Opening Hymn CCLI

Make Us One by Twila Paris

## VERSE



1,4. Make us one, make us one; Make us one, un - di - vid - ed  
 (2. Make us) love, make us love; Make us love, so the world will know we  
 (3. Make us) pure, make us pure; Make us pure, and right - eous, make us

1, 2, 3

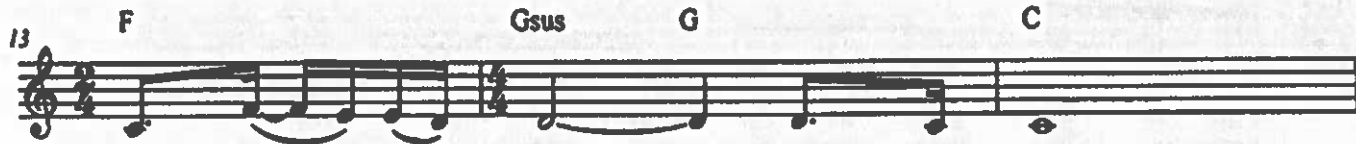


bod - y. Make us one, make us one. For the sake of Your Name, make us one. 2. Make us  
 love You. Make us love, make us love. For the sake of Your Name, make us love. 3. Make us  
 ho - ly. Make us pure, make us pure. For the sake of Your Name, make us pure. 4. Make us

## ENDING



sake of Your Name, make us one. For the sake of Your Name, 'til You come, for the



sake of Your Name, make us one.

## Greeting

L: 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.

## Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray the prayer of the day together;

**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.**

## The Word

### First 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 therefore 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalmody

Psalm 67

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

<sup>2</sup> **Let your way 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 on 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 its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup> May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> 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 is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But 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. <sup>22:1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> 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.

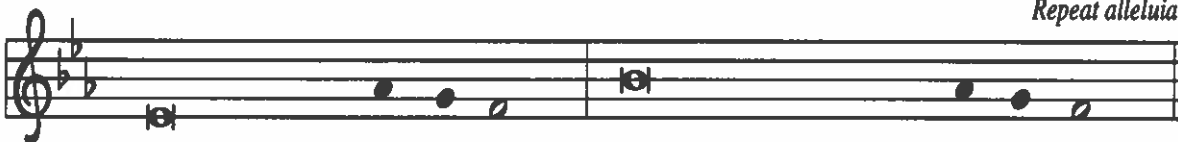
L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**C: 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

'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."

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## Message

### Hymn ELW#804

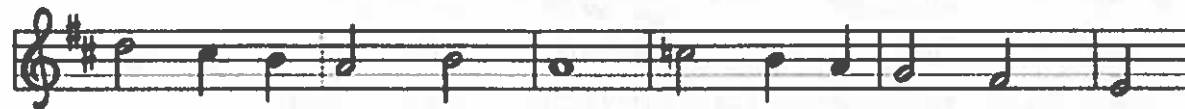
### *Come Down, O Love Divine*



- 1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
- 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
- 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
- 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long.



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight.  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayers:

L: Hear us O God; **C: Your mercy is great.**

## Prayer Concerns

*Call Committee, Kathy Arnold, Dan Benben (Kathy Owen's Brother in Law), Barbara Buffon, Betsy Chase (Fritzie's Daughter), Fritzie Cvengros, David Deterding, Patrick Donovan (Friend of Jane Smith), Rich Emerson (Kathy Owen's Family), Frank Fusco, Miguel Garcia (Wheeler's Brother in Law), Pam Guth, Wayne Heinz (Close Friend of the Hamilton's), Marilyn Parbs, Dan & Donna Schmidt, Dion Stanford (Marita's Husband), Matt Zipperer (Former member), and for all our homebound members and friends. Those serving in uniform, for our enemies and those we find hard to love, and for all who travel*

## Offering & Offertory

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

## Offering Prayer

### The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

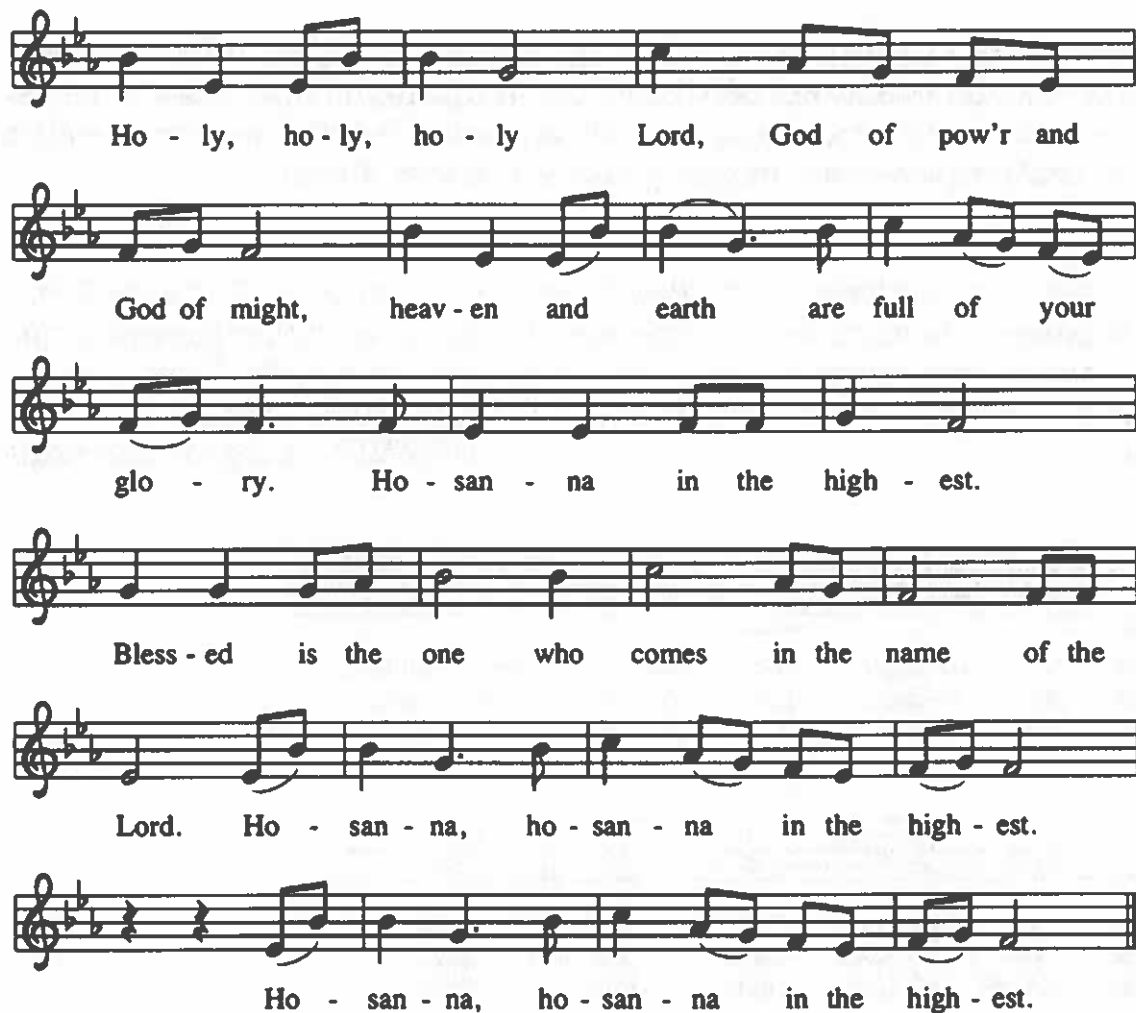
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

L: It is indeed 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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy Holy Holy**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Words of Institution**

L: 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 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.

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

L: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

L: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**C: Amen.**

L: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### 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.**

### Holy Communion

*All who are repentant of their sins and believe in the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament are welcome to receive the elements. As usual, the wine is the dark liquid and the grape juice is the light liquid. Please be cautious and only touch the cup you choose to commune with. Those who are not communing may come forward, with arms crossed upon the chest, to receive a blessing.*

### Communion Hymn

ELW#607 Come, Ye Disconsolate



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;  
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,  
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.  
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;  
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.  
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."  
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

## Prayer After Communion

## Sending

### Benediction Hymn ELW#860

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

### Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Postlude

**Those Serving Next Week:**

**Worship Leader & ALM:** Linda Masters & Carol Wheeler

**Music:** Dan Schmidt

**Ushers:** Dean & Jane Smith

**Altar Guild:** Carol Wheeler

**Counters:**

**Ministers:** All the members of HCLC

**This Week at Holy Cross**

Monday 5/26	<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
Tuesday 5/27	8:30am-12:30pm 10:00am 1:00pm	Church Office Open Hope Circle Senior Exercise Class
Wednesday 5/28	8:30am-12:30pm 9-11am; 1-3pm 10-11am	Church Office Open Food Pantry Bible Study
Thursday 5/29	8:30am-12:30pm	Church Office Open
Friday 5/30	8:30am-12:30pm	Church Office Open
Saturday 5/31		
Sunday 6/1	9:00am 10:00am	Worship Fellowship



We're glad you're here! Visitors are invited to fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. Join us for fellowship after worship. Thank you to Lisa Streu & Abby Pena for hosting today!

**Those Serving This Week:**

**Worship Leader & ALM:** Tim Koenig & Charles Polacek

**Music:** Dan Schmidt

**Ushers:** Judy Hoover & Pete Cvengros

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**Church Attendance 5/18: 41**



*Altar Flowers are given today by The Wheelers in celebration of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary & by The Jones' in thanksgiving for the church family*

**Faith & Fellowship**

⇒ **WELCA's Monday Morning Workshop.** The ladies gather every Monday morning at 9:00am to sew and share in fellowship.

⇒ **Hope Circle** is on the **Fourth** Tuesday of each month at 10:00am. Study lessons from *Gather* magazine, a publication of WELCA.

⇒ **Bible Study on Wednesdays** at 10:00am. We study the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday along with good fellowship. Join us for some interesting discussions.

**Bible Study Attendance 5/21: 10**



**Attention Parish Members:** Sun., June 8th is Pentecost this year. If you would like to adorn the Altar with a geranium, please bring it to the church Fri., June 7th and altar ladies will place them in the altar area. Geraniums that are not taken after the church service will be planted on the church property. Any questions, please call Carol Wheeler at 488-5044. Thank you for helping adorn our church Altar area.



In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed tomorrow.

