

A central stained glass artwork depicting Jesus' face and hand. The face is rendered in shades of grey and white, with a large, expressive eye. The hand is shown in a gesture of blessing, with fingers spread. The background of the artwork is composed of various colored glass pieces in red, orange, yellow, and blue, separated by dark lead lines. The entire artwork is set against a light brown, textured background.

**Peace**  
**I leave with you**

JOHN 14:27



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Saturday, May 21, 2022 ~ 5:00 pm  
Sunday, May 22, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

*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. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood. You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

vv. 1, 3 & 4



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets  
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

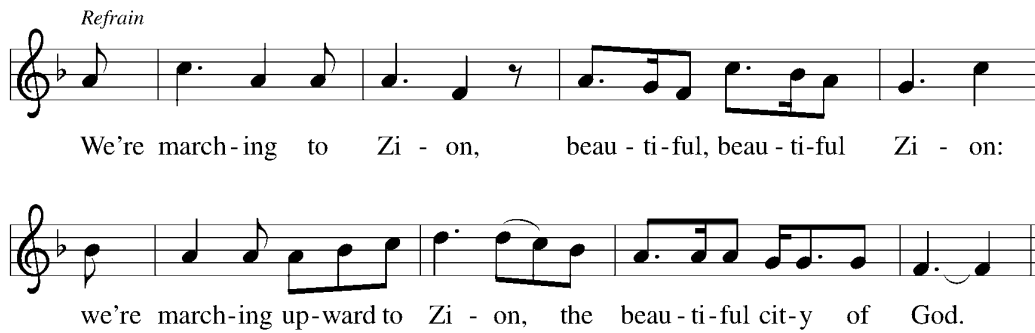


join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

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Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain  
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

## 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

Let us pray.

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 reading from Acts.

<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.**

## 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

A reading from Revelation.

<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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The holy 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 OF THE DAY

### “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

vv.1, 2 & 4



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 -

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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!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## 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 OF THE CHURCH

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

*We give thanks to God for the gifts that God provides, and for the gifts that you share with the church. Offerings to the church may be placed in the box on the table near the entrance to worship or be sent through the mail, through automatic withdraw, or through the Tithe.ly app on our website.*

## OFFERING SONG



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE 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 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your holy name:

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.



We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

*Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

# SENDING SONG “My Life Flows On In Endless Song”

vv. 1, 3 & 4



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?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**





Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

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|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Michelle Weltzin-Trainor | Carolyn Scheibe     | Andrew Arp   |
| Ron McFate               | Madison Russo       | Jan Carlson  |
| Nancy Meyer              | Ed Stoltz           | Kat McCain   |
| H.O. Nelson              | Judy Knoer          | Norman Harms |
| Sheila Baustian          | Jan Kluever         | Jay Sailer   |
| Sally Puls               | June Dierks         | Craig        |
| Duane Miller             | Michael Schafer     | Lois         |
| Kory Winter              | Peyton Langebartles | John         |
| Tim Winter               | Meyer Mixdorf       | Mary         |
| Jensen Spencer           | Bob Morehead        | Kelly        |
| Ann Kuehl                | Patty Mixdorf       | Vaughn       |
| Carol Judge              | Melissa Alden       |              |
|                          | Sue Vogel           |              |



The flowers on the altar are given by the Fenn family in loving memory of Jake.

*If you are interested in providing altar flowers, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may also sign up using the link on our web site, [www.faithlutheraneldridge.com](http://www.faithlutheraneldridge.com)*



**Congratulations** to our graduates - High School, Trade School, Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate candidates! Blessings to each of you as you begin the next chapter in your lives. We will celebrate our 2022 High School graduates at worship on **Sunday, May 22, at 9am.**



The council will host a series of Listening Posts following worship on Sunday, May 1, Saturday May 7, Sunday May 15, and **Sunday May 22.** This will be an opportunity for the congregation to enjoy fellowship and help envision ways for all of us to live into the priorities that the council has recognized for 2022. Please join us as the council looks forward to hearing the visions you have for this place.



**Please join us for the Annual Parking Lot Picnic Sunday, June 26th, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.** Pulled Pork Sandwiches, chips, side dishes, desserts, lemonade, water and table service will be provided and served by the Fellowship Team! There will be a variety of yard games for all ages to enjoy and of course time for fellowship! Feel free to bring a lawn chair and bug spray if you like! **Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex so we can plan for the event!**

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

|                   |                           |   |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Saturday, May 21  | 9am-2pm<br>8am-2pm<br>5pm | Synod Assembly in Iowa City<br>Women of Faith Parking Lot Sale<br>Worship |
| Sunday, May 22    | 9am<br>10am               | Worship with Senior Recognition<br>Fellowship Hour & Listening Post       |
| Monday, May 23    | <i>Office Closed</i>      |   |
| Tuesday, May 24   | 1pm<br>5:30pm             | Bible Study<br>Food Pantry  |
| Wednesday, May 25 | 7pm                       | High School Youth   |
| Thursday, May 26  | 9am                       | Ambassador Folding  |
| Friday, May 27    | 9:30am                    | Food Pantry   |
| Saturday, May 28  | 5pm                       | Worship   |
| Sunday, May 29    | 9am<br>10am               | Worship<br>Fellowship Hour  |



### VBS HELP NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School will be **July 10-14** this summer!! We have a lot of fun lessons planned around the theme "Shake em Up!" **Volunteers can sign up to help on the Bulletin Board.** We look forward to a fun and exciting VBS!!



Following the request at the annual meeting of the congregation, **the first quarter financial report is available at the welcome center.**

If you have questions, contact our Treasurer, Deanna Nielsen (home 285-6194 or email [deannasnielsen@gmail.com](mailto:deannasnielsen@gmail.com)).

**Final FRIDAY!**



7th Annual "FINAL FRIDAY"

Friday, June 3, 1:00 p.m.

The seventh annual "Final Friday" will take place on Friday, June 3 and we will celebrate with a yard party for the school kids. We will have snacks, games and crafts for the kids to take home. The event will kickoff after school, just after 1:00 p.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m.. **There are sign up sheets for volunteers and donations on the bulletin board in the narthex area.**

Items are needed: Packages of cookies, bottled water, potting soil and flats of flowers. Monetary donations are also welcome. We want this to be a joyous event for everyone and all should feel welcome. If you have questions, please contact Carrie Keppy at [ctkeppy@netins.net](mailto:ctkeppy@netins.net) or 285-4484.