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*"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 22, 2022**

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

*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.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

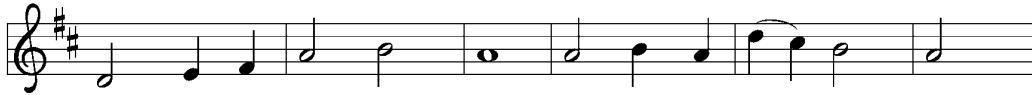
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG *Come Down, O Love Divine* (all verses)

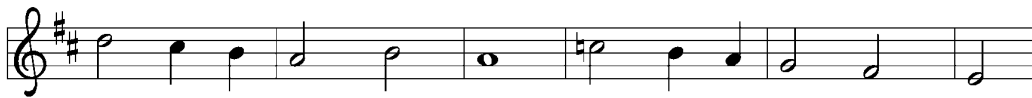
### Come Down, O Love Divine



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.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890

Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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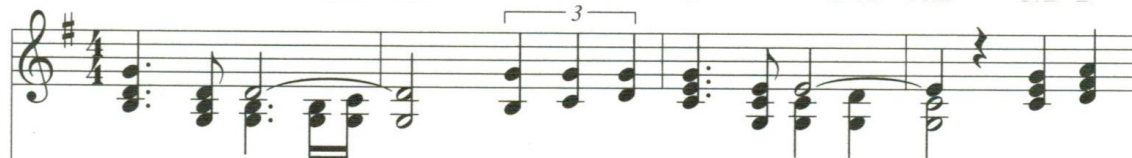
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## GREETING

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.**

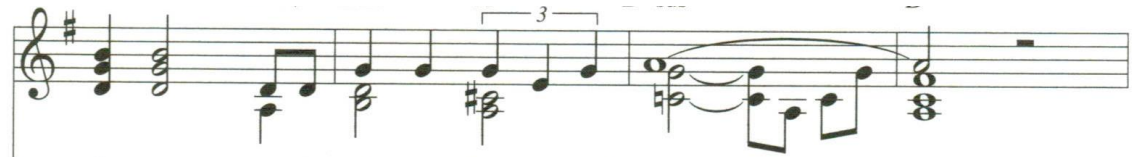
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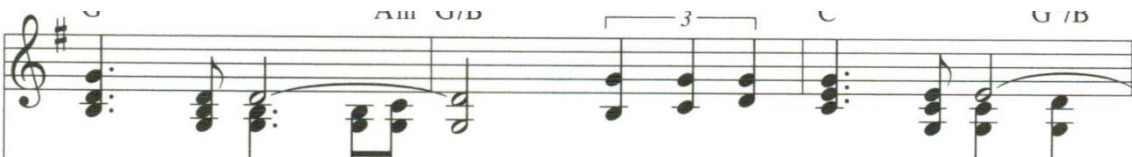
Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty: un - to

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. A triplet of eighth notes is marked above the staff.



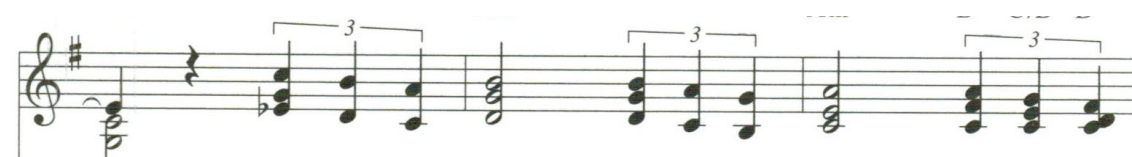
Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. A triplet of eighth notes is marked above the staff.



Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty

Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. A triplet of eighth notes is marked above the staff. Chord markings 'A/B' and 'G/B' are visible above the staff.



flows from his throne un - to his own; his an - them

Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. Three triplet markings are present above the staff.



raise. So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of

Musical staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. A triplet marking is present above the staff.



Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri -

Musical staff 6: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. A triplet marking is present above the staff.



fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

Musical staff 7: Treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. A triplet marking is present above the staff.

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty:  
 Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all  
 kings; Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied,  
 King of all kings.

## 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.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*

## FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

*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.*

<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: Psalm 67**

*(Sung responsively between women & men, beginning with the women)*



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- <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 a- | mong 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 na- | tions 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.

*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 supplants sun and moon.*

<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 ACCLAMATION



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community  
Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

<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.**



**HYMN OF THE DAY *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (all verses)**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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!

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

Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

## **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 to the dead.\***

**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 CHURCH** *(Please respond.)*

*P: God, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERING RESPONSE



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

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## OFFERING 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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

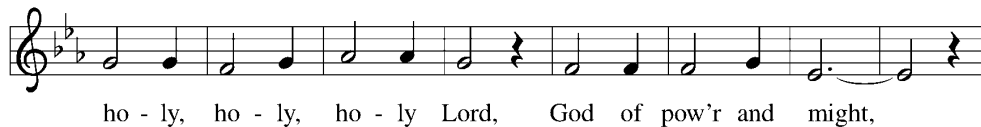
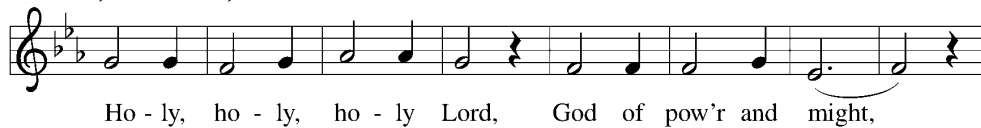
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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 name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.

## **COMMUNION**

*Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher, maintaining your distance. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Return to your seat. Please notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar. The Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION



*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá*  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

*pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar*  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

*un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;*  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

*me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.*  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

*A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.*  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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## 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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (all verses)

### My Life Flows On in Endless Song



- 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. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

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### **SERVING TODAY**

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Bread Cubes ..... Bill & Lilly Chiado  
Communion Assist ..... Ron Coldsmith  
Attendance last Sunday ..... 58

**Stewardship Thought** - May 22, 2022 (Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C) Acts 16:15 – When Lydia 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.” Hospitality and community go hand in hand. God opens Lydia’s heart, and she opens her home to Paul and his companions. How can we show a wide welcome in our worshiping communities and to the neighborhoods around us?

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the Glory of God in honor of Ella Grace McEntire’s graduating from Waynesboro Area High School given by Pappy Rich & Grandma Janice.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!



**Prayer requests** for the following *Rich Plummer, Jean Jackson, Mark Gayman, Annamarie Schwartz, David Johnson, Joe and Karen Wolfinger, Jennie Matthews, Kristen Hardman, Becky Pecha, Patricia Yetter, Baby Warren Baker, Ukrainian Nation, Peace for the World, Carol Locke, Aurora Shultz and her parents David & Brittany, Linda Wepking, Frances Kramer, Connie Bikle, Darrell Veilleux*. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Note:** At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

**For now, the offering plate will continue to be placed in the back of the church in front of the Baptismal Font.** Thank you for your continuing support of the ministries of Solomon's as we join God in the work of sharing Christ's love.

**Office Hours for Pastor Barb** are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon or call for an appointment.

**Pentecost Sunday, June 5:** The day the church celebrates God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

- **Wear red to the worship service** to remind us of the tongues of flames as seen by the apostles.
- This celebration will be an **OUTSIDE SERVICE**. In the interest of safety for our older more unsteady family members, the Worship and Music team is planning a **Service of the Word to keep walking to a minimum**.
- **Food assignments** for the picnic lunch after worship are listed by the beginning letter of your last name: A-H desserts (cake will be provided), J-R meat/main course, S-Z veggies/salads

**Volunteers are needed for nursery duties during the summer months.** A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Sunday School Room.

**Power Pack Meals:** We will not be collecting food during June or July. The program will resume in August for the 2022-2023 school year. Please place the items you donate in the gray tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are also accepted, write your check to Solomon's and put Power Pack in the memo line.

**Social Ministry:** Beginning in June and continuing through August Social Ministry will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits as we have done in past years. Items needed are: One light-weight dark color bath size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"); Two - three bath size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand in original wrapping; One adult size toothbrush in original packaging; One sturdy comb; One metal nail clippers attached file optional. We are not asking that you donate an entire kit, just the items you feel you can give. Please place the items in the gray tote under the coat rack. The kits will be assembled during **God's Work Our Hands** on Rally Day Sunday in September.

**VBS Celebration Sunday June 26, 2022** – We are asking all members to bring canned food items to our VBS Celebration Sunday Service. During the week of VBS we are asking the kids to donate a canned food item. We will be building a canned food pyramid with the items donated. All donations will then go to Maranatha Ministries of Chambersburg.

**Monumental VBS 2022:** Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>; 6:30pm – 8:30 pm. Ages: 3yrs – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Celebration Sunday: June 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. See Barbara Aldrich or Janice McEntire for registrations forms.

**Our Daily Bread booklets for July/August/September** are available in the pamphlet rack in the narthex.

**Annual Auxiliary Membership Drive** - The annual SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary membership drive will take place during the month of May. Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. Your support allows the auxiliary to continue to make generous contributions to SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge, including donations to the Inn Endowment Fund and Homecare & Hospice Endowment Fund. These funds are essential to providing continued benevolent care. If you would like to join the Auxiliary or need more information, please contact Becky Pecha, your congregational representative.

**Volunteer Opportunities** - Volunteers are currently needed to assist residential living residents and team members on off-campus outings to restaurants, concerts, theater performances, and educational presentations. Please contact Linda Beaver at [lbeaver@spiristrustlutheran.org](mailto:lbeaver@spiristrustlutheran.org) if you are interested in this or would like to explore other volunteer opportunities at The Village at Luther Ridge. Volunteers play an integral role in providing compassionate care and support to those we serve.

**The council is forming a media ministry team** where all things computer will be cared for under one umbrella. This includes the worship services, office computers, Facebook account, etc. The more people who help, the less work for everyone. Is God calling you to learn new ways of preaching the Good News boldly following the example of Jesus Christ? Wayne Norman has agreed to lead this group. Call him if you feel called to this ministry.

**Sign-up Sheets for worship assistants** for the rest of the year will be on the side table in the Sunday School room. Communion: bread, set-up, clean-up, and assistant will be on a monthly basis. If you can't commit to the entire month, please see if you can share the month with someone else. Acolytes and Lectors are on a weekly basis. If you find you can't fulfill a chosen date, please call someone to take your place. Let Kimberly in the office know so the bulletin and newsletter info stays up to date. Thank you for your commitment to help provide opportunities for meaningful worship at Solomons. Kimberly will publish the schedule for each month in the newsletter.

**MAY 22, 2022**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*God leads, we follow.*



**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 14:23-29</b>	<b>The sending of the counselor</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 16:9-15</b>	<b>Paul travels to Macedonia</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5</b>	<b>River of life</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Proverbs 3:5-6</b>	<b>Trust God</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 1:1-11</b>	<b>The ascension of Jesus</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Numbers 6:22-27</b>	<b>Blessing for the people</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 67</b>	<b>Tell the nations to praise God</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 17:20-26</b>	<b>Jesus prays for his disciples</b>

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*“When she [Lydia] 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. Acts 16:15 (NRSV)*

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, help us to understand how you lead us each day to care for others for the sake of Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Thank you, God, for giving us food; for the food that we eat and the friends that we meet. Thank you, God, for all that you do. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord be gracious to you and bless you and make God’s face to shine upon you. (Psalm 67:1)

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Do you make your own decisions or rely on others to help you make decisions? Explain.
- When is a time you felt God was leading you in your life and/or relationships?

## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Down to the River to Pray*



## DEVOTIONS

*Read: Acts 16:9-15.*

Congregations are urged to establish vision and mission statements and make plans accordingly. In the midst of such important planning, it is important to remember who is in charge, who is doing the actual leading. We may take aim at ministry objectives, but when we arrive at the goal or destination, hopefully, we recognize that God was there awaiting our arrival. In Acts 16, Paul and his fellow missionary friends believe they are led by a vision of a man from Macedonia to go there. When they arrive, it is not a man, but a group of women whose hearts are opened, and it is Lydia who opens her home to them. Whether it is Paul in his day or we in our day, it is good to remember that it is not we ourselves who bring God to people.

*Discuss:* How have you shared your faith with others as Lydia did?

*Pray:* **God, just as you led Paul to Macedonia, lead us each day that we may bring joy and the good news of Christ to waiting hearts. Amen.**

## SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, where do you sense God is leading you to serve others?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 67 is a prayer reminding us that God blesses us and continues to bless us. Think or talk about ways you and those you know have been blessed by God. Pray the Psalm by inserting your name or that of another and say: **God, our God, has blessed \_\_\_\_\_. May God continue to bless \_\_\_\_\_; let all the ends of the earth worship our God. Amen.**