

A stained glass artwork depicting Jesus with his hands clasped in prayer. The image is composed of various colored glass panes in shades of red, orange, yellow, teal, and grey, separated by black lead lines. The overall style is modern and abstract. A vertical bar on the left side transitions from red at the top to orange at the bottom. The text 'Peace I leave with you' is overlaid in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

Peace I leave with you

JOHN 14:27

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Reverend Bonnie M. Oplinger, *Pastor*
Mr. Roger L. Kurtz, *Director of Music*

“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE: *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* – Dietrich Buxtehude

ACCLAMATION

*Throughout this worship folder, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Just as God’s work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain [and snow],
for local water sources.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,

for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.
We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who gather here;
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
for children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren
for our brothers and sisters in Christ
whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.
We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.
We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN #383: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Alternate Tune: HYMN TO JOY

APOSTOLIC 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

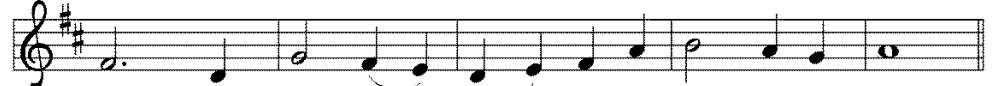
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



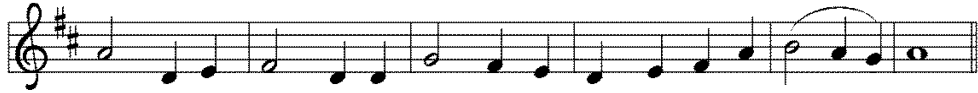
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

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 *(printed on the back cover)*

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.

The congregation is seated. At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 67

The Psalm is spoken responsively as indicated.

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

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

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

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

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

⁶**The 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.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 *(printed on the back cover)*

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.

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation stands to sing the acclamation printed on the next page.



Prior to the Gospel the following is said:

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:23-29 *(printed on the back cover)*

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.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Presence in Absence and Promises

“Lord, where are you going?”

“Lord, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?”

“Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied.”

“Lord, how is it you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?”

Anxious questions arise as Jesus shares his final meal with his disciples and his final conversation with them.

And what questions might be in Jesus mind?

“Will these disciples continue to love me?”

“Will these disciples continue to do my work?”

“Can the next generation love me without having had a personal relationship with me?”

“Can they do my works and keep my commandments?”

But, instead of getting bogged down in His own questions, Jesus gives them comforting words and encouraging words. Something I never noticed before until I read a commentary by Aisha Brooks-Lytle, executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta is, “These are the words of a dying man.”

Have any of you experienced having a conversation with someone you loved who you knew was going to die soon? What was that conversation like? As

Presbyter Brooks-Lytle experienced it, it was a mixture of the greater questions and some very practical advice. As I remember my husband Earl (may he rest in peace) during the last months of his life, would give me these practical instructions about what to do with knobs and buttons, levers and gauges on various things around the house that needed attention in spring, summer, fall or winter. All I could think was I will never remember all this stuff. He also suggested that I not marry the first man I meet. I believe I've honored that one. And then he asked me, "Do you believe in heaven?"

So what does this dying man, Jesus, offer to His disciples? He makes them three promises. First, Jesus knows that in order for them to love one another, to be able to live that kind of love, they will need the constant presence of God in their midst. Jesus says, "We will come and make our home with you." Remember the beginning of the Gospel of John? "The Word became flesh and lived among us." God, the creator loved that creation so much that God sent God's Son to live in it. This cohabitation that Jesus speaks of is not a reward for good behavior. It is simply a statement of where God likes to spend time. It is even echoed in the Book of Revelation, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He (sic) will dwell with them as their God, they will be his (sic) peoples, and God himself (sic) will be with them." (*Revelation 21:3*).

Second, Jesus promises them the advent of the Holy Spirit among them. Remember, after the resurrection he breathes on the disciples gathered in the upper room? He breathes on them the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit "will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." (John 14:25) We always think of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter or the Advocate. It never dawned on me before that the Holy Spirit was a teacher.

Do you remember a teacher who was important in your life?

To help the disciples in this church to whom I extend home communion do life review, I have been interviewing them using Story Corp questions.

Among them are these two:

1. Who was the biggest influence on your life?
2. What lessons did this person teach you?

Two people have told me about the same person who was a teacher that was important in their lives. It was Grace Miller. Did anyone here know or have Grace Miller for a teacher?

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit "will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." The Holy Spirit accompanies the church as it remembers. The Spirit guides the disciples and the church as we think back over what we have experienced of Jesus and as we seek to let our love for him show up in the ways we relate to others. The Spirit helps disciples to understand Jesus and his word and to love Jesus by keeping his word on behalf of the world.

This is what the story of Paul's encounter with Lydia is all about. The next generation, who never experienced Jesus in the same way the disciples did, do encounter His presence because of the presence and teaching of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, Jesus gives his own peace to those he is about to leave. Jesus offers his peace again and again after his resurrection. In his first encounter with the disciples in the upper room on the day of resurrection, he greets them with, "Peace be with you." Later he says again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then he breathes on them. The following week when Thomas is now present with the disciples, Jesus greets his disciples with "Peace be with you." Even in this chapter of John, before he is crucified, he says to his disciples in this final discourse, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."

But this peace is more than a greeting to comfort their troubled hearts. It is a greeting to give them courage in the midst of fear. Throughout the events of his arrest, trial and crucifixion, as well as in the resurrection, Jesus will embody the peace he offers here. Jesus offers us both the comfort of peace, as well as the courage of peace to face our fears. As the events of the immediate and distant future unfold, Jesus' followers will be able to trust that the One who loved them enough to send the Son still loves them and still seeks to dwell with them. They will know they are not orphaned. And neither are we orphans. God still dwells with us - in Baptism, in Holy Communion, and most importantly in the love we extend to those whom God created and loves.

Jesus loved us enough to lay down his life, and he loved us enough to leave us a legacy that will lead us to hope in the midst of the brokenness we see. Will we carry on the legacy that Christ commands, or will we fall into the temptation to do things our own way? It is easy to rationalize our way out of loving one another. We want to qualify love. We want to complicate it by adding stipulations as to who is worthy to receive it and who is not. We want to pat ourselves on the back for tolerating the unlovable and loving those we tolerate. We want to place judgment on those who do we not understand. Just what do we owe each other and just how far will we go to make things right? It is not easy to live out a dying man's legacy or uphold the wishes of the dying.

By the teaching power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to love as Jesus loved, being comforted and being courageous and loving others Jesus' way. Jesus is saying to us, "Peace be with you. We will come and make our home with you." **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY #447: *O Blessed Spring*

BERGLUND

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,**

NICENE CREED *(Continued)*

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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. *God, in your mercy,*
hear our prayer.

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. *God, in your mercy,*
hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Continued)*

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. *God, in your mercy,*
hear our prayer.

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace (especially) Christine and Andy Anderson, Lynn Beard, Weston Hertzler, Amy Kenavan, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, Byron Miller, Judy Perry, Lisa Riley, Vickie Salmi, Carol Stark, Daryl Slaymaker, Evelyn Wissler, Doris Witwer, Wyatt Wolfe, Pastor Dennis Trout, Bonnie Trout, the family of Jacob Garman, and the family of James Martin. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers and the helpers and the residents at nursing homes; school boards, school administrators, staff, teachers and students in communities around this country. *God, in your mercy,*
hear our prayer.

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. *God, in your mercy,*
hear our prayer.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died (especially) James Martin and Jacob Garman when we meet together at your river of life. *God, in your mercy,*
hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words. At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.

OFFERTORY

☩ 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

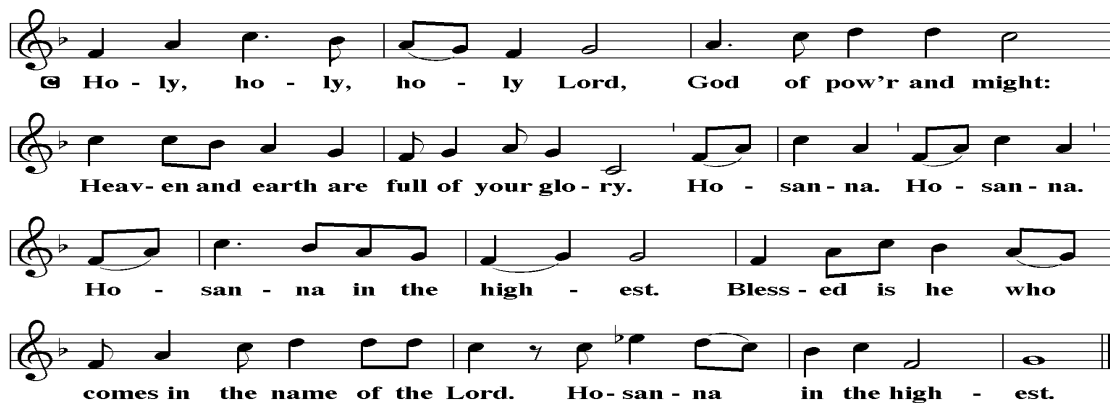
Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues with the proper Preface for the day. The congregation then sings:

SANCTUS



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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The congregation responds, Amen.

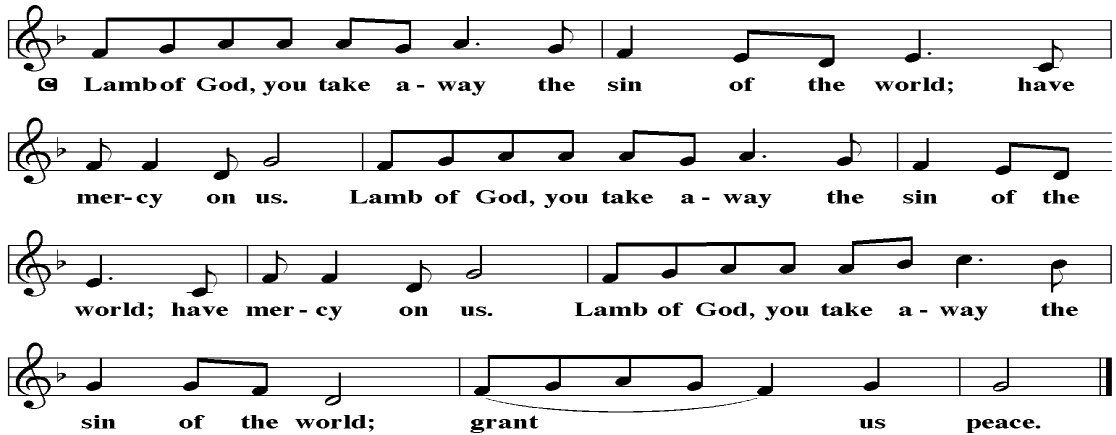
LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

FRACTION

The table of life is spread before us. Receive the goodness and mercy of God. All are welcome at this table where Christ is the host and the meal.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The congregation is seated. Lutherans teach that Christ is truly present with, in, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Those who wish to receive only a blessing should indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. As the ministers distribute the elements, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Each person may respond: Amen.

POST –COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God’s grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, and seek the healing of the nations, that the earth may glimpse from our lives the eternal presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Go in peace. The spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in F Major* – Dietrich Buxtehude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC NOTES

The text of this morning’s Hymn of the Day (“O Blessed Spring” – *ELW* #447) was written by Susan Palo Cherwien (1953-2021), who passed away last December 28th after a valiant battle with cancer. Eight of her hymn texts, which are known for their beauty and depth of substance, appear in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Written in 1992, “O Blessed Spring” carries the singer through the whole journey of life – connected to and drawing life from Christ the Vine. Cherwien described her inspiration as follows: “Above the baptismal font in Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis hangs a striking bronze sculpture by the late Paul Granlund, a sculpture which embodies the image of John 15:5 – ‘I am the vine: you are the branches.’ Granlund cast a tree with four branches depicting the four stages of human life, with Christ as the central trunk.” For each life season, the artist chose these figures to be represented: a woman cradling an infant (spring), an agile, enthusiastic youth (summer), a mature woman (autumn), and an aging male who is approaching the end of his earthly pilgrimage, again curled into a fetal position (winter). This image of being forever grafted to Christ by baptism throughout each phase of life offers unmeasurable comfort, joy and hope, especially during troubling and uncertain times. (See picture on page 18.)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given today for the glory of God.

TODAY!!!
INSTALLATION

OF
THE REV. SCOTT BRUBAKER
will take place at
Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds
at **4 PM** today.

Everyone is welcome
to witness this celebration
of a
called minister.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

will be held at
Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church, Reinholds
at **7 PM**

on
Thursday, May 26

This is a combined service of five Lutheran churches
in the North Lancaster area.

Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank

Many thanks to all of you who bring food items for the Lititz-Warwick Community Chest each month.

May Food Bank Suggestions:

- **canned fruit**
- **rice - plain white, brown, or flavored.**
- **cold breakfast cereal**



Items can be placed in the box near the elevator on the first floor - thank you!

TODAY!!!

Join Us!

After worship service

Annual Bake Sale Auction



Church Picnic

will take place on

Sunday, June 5th, 2022

in the Warwick Township Park.

We will have our

Polka Mass

with

The Heidelberg Brass Band

Worship service will start at 10:00 a.m.

A meal will follow worship.

Hot dogs, barbeque, baked beans and drink will be provided.

Please use the following guideline for attendance.

- Members with last names starting with A-M, bring a **salad**.
- Members with last names starting with N-Z, bring a **dessert**.
- We would appreciate for each family **bring your own place settings**.

Additional Optional Guidelines Should You Choose To Participate:

Games will be played such as Bingo.

- **If you wish to play Bingo, bring a white elephant gift.**
- This special day is also **Pentecost**, so wear the color **RED**.



























DON'T FORGET!

Invite your family, neighbors, and friends!





SERVING IN THE LITURGY

						
	Pastor		The Rev. Bonnie Oplinger			
	Organist		Roger Kurtz			
	Assisting Minister/Lector		Jill Clubb			
	Alter Guild		Brenda Fetter			
	Ushers		Claude Grube and Andy Anderson			
	Zoom Monitor					
	Acolyte					
						

ZOOM WORSHIP - Here are the links for worship each Sunday moving forward. We will continue to print them in the bulletin and newsletter and they will also be available on the church's website @ www.jerusaluth.org.

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FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

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." 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.

Psalm 67**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5**

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 ²through 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. ³Nothing 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; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And 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

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. 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."

or John 5:1-9 [not printed]

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.

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