

# Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church

*Experiencing and Sharing God's Presence*



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 AM

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*WELCOME TO MT. HOREB LUTHERAN CHURCH! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ. Make a special effort to speak to those you do not know and welcome guests.*

*Visitors, welcome! We are delighted that you are here to worship with us this morning and encourage you to sign our guest book in the narthex, or fill out one of the visitor cards in the pew holders and place it in the narthex's offertory plate when you leave today. We would love to stay in touch with you and let you know more about Mt. Horeb and upcoming events in the months ahead.*

*HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.*

**PRELUDE: IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS**

**-- Thomas Tallis**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*We stand*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P 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.

P We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne: ...

P ... To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING  
(VERSES 1-2) ELW 631**



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

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P** 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.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

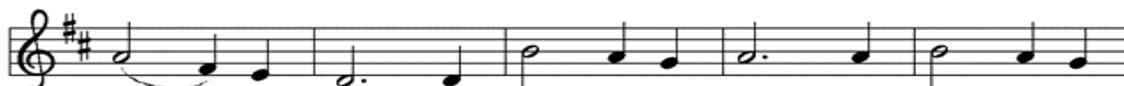


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

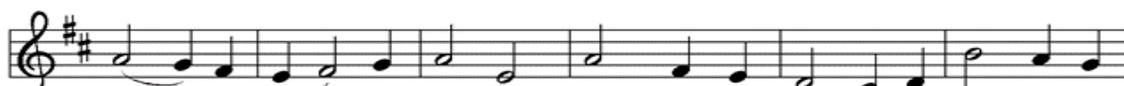
*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

**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.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*We sit*

**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 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.

**P** The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks Be to God!**

**PSALM: PSALM 67 (Read responsively)**

<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**

<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.

**P The Word of the Lord. C Thanks Be to God!**

*We stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
**(We sing it twice)**



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

**HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

<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.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ! (*spoken boldly*)**

*We sit*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

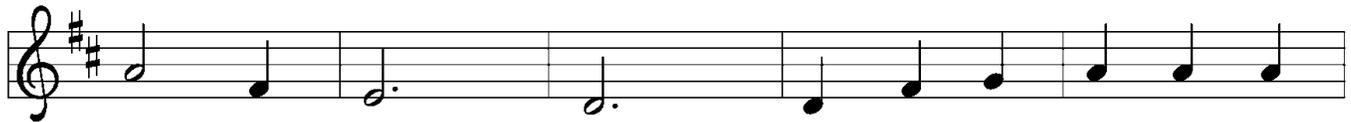
**SERMON**

**PASTOR HILL**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT**  
**ELW 815**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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*We stand*

## **NICENE CREED**

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

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

P 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.

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

C Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### Create in Me *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff starts with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note, then continues with a series of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The third staff features a longer note value (a half note) before continuing with quarter notes. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a final cadence, including a double bar line.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*(Communion is offered individually or at the Altar Rail 1st & 3rd Sundays—2nd, 4th, & 5th Sundays individually or at stations set up front by the Baptismal Font)*

### HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P 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



P 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.

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*We sit*

**COMMUNION HYMN: LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY**  
**LBW 225**



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray that we may  
 2. The bless - ed peace of sin for - giv'n, com - mu - nal  
 3. Our hearts at - ten - tive to your Word. All you have  
 4. One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, our lives trans -  
 5. Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: Oh, keep us



feast with you to - day; be - neath these forms of bread and  
 joy of heirs of heav'n, grant as we share this won - drous  
 prom - ised you af - ford; All that you are we here re -  
 formed; Lord, we be - lieve. Your love pro - claim un - til you  
 stead - fast to that day, that each may be your wel - comed



wine en - rich us with your grace\_ di - vine.  
 food, your bo - dy bro - ken and\_ your blood.  
 ceive, and all we are to you\_ we give.  
 come to bring your scat - tered chil - dren home.  
 guest when you shall spread your heavn' - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844-1932, alt. RDH 17.v.2022.  
 Tune: GRACE CHURCH, Ignaz J. Pleyel, 1757-1831.

*We stand*

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

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**PRAYER**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**P** God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING ELW 631**  
**(SEE OPENING HYMN) (VERSES 3-4)**

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**P** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING ELW 631**  
**- Samuel Metzger**

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**EXPERIENCING AND SHARING GOD'S PRESENCE**

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# CHILDREN'S PAGES

Today is the **6th Sunday** of Easter. Have you ever been on a scavenger hunt? During a scavenger hunt, people look for things on a list. Today you're going on a scavenger hunt from right where you are. Here is your list:

How many musical instruments have you heard today? \_\_\_\_\_

What colors is the pastor wearing? \_\_\_\_\_

What color is the cloth on God's table (the altar)? \_\_\_\_\_

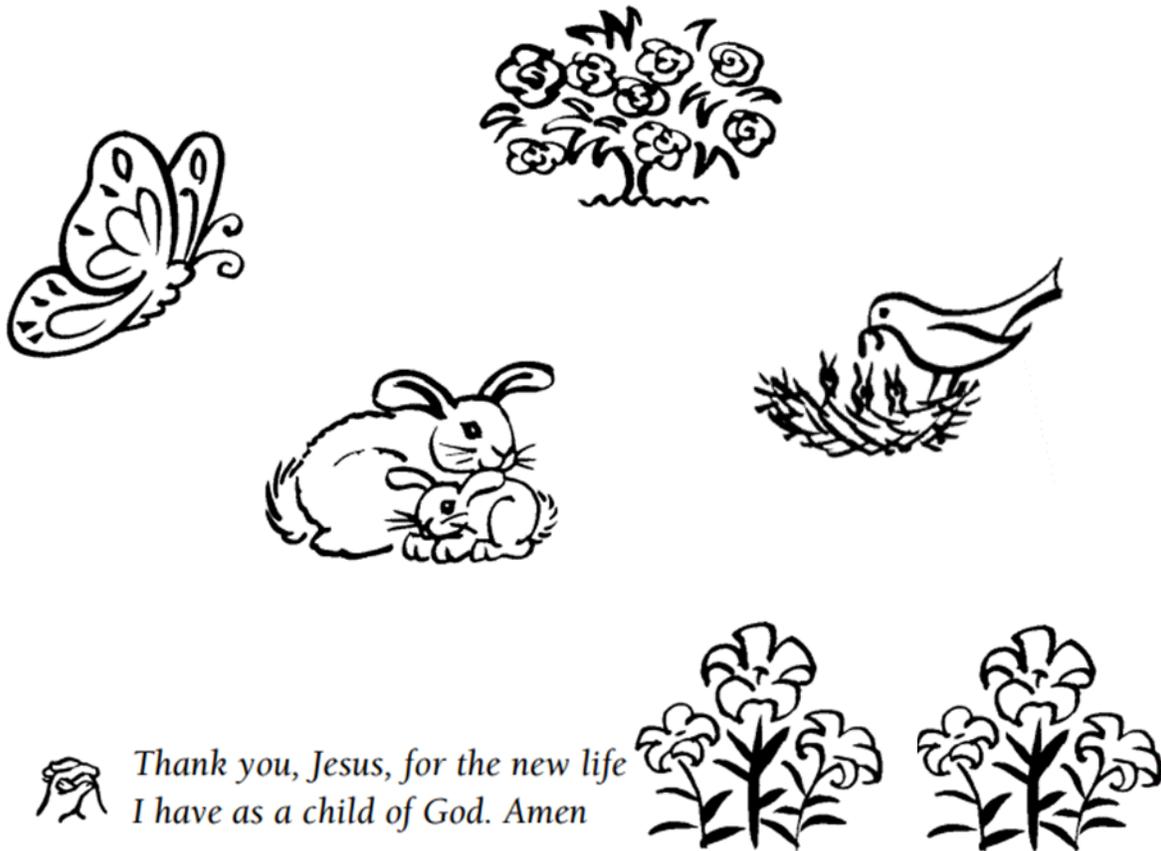
How many candles do you see burning? \_\_\_\_\_

What symbol is on the front of your hymnal or songbook? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite part of the worship service? \_\_\_\_\_

## Easter and new life

Do you remember that we are still celebrating the Easter season? Spring changes can remind us of the new life Jesus gave us at Easter. What signs of spring can you see here?



**Meet Lydia** — Acts 16:9-15 Paul and Silas traveled far and wide, teaching people about Jesus. One day they met a woman named Lydia. She sold expensive purple cloth. Lydia loved and worshiped God. She listened to Paul's words about Jesus. Then she told her whole family about Jesus. They all came to Paul and were baptized.

**Circle six shells hidden in this picture.**



**Fun fact:** The dye Lydia used to make purple cloth came from shellfish that live in the Mediterranean Sea.

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*To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall*

WORSHIP: *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*

LEARN: *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*

WITNESS: *Boldly share the Word of God*

SERVE: *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*

SUPPORT: *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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