



# HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

May 22, 2022

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory, **you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen**

Opening Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

## Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: we worship you and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord; you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. 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**

[Sit]

## Choral Anthem

*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

arr. John Wilson

The Luther Singers

## First Lesson

**Acts 16:9-15**

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms

**Psalm 67**

*(Congregation speaks together.)*

<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 Lesson

**Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5**

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia Verse

[Stand]

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**



**John 14:23-29**

Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

[Sit]

## Sermon

*"The Peace of Christ..."*

[Stand]

## Hymn of the Day

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

ELW 763

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He 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, and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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

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.*

[After each petition, the congregation responds with: **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**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
(The congregation is asked to greet one another with the words of Christ: "Peace be with you.")

## Offertory

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy . . . *(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

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

**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**

## Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

[Sit]

## Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*We're nourished together by the body and blood of our Lord.*

## Communion Hymns

***For the Bread Which You Have Broken  
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

ELW 494

ELW 800

## Post-Communion Canticle

[Stand]

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry one what he has done.  
Let ev'ry one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray together. 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**

## Hymn

*When Peace Like a River*

ELW 785

## Benediction

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

## “The Peace of God”

**Whatsoever things are honest,  
                  whatsoever things are true,  
Whatsoever things are pure and lovely,  
                  think on these things.  
Whatsoever things are wholesome,  
                  whatsoever things are good,  
If there be any virtue, be any praise,  
                  think on these things.  
And the peace of God  
                  that passes all understanding  
Shall keep your hearts,  
                  shall keep your minds  
                  on Jesus Christ.**

## Dismissal

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

***“Our worship is ended; our service and our witness continue!”***

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### Today's Heavenly Helpers

* Assisting Minister	8:15 service	Carol Townsend
	10:45 service	Ellen Hancock
* Church Pianist		Sandy Hunter
* Choir Director		Sarah Harbin
* Lector	8:15 service	Ann Buehler
	10:45 service	Janice Weber
* Ushers	10:45 service	Steven & Amy Freese
* Communion Asst.	10:45 service	Barbara Polk

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 104

### Calendar of Events for This Week

Monday	- Knitting & Crochet ministry, 2 PM
Tuesday	- Men's Bible Study/Ellijay, 9 AM, Mike's Restaurant - Ladies Bible Study, 12 noon
Wednesday	- Food Pantry, 10 AM-12:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal, 6 PM
Thursday	- Men's Bible Study/Jasper, 9:00 AM, Carriage House - Quilters, 10 AM - Ascension service, 1 PM - Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM
Saturday	- Blessing of the Bikes, 9 AM

#### Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...

**First Lesson** – – Acts 16:16-34

**Psalm** – Psalm 97

**Second Lesson** – Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 21-21

**Gospel** – John 17:20-26

#### Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

**Lector** – Barbara Fail

**Ushers** – Tom & Carole English

**Communion Asst.** – Barbara Fail

**Mid-Week Altar Guild** – Micky Northrup

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praising, equipping and sending"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYERS  
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**Ascension Day Service**

Join us in the sanctuary this Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM for our annual Ascension Day service of Holy Communion.

**Blessing of the Bikes**

This coming Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, our Evangelism Team will hold our Annual Spring Blessing of the Bikes for local riders and their bikes in our parking lot. At 9 AM we'll have a breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee (and probably donuts, too) in Founders Hall. The Blessing will follow at 10 AM.

**Fifth Sunday Singing**

Next Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and we will have one combined worship service at 10 AM. As part of the service we will be singing a selection of favorite hymns. Today is the final day to help us select the hymns we will sing during the service. In the narthex you will find a "Favorite Hymns" request sheet. If you would like to help choose music for that day, write down what your top one, two or three favorite ELW hymns are. You may also send your choices to the church email – *hope.elca.ellijay@gmail.com*

We will select from your combined favorites to sing during the service.