

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 25, 2025 at 10:00am

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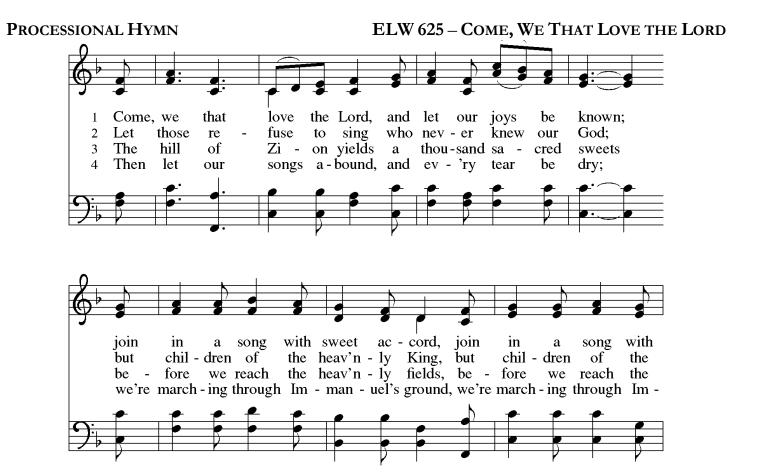
Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

SUITE GOTHIQUE – III. PRIERE À NOTRE DAME Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

WELCOME





GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He 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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE SETTING FOUR



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.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING ACTS 16:9-15

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.

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." 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. We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 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. 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. 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. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67



- May God be merciful to us and <u>bless us;</u> may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² Let your way be known upon <u>earth</u>, your saving health among all <u>nations</u>.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O <u>God</u>; let all the peoples <u>praise you</u>.
- *4 Let the nations be glad and sing for <u>joy</u>, for you judge the peoples with equity 'and guide all the nations on <u>earth</u>.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O <u>God</u>; let all the peoples <u>praise you</u>.
- The earth has brought forth its <u>increase</u>; God, our own God, has <u>blessed us</u>.
- May God give us <u>blessing</u>, and may all the ends of the earth stand in <u>awe</u>.

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.

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. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 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. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 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. 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 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. 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; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 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 READING JOHN 14:23-29

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.

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. 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. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 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. 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. 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. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PASTOR MILLER

Please stand as you are able.



NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of life,

hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The risen Christ stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." The peace of Christ be with you always. / And also with you.

All may share a sign of Peace.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at <u>saintlukegive.us</u> or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

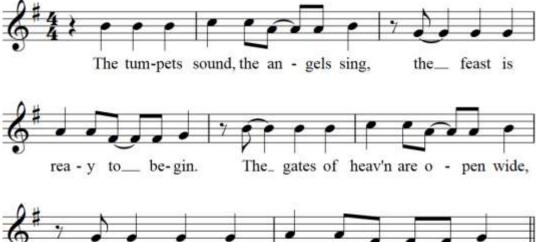
THY PERFECT LOVE John Rutter (b.1945)

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest; thy perfect love close in my breast, That I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee of all things best, And wounde my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

The offering is received and is presented at the altar. Please stand.

OFFERING HYMN

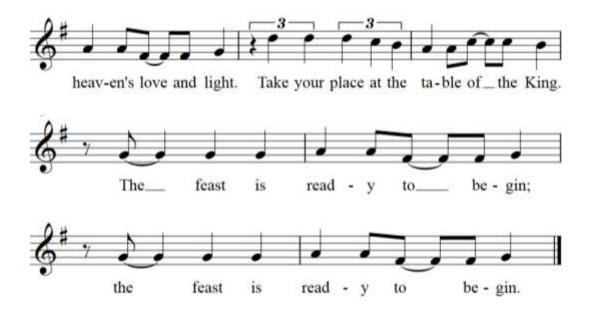
ELW 531 – THE TRUMPETS SOUND







Sing with thank-ful-nesssongs of pure de-light. Come and rev-el in



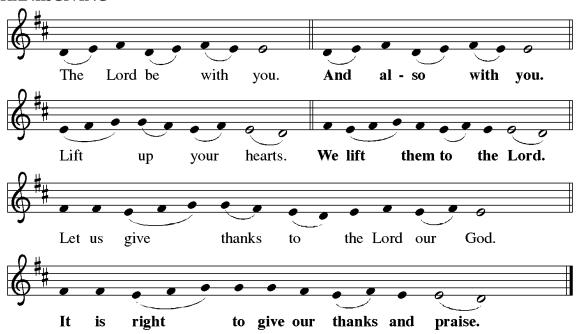
OFFERING PRAYER

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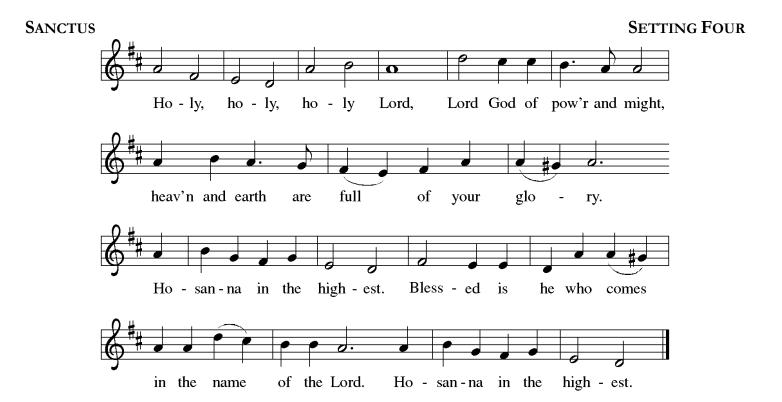
Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosostros tu reino, hagase tu voluntad, asi en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia; perdona nuestras ofensas, como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion, mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

This is the feast of victory for our God! **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.

Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.

(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

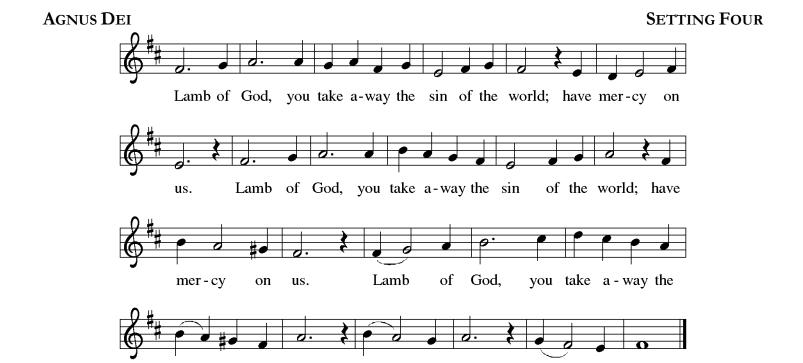
The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

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of the world;

We rejoice this morning with **Kenneth B. Thornton**, who is receiving his first Communion. We thank our youth for baking today's communion bread. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to be nourished and grow in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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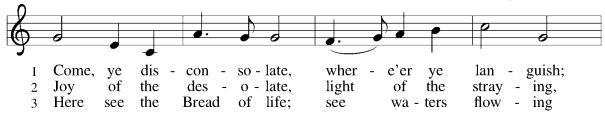
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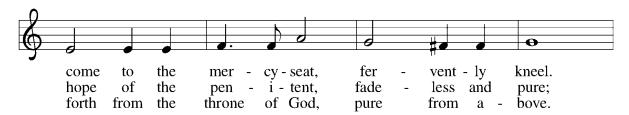
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grant

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 607 – COME, YE DISCONSOLATE









POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 207-THANKFUL HEARTS & VOICES RAISE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ♣ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 815 – I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT





DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

SUITE GOTHIQUE – II. MENUET GOTHIQUE

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)



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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Saturday, May 31, 2025

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

VBS ITEMS NEEDED: CAN YOU HELP?

During Vacation Bible School (VBS) each year, the children, teenagers, and adult participate in a Mission Station where they learn how to put their faith in action and spread God's love in the community and world.

The projects this year include creating personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR), creating dental hygiene and food kits for the Food Pantry, and much more. Can you help be part of these projects?

You can give monetarily at www.saintlukegive.us by donating to the line item that says VBS Service Projects. You can also bring in needed supplies, such as, toothpaste, mouthwash (18 oz or smaller sizes), deodorant, floss, bar soap, shampoo, or toothbrushes and place them in the blue VBS bin in the hallway. Most needed at the moment is toothpaste and mouthwash, but all items are helpful. The kits will be added to the Food Pantry bags to be given to clients in July.

If you have any questions, contact Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DATES TO NOTE

Sunday, June 1 Ascension Sunday, Annual Meeting Following the 10:00 a.m. Service Calling all Saint Luke members – please attend the Annual Meeting next week

Sunday, June 8 The Festival of Pentecost, Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) – a day to wear RED

Sunday, July 13 Saint Luke Summer Celebration "Christmas in July!"

FLOWERS: GLORIFYING GOD AND HONORING AND REMEMBERING

What a wonderful way to glorify God in our worship, as well as honor or remember loved ones. Thank you for considering giving flowers for Sunday. Dedications will be printed in the bulletin.

There now is a very easy way to do this. It is all electronic for those who prefer. Simply go to www.saintluke.us and click Flower Dedications and follow the directives. Thanks so much for considering this wonderful witness.

Today's Music:

ELW 625

COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain

Music: Robert Lowry

Tune: MARCHING TO ZION

ELW 804

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833-1890 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-

1958

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY

ELW 531

THE TRUMPETS SOUND

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

Tune: THE FEAST IS READY

ELW 607 COME, YE DISCONSOLATE

Text: Thomas Moore, 1776-1852, sts. 1-2; Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872, st. 3 Music: Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740-1816

Tune: CONSOLATOR

ELW 207

THANKFUL HEARTS & VOICES RAISE

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, 1927-2014 Text & Music: © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress

ELW 815

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: Kathleen Thomerson

Tune: HOUSTON

Léon Boëllmann was born in Ensisheim, Haut-Rhin, Alsace, the son of a pharmacist. In 1871, at the age of nine, he entered the École de Musique Classique et Religieuse (L'École Niedermeyer) in Paris, where he studied with its director, Gustave Lefèvre, and with Eugène Gigout. There, Boëllmann won first prizes in piano, organ, counterpoint, fugue, plainsong, and composition. After his graduation in 1881, Boëllmann was hired as "Organiste de Choeur" at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in the 10th arrondissement of Paris, and six years later he became Cantor and Organiste Titulaire, a position he held until his early death, probably from tuberculosis. In 1885, Boëllmann married Louise, the daughter of Gustave Lefèvre and the niece of Eugène Gigout, into whose house the couple moved (having no children of his own, Gigout adopted Boëllmann). Boëllmann then taught in Gigout's school of organ playing and improvisation. Boëllmann also wrote musical criticism for L'Art musical under the pseudonym "le Révérend Père Léon" and "un Garçon of the Salle Pleyel." Boëllmann died in 1897, at age 35. After the death of his wife the following year, Gigout cared for their three children, one of whom, Marie-Louise Boëllmann-Gigout (1891-1977), became a distinguished organ teacher in her own right. During the 16 years of his professional life, Boëllmann composed about 160 pieces. Faithful to the style of Franck and an admirer of Saint-Saëns, Boëllmann nonetheless exhibits a turn-of-the-century Post-romantic aesthetic. His best-known composition, Suite Gothique (1895), is a staple of the organ repertoire, especially its concluding Toccata.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, May 25-Sixth Sunday of

Easter

8:30am Tech Rehearsal9:15am Schola Cantorum10:00am Worship (Hybrid)

MONDAY, May 26

Offices Closed – Memorial Day

TUESDAY, May 27

8:00am CDS Summer Camp1:30pm Program Staff Meeting

6:30pm Girl Scouts

7:00pm Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, May 28

7:00am Faith Connections (Zoom)

8:00am CDS Summer Camp 10:00am Women in Community

5:30pm RSCM Choristers 7:30pm Schola Cantorum

7:30pm AA

THURSDAY, May 29

8:00am CDS Summer Camp 7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, May 30

8:00am CDS Summer Camp 1:00pm Book & Video Discussion Group

SATURDAY, May 31

9:30am AA 11:00am Al-Anon

SUNDAY, June 01-Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

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