



*The
Sixth
Sunday
of
Easter*

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LUTHERAN CHURCH
belong · believe · become

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:30 AM Worship Service



ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY:
Doug & Karen Widger, in honor of
their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: Indescribable

Verse 1: From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus 1: Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Verse 2: Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Interlude: You are amazing God

Chorus 2: Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God

Ending: You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God
(REPEAT)

You see the depths of our hearts
And You love us the same
You are amazing God

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. I declare to you that which the Bible teaches, that you are forgiven of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Share Grace

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

- 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."
10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.
11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,
12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.
13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.
14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.
15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

- 15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,
18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,
19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might
20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.
22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message - Dr. Serena Pace

Gospel Reading: John 16:22-33

- 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.
23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.
24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.
25 "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.
26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;
27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.
28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."
29 His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!
30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."
31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: Agnus Dei

Verse: Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

Chorus: (You are) Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

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Message: "Do You Now Believe?" - Pastor Steve Roth

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Connection Points

Offering

Beautiful Savior

LSB #537
vs. 1-4

Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

Pastor: The blessing of God—the Father, who sent His Son into this troubled world; the ✠ Son, who kept all the Father's word in our stead; and the Holy Spirit, who has gifted us with words and music, sharing and responding to God's love—bless you now and always.

People: Amen.

Sending Song: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB #474

vs. 1-5

Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb,
Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! *Refrain*

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way,
Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread,
Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

Jesus the vine,
We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
"O grave, be open!"
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - *Fireside Room*
- ♦ Pastor Doug Widger's Class: Book of John - *MR 2*
- ♦ Biblical Parenting Group - *GLEE Wing*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) - *Youth Shed*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 7-8) - *Meeting Room 4*
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-6) - *Preschool Wing Classrooms*
- ♦ Babies - 3 year olds - *Nursery*
(throughout the morning)
Comfort & Nursing Rooms are available.

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
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Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*



Tuesday, May 27, 2025

6:00 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
7:30 PM Community Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, May 28, 2024

9:30 AM Braille (Cross of Christ) - *Braille Room: MR1*
6:15 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal - *Music Room*
6:30 - 8:00 PM English Summer School

Friday, May 30, 2024

6:00 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Fireside Room*

Saturday, May 31, 2025

9:00 AM Altar Guild

Sunday, June 1, 2025

9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
11:00 AM Family Bible Bowl
(for youth & elementary families) - *Gym*
12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*



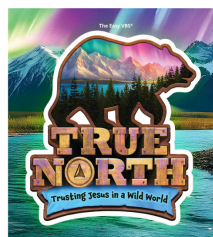
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