

St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
624 Jennings St. Sioux City, Iowa 51101
Church: (712)252-0338 School: (712) 258-6325
www.siouxcitystpauls.org

THE CITY
DOES NOT
NEED THE
SUN
OR THE
MOON
— TO —
SHINE
ON IT,
FOR THE
GLORY OF
GOD
GIVES
IT LIGHT,
AND THE
LAMB
IS ITS
LAMP.



REVELATION 21:23, NIV

6 p.m. Sat., May 21, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., May 22, 2022
Sermon: "The City of the Lamb" Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(6 p.m. Sat., May 21 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., May 22, 2022)

Servants of God's House

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Doris Hill

Usher: Nick Gunn

Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat., Connie Brown; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Doug Lehr

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER The disciples thought they knew what Jesus was saying, but it was before Easter, and they could not understand. They would, "in that day," that is, after Jesus' victory and the Spirit's gift of faith. Now we with them know that He has overcome the world, all opposition, and even death itself. John's vision in Revelation depicts a perfect Jerusalem, clear and beautiful, with the Lamb as its lamp. Anticipating such nearness of God, in this our day we can pray, asking for whatever we need, confident of our Father's hearing. In the Reading from Acts, Paul has to tell everyone about his Easter joy, and the Lord opens Lydia's heart. She is baptized and opens her home for Paul and Luke to use to tell others. With the clarity of our Spirit-given Easter joy, we know, pray, and tell!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts. Grant that we may pray confidently, trusting that because of Your Son's sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, You graciously hear our every prayer; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

LSB 903

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession
Absolution

Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33

P: This is the day that the LORD has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, "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." Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.)

P: Almighty God,

C: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Although Jesus foretold about the disciples' scattering that very night, yet He said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

C: Amen! And may peace also be with you.

P: Amen.

Kyrie

John 16:23, 33

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Jesus said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." For peace in the Body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world." For the peace of the whole world, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Jesus said, "Whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." For peace for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading Acts 16:9–15 (Paul and Luke stay with Lydia after her Baptism.)

⁹ 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.”

¹⁰And 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.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and 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 some days. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴One 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.

¹⁵And 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

C: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

The Second Reading Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

(Nothing unclean will ever enter the heavenly Jerusalem.)

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem

coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were

inscribed—¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I 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 gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and the Verse *Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

C: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel John 5:1–9 (Jesus heals a long-term invalid on the Sabbath.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.

⁵One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had

already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

(on the back cover of the hymnal)

(Please be seated)

The Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"This Joyful Eastertide"

LSB 482



"The City of the Lamb"
Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior



We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.
St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Psalm 50:14—Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Hymn

"Voices Raised to You We Offer"

LSB 795 vs. 1, 4

(stand as you are able)



P: Lord, our heavenly Father, You never refuse the cries of Your children. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help and protection and for the good of our families, our neighbors and rulers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our pastors, and our overseers. Lord, in Your mercy,

PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, You have founded Your Church as a place of prayer beside the waters of Holy Baptism. Give Your holy people hearts to hear Your Gospel message, lips to offer their prayers in faith and readiness to give of themselves for Your sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, keep Your Holy Church undefiled from all that is detestable or false. Embolden pastors to guard her gates and to welcome those who draw near in faith. Bring the rulers of this world into Your Church to glorify her according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, from generation to generation, You have raised up many faithful people to serve in the mission field. We thank you for providing us principals, teachers and helpers to serve in our school. We appreciate what they have done to teach our children in the faith, we ask for Your continuous blessings in their effort to serve. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, You hear our prayers for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus. In His name, we cast our burdens upon You, especially we remember Linda Brinkert, Laura Fuentes, and Deseri Koita. We continue to pray for those dealing with ongoing sicknesses: Lynette Kroeger, Amy King, Alyce Strong Davis, Carolyn Stuhr, Suzy Awe, Sharon Sparr, Patsy White, and Ron Will. Sustain us in the midst of terror and trial, and hear us as we cry out on this morning of Your Son's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Marlis Hilden, Jacie Moore, McKenna Sulzbach, Sherry Williams, Carson Jager, Patrick Carney, Olivia Wagner, Linda Arndt, Tom Murphy, Jim Ellickson, Sara Sparr and William Winckler. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction +

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: Although our last hymn is from the "Beginning of Service" section of the hymnal, the fourth stanza lifts our eyes from the present day to "our endless Sabbath day," which shall open before us.

The Closing Hymn "O Day of Rest and Gladness" LSB 906

Silent Prayer

Postlude

+ + + + +

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 2. Copyright © 2021 Concordia Publishing House.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Sermon Notes
