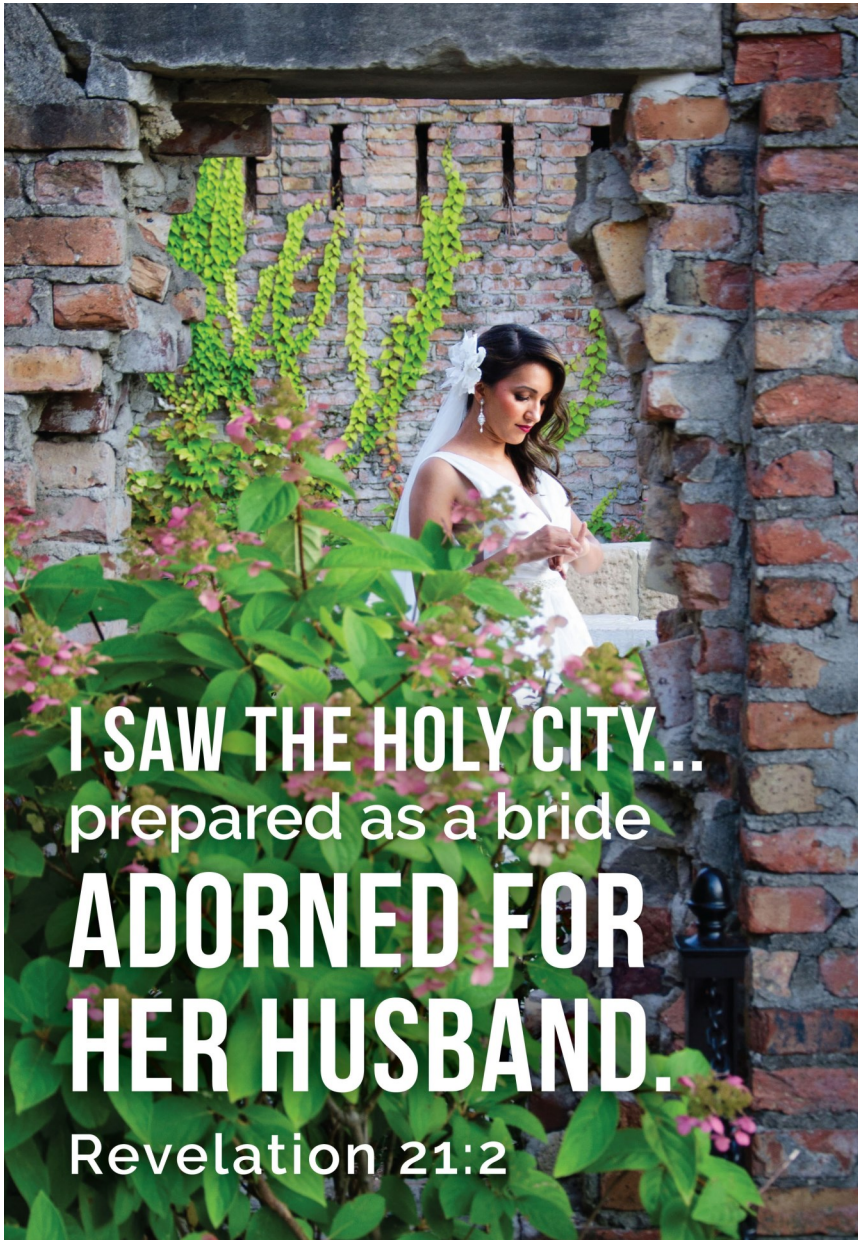


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10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 15, 2022
Sermon: *A Match Made in Heaven* Revelation 21:1–7



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School
- A Family to Whom You Belong -
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 15, 2022

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Elder: Don Lantis **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Usher: Dallas Schulz

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

Reader: Judy Seaman

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 We and all people have been "married" to this fallen world since our first parents ate forbidden fruit at their reception in Eden. But now, everyone baptized into Christ, Jews and Gentiles alike, are invited to the wedding of the Church to Jesus, her Bridegroom. The "little while" (Good Friday to Easter morning) is over, and Christ is with us now, especially as we receive His body and blood in the Lord's Supper. It is only a foretaste of the feast to come, when He will make all things new, and the tears and sorrow we experience now will be in the past. Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord Jesus, Bridegroom of the Church, You have done everything needed for us to join You at the heavenly wedding feast that has no end. Guide us so that our thoughts, words, and deeds may testify that we are no longer wed to this world, but are Yours, now and always; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

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

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Song "King of my Heart"

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run, the fountain I drink from.

Oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide, the ransom for my life.

Oh, He is my song.

And You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails, the anchor in the waves.

Oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins, the echo of my days.

Oh, He is my song.

And You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (Repeat)

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

-- You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

(interlude)

When the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

Yeah, when the night is holding on to me, God is holding on.

Words and Music by John Mark McMillan and Sarah McMillan CCLI #11440148 and 20162974

Nicene Creed

First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

(God convinces Peter that Gentiles may be baptized into the one Church.)

<p>¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying,</p>	<p>³"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending,</p>
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being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me.

⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and

we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.

Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-7

(John sees a vision of the new Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her husband, coming from heaven.)

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no

more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel John 16:12–22

(Jesus prepares the Twelve for His absence for “a little while.”)

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶ “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?”

¹⁸ So they were saying, “What does

he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 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.

Children’s Message

The Song of Instruction “Jesus”

There is a truth older than the ages.
There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.
There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus, Jesus.
Who walks on the waters?
Who speaks to the sea?
Who stands in the fire beside me?
He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb.
He carries my healing in His Hands. Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages.
He is Jesus, Jesus.

Who walks on the waters?
Who speaks to the sea?
Who stands in the fire beside me?
He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb.
He carries my healing in His Hands. Jesus.
Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name.
You're my Rock and my Redeemer.
There is power in Your name, in Your name.

You walk on the waters,
You speak to the sea,
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion,
You bled as the Lamb.
You carried my healing in Your hands.

God, You walk on the water,
You speak to the sea,
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb.
You carried my healing in Your hands.
Jesus, there is no one like You.
Jesus, there is no one like You.

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The Word *A Match Made in Heaven Revelation 21:1– 7*

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

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 13:6 — I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me.

Offertory "Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the pray'r of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant.

Make me a servant today. (repeat)

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The Prayer of the Church

Invitation with Confession and Absolution *John 16:20; Revelation 21:6*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P: God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.

C: Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.

P: Jesus promised the disciples, "Your sorrow will turn into joy," and He promises "the spring of the water of life without payment." 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.

C: Amen.

INVITATIONAL SONG ("Praise Team):

He said come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior now

Sit down and be set free

Come to the table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION "Breathe"

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread This is my daily bread Your very word spoken to me
And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ----, I'm lost without you, (repeat)

And I ---, I'm desperate for you And I ---, I'm lost without you
I'm lost without you I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you, I'm lost without you
This is the air I breathe This is the air I breathe

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"Amazing Love"

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be? That you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, to honor You.

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You are my king
You are my king
Jesus, You are my king
Jesus, You are my king

Amazing love, how can it be? That you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, to honor You.
(Words & music by Billy Foote, EMI Christian Music Publishing, CCLI #11440148 and 20162974)

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song "Mighty to Save"

Ev'ryone needs compassion, a love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations.

Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow ev'rything I believe in. Now I surrender. (chorus)

Shine Your light and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of the
risen King.

Jesus shine Your light and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of
the risen King. (chorus)

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