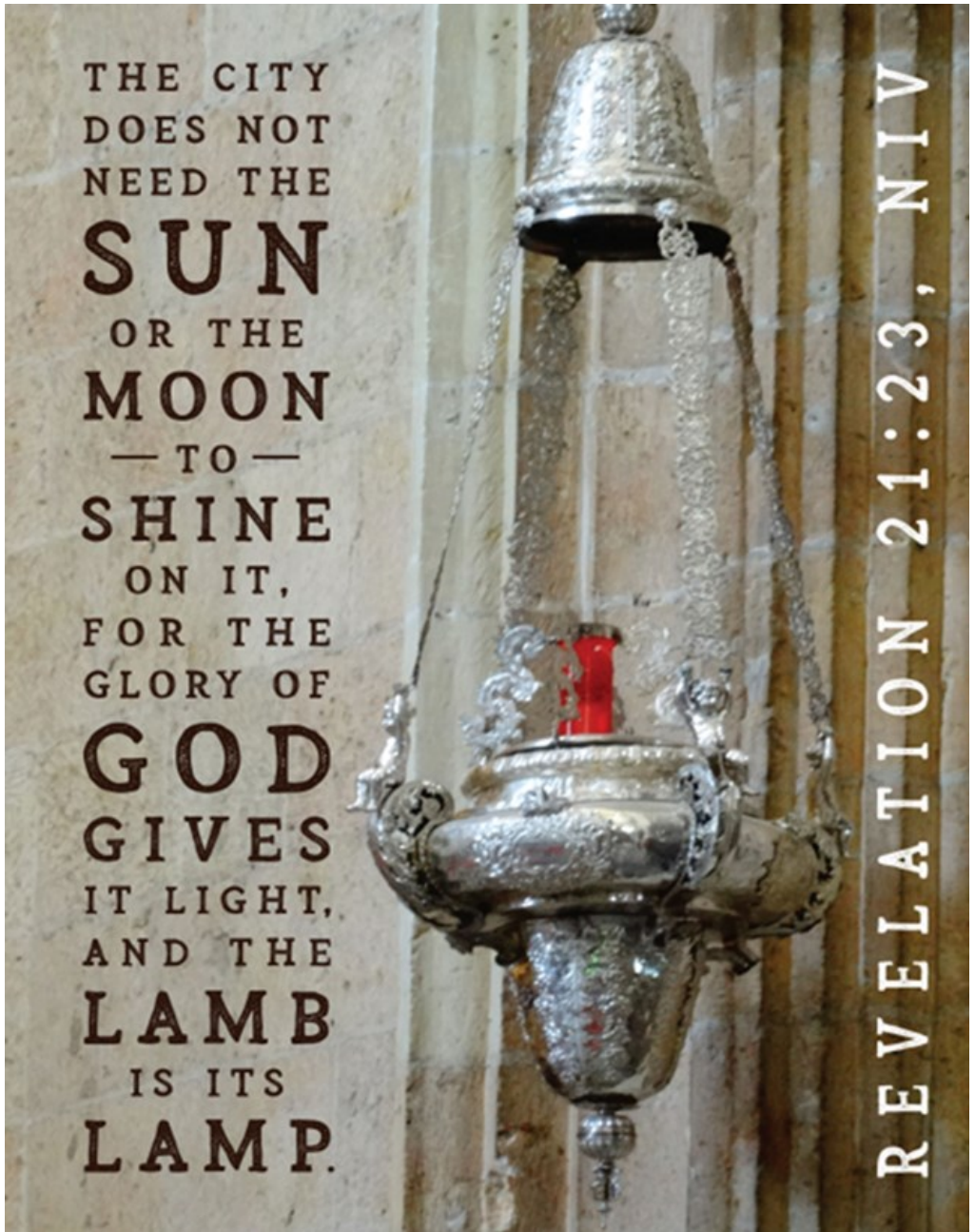


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10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 22, 2022
Sermon: "The City of the Lamb" Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27



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

10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 22, 2022

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu

Praise Team Leader: Doris Hill

Ushers: Tim Draube

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

Reader: Frank Tenuta

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

Worship Service

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

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Song

“Here I Am To Worship”

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God
(And) You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me
King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor
(chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (chorus twice)

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Apostles' Creed

First Lesson 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.”

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.

Second Lesson

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

(Nothing unclean will ever enter the heavenly Jerusalem.)

⁹ Then 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.” ¹⁰ And 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, ³

¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It 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—

¹³on 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.

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

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

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.

Confession and 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.

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction "God Of Wonders "

Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high
God of wonders beyond our galaxy; You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty; You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light
And when I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night.
God of wonders beyond our galaxy; You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty; You are holy, holy
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy; You are Holy, Holy,
The universe declares Your majesty; You are Holy, Holy
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me; Father, hold me, hold me
The universe declares Your majesty; You are holy, holy, holy, holy
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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The Word *"The City of the Lamb" Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27*

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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 “Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Jesus Loves Me ”

I was lost, I was in chains The world had ahold of me
My heart was a stone I was covered in shame
When He came for me

I couldn't run Couldn't run from His presence
I couldn't run Couldn't run from His arms

Jesus He loves me He loves me, He is for me
Jesus how can it be He loves me, His is for me

It was a fire, deep in my soul
I'll never be the same I stepped out of the dark
And into the light When He called my name

I couldn't run Couldn't run from His presence
I couldn't run Couldn't run from His arms

Jesus He loves me He loves me, He is for me
Jesus how can it be He loves me, He is for me

He holds the stars and He holds my heart
With healing hands that bear the scars
The rugged cross where He died for me
My only hope, my ev'rything

Jesus He loves me He loves me, Oh Jesus how can it be
He loves me, He is for me

He loves me He is for me My God, it's amazing, Lord
Jesus loves me

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