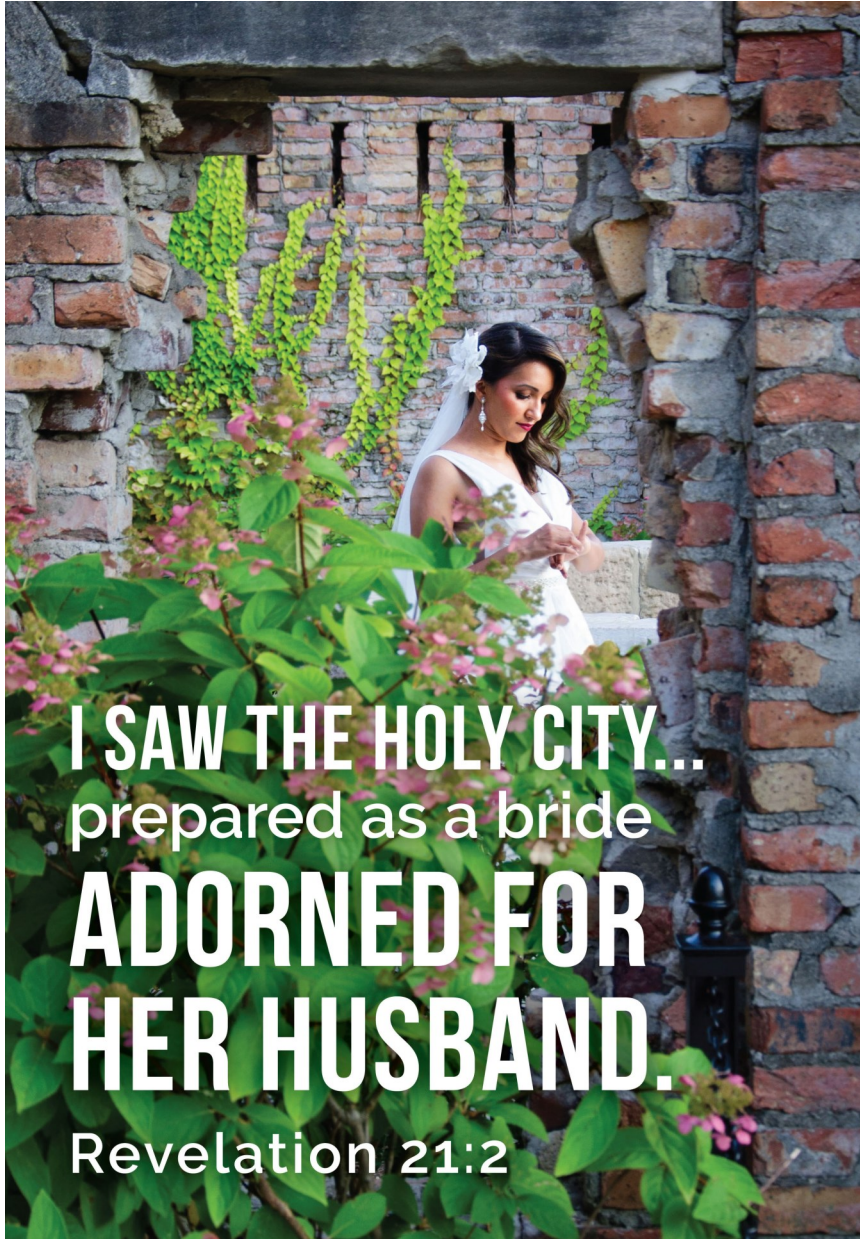


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**I SAW THE HOLY CITY...**  
prepared as a bride  
**ADORNED FOR**  
**HER HUSBAND.**

Revelation 21:2

*6 p.m. Sat, May 14, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., 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

(6 p.m. Sat., May 14 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., May 15, 2022)

### **Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu

**Organists:** 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

**Usher:** Doug Lehr

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

**Elders:** 6 p.m. Sat., Tim Draube; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Dallas Schulz

**Readers:** 6 p.m. Sat., Liz Sanders; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Bob Greene

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**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.

**DIVINE SERVICE FOUR**

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

## The Ringing of the Bells

## The Wave of Fellowship

### Hymn of Invocation

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”  
(stand as you are able for the last verse)

LSB 633 vs. 1-4

(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

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

**C: Amen.**

### *Confession and Absolution*

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: Since 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 in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### *Service of the Word*

### The Kyrie “Lord, Have Mercy” (*Sung*)

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

The Gloria in Excelsis Glory to God in the Highest (*Sung*)

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**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 11:1-18

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever

entered my mouth.’<sup>9</sup> But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’<sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.<sup>11</sup> And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea.<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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; <sup>14</sup> he will declare to you a

message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’

<sup>15</sup> As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.<sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>17</sup> 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?”<sup>18</sup> 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.”

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.

**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 Lesson Revelation 21:1-7 (John sees a vision of the new Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her husband, coming from heaven.)

<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> 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.”

<sup>5</sup> 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.”<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse *Romans 6:9; John 14:23*

**C: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia.**

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel John 16:12–22 (Jesus prepares the Twelve for His absence for “a little while.”)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

<sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>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’?”

<sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does

he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>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’? <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633 vs. 5-8

Sermon “A Match Made in Heaven” Revelation 21:1– 7

## The Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to God on behalf of the Church and all people in their various needs. You told Peter, "What God has made clean, do not call common." Remember those people on the margins of society, O Lord; provide caring people and institutions, open doors of opportunity, and free them from the results of their past poor decisions. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Peter and the others recognized that they could not "stand in God's way." Guide the Church's clergy and lay leaders here and around the world to seek Your will, Lord Jesus, working together creatively to find new ways to spread the Gospel in accord with Your will. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy Lord, in John's vision You proclaimed, "Behold, I am making all things new." Graciously work through the talents and knowledge of meteorologists, naturalists, engineers, and visionaries as they seek to find ways to renew the health of this planet. Grant that seedtime and harvest, sun and rain produce bountiful harvests that we all rejoice in Your many blessings. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord over all, as You foretold, often we "will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice," so we see injustice, oppression, constant warfare, and unrest in many nations. Raise up wise leaders intent on serving their citizens, police and first responders focused on maintaining the peace, and armed forces determined to reestablish calm. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Savior, by the faith given us by the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the wedding feast of the Lamb, who will end mourning, crying, and pain. Before we enter that time of rejoicing, we bring the petitions of people near and dear to us as they call out in sorrow, through tears and enduring pain, especially Lynette Kroeger, Amy King, Dustin Biddle, and Pastor Jason Letsche, Natalie Powell, Carolyn Stuhr, Suzy Awe, Sharon Sparr, Patsy White, Ron Will and be with the Winegar family as Kelly passed away on Thursday. As fits Your gracious plans, give them peace, joy, and relief. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy.

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Reta Lantis, Brandi Larson, Connie Spahn, Isaac Swearingen, Noah Swearingen, Fauna Tuttle, Marlene Mertens, Tracy Seibold, Sandra Bock, Kathleen Heibel, Susan Horst, Bonnie Knutson, Ashley Searls and Jennifer Marks. Bridegroom of the Church, in Your mercy.

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting that You have heard us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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 and Communion Card** in the box at the back of the church.

*Luke 16:11—If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth (money), who will entrust to you the true riches?*

Offertory Hymn "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"  
(Stand as you are able)

LSB 540 vs.4-6

*Service of the Sacrament*

Preface

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sung*)

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**



Lord's Prayer

Words of our Lord

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

Agnus Dei Lamb of God (Sung)

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**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Reading of the Communion Announcement Card

(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord LSB 637

Jerusalem, My Happy Home LSB 673

(Stand as you are able)

The Post Communion Collect

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Benedicamus & Benediction

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P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring “

LSB 822 vs.1-3

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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# *Sermon Notes*

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