

**May 25, 2025; 9:00 am**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

## **We Gather Together**

***Welcome** to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

**Prelude: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"** *arr. by Gerhard Krapf*

**Welcome & Announcements** *Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

**Ring of the Bell and Entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship** *Elise C., liturgist*

We come as seekers,

**Unsure of what we seek.**

We come as followers,

**Not understanding the One we follow.**

We come to worship,

**Even though we don't know how.**

Holy One, by your grace,

**Meet us where we are.**

**Meet us here. Meet us now.**

**Amen.**

**\* Opening Prayer**

Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Sung Response: GTG 301 "Let Us Build a House" vs. 1, 2, 4 & 5**

*Carol W., Cantor*

### **\*Call to Confession**

*Elise C., liturgist*

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Elise C., liturgist*

**Gracious God, you have called us to be the church, to live out our resurrection faith. You have asked us to place our trust in you and to bring to all the good news of your saving love. But we have failed to do this. We have given our faith a back seat to the troubles of the world and to the stresses in our own life. We look for the quick and easy answers. Forgive us for the smallness of our faith.**

#### *Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

Clear our spirits of the clutter of everyday living. **Help us to be open always to your word and your love. Challenge us to move in directions of peace and hope for all people. These things we pray in the name of our risen Lord. AMEN.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Sharing God's Peace**

Hear these instructions from Ephesians 4, "Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together."

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

### **\*Sung Response: GTG 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

*Dan B., drums; Eddie H., bass*

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

### **Psalm Reading: Psalm 67 (Common English Bible)**

page 529 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 714 (CEB)

Let God grant us grace and bless us;

**let God make his face shine on us,**

so that your way becomes known on earth,

**so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations.**

Let the people thank you, God!

**Let all the people thank you!**

Let the people celebrate

and shout with joy

**because you judge the nations fairly**

**and guide all nations on the earth.**

Let the people thank you, God!

**Let all the people thank you!**

The earth has yielded its harvest.

God blesses us—our God blesses us!

**Let God continue to bless us;**

**let the far ends of the earth honor him.**

### **Scripture Reading: Acts 16:9-15 (Common English Bible)**

page 136 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1348 (CEB)

A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day. From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered.

One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**HYMN: GTG 177 "I Will Come to You" (You Are Mine)**

**Sermon: "Divine Detours"**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

### **We Respond to God's Word**

**Moment for Mission: Pentecost Offering**

*Mike P.*

#### **The Practice of Gratitude**

*In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.*

**Offering Music: GTG 688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"**

vs. 1, 4 & 5     *Carol W.*

**\*Offertory: GTG 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (refrain only)**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

## Prayers of the People

Arnold L.	Jesse F.	Paige T.
<b>Avril N</b> (Pretorius' friend)	Joan K.* (Marcus A. mom)	Pass Family
Bob & Ollive B.	<b>Joyce J.</b>	Pat D.
Brian C.	Kathy A.* (Kevin B sister)	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Chastity G. & Joan S.	<b>Laurie C.</b>	Paul W.
Corinne C.	<b>Lew S.</b>	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Dick* (Laurie C uncle)	Liam A.	Rod M* (Mary/Dan R friend)
Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson)	Lindsay* (Bill/Mary daughter)	Sherry M.
Gib D.	<b>Lynn M.</b>	Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew)
Pete D.	Marie L.	<b>Winifred C.</b>
Jack K* (Jolene S BIL)	Mary C-A.*	
James P.* (Ruth P. friend)	<b>Mike F.</b>	

The names in **bold** are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (\*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit. If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**  
**Amen.**

**\*Sung response: GTG 295 "Go to the World!"**

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude: "For All the Saints"**

*arr. by Wilbur Held*

### **WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR MAY 18, 2025**

Individuals in Person: 116

Zoom Households: 7

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>NOTES</u></b>
5/18/2025	\$4187.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 100.00	Special Offerings
5/12-16/25	\$2500.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	210.00	Vanco Special Offerings
	<b>\$6997.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>

### **Financial Giving and Gratitude**

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Summeril & Wendy Peachey

**Elder of the Month:** Deb Cooley

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## **This Week**

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am

### **May 25**

Worship in the Sanctuary  
Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall  
Growing Connections Spiritual Gifts in Fellowship Hall

### **Monday**

Church Office Closed

### **May 26**

### **Tuesday**

1:00-2:30pm  
6:00-7:00pm

### **May 27**

Personnel Team in the Parlor  
AA Open Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am  
4:00-6:00pm

### **May 28**

Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry  
Loaves and Fishes at Church of Peace

### **Sunday**

9:00-10:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
6:00-7:30pm

### **June 1**

Worship in the Sanctuary  
Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall  
Growing Connections-Sermon Discussion in the Parlor  
Sunday School in the Gathering Room and Classrooms  
Boy Scout Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

## **Looking Ahead**

Congregational Meeting-for the election of Deacon  
Winnebago Presbytery Meeting at FPC FDL  
Blood Drive  
Lifest

June 8  
June 12  
July 8  
July 10-13