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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

**GATHERING HYMN Drawn to the Light ELW 593**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

A person touching a field of yellow flowers

AI-generated content may be incorrect.**He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection,

and called to live the baptized life,

let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that make a people your own,

that restore to wholeness,

and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church;

waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;

waters that set your people on a new path,

rejoicing in the Spirit’s power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,

that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Be Not Afraid ELW 388**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15**

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.  
  11 We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, 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 for some days. 13 On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, word of life.

A book with flowers on a table

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**PSALM: Psalm 67**

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
 may the light of God’s face shine upon us.  
2 **Let your way be known upon earth,**  
 **your saving health among all nations.**  
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
 let all the peoples praise you.  
4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**  
 **for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**  
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
 let all the peoples praise you.  
6 **The earth has brought forth its increase;**  
 **God, our own God, has blessed us.**  
7 May God give us blessing,  
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

10 And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.  
  22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.22:  
  
  1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A sheet music with music notes

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**GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

23 Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)], “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.  
  25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,** **born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,** **was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,** **he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,** **the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,** **the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,** **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in May*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be going to* ***Ronald McDonald House.***

**OFFERING SONG** **Day of Arising ELW 374**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace

along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

A blue cross with swirls

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**A sheet music with music notes

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and

the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for

the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**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;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those** **who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The triune God,

who was, who is,

and who is to come,

Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN We Are Marching in the Light ELW 866**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, May 25 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Sixth Sunday of Easter * John 14:23-29; The Father will send the Holy Spirit |
| Monday, May 26 |  | Church Office Closed for Memorial Day |
| Tuesday, May 27 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Sunday, June 1 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Seventh Sunday of Easter * Confirmation Sunday * John 17:20-26; Jesus prays that the disciples will be one and abide in his love |

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| May 25 |  | Chris Tipping | Dan & Pam Mundt | Nancy Leonard | Rob Mader | May:  Dave & Shelly Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| June 1 | Dave & Kami Weis | Richard Kopitzke | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Robin Beeman | Dave Schneider | June:  Chris Tipping  Julie Will  Andrea Hovick  Deb Janz |
| June 8 | Jon & May Hill | Nancy Tibbett | Rob Pankratz  Andrea Hovick | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |
| Jun 15 | Jim & Sharon Schiszik | Chris Tipping | Ron Rothfusz  Nancy Leonard | Pam Mundt | Margo Berrier |

There will be fellowship time after worship one Sunday a month. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

Names on the prayer list now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

A bouquet of flowers and leaves

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Roll up your sleeves! **Spring Cleaning** is scheduled on Saturday, June 7th, 8:00 am-12:00 pm with lunch to follow.

We will focus on washing windows, light landscaping, cleaning the sign on McMillian etc…

A signup sheet is in the narthex.

There will be a council election meeting after worship on June 1st. Thank you to the nominating committee for their work.

Ministry council position nominees:

1. President: Jon Hill
2. Vice President: Margo Berrier
3. Outreach: Nancy Leonard
4. Worship: Leslie Mader



A group of people sitting outside

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**Pub Theology is returning for the summer!  
1st & 3rd Wednesday June-August  
Scotty’s Pizza & Chicken 6:00 pm  
This year, we’re collaborating with Wesley UMC. Topics each week include: Having Hard Conversations (6/4), Attitude of Gratitude (6/18), Good Grief (7/2), What is Truth? (7/16), Faith & Science (8/6), Religion & Politics (8/20)**  
**What is Pub Theology?** People have been gathering in pubs and public spaces for ages talking about life, philosophy, faith, and deep questions of meaning. Increasingly, people all over are rediscovering the pub as a safe, open space where they can explore and express their own doubts and questions, learn from others, and engage people of varying religious traditions. In our increasingly fractured society, these spaces are not only welcome but needed.  
***Bring your questions and curiosity, and pull up a chair.***

A poster for a children's event

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Our Good Shepherd Directory revision is on its way to the printer. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos and updated contact information. We are anticipating that the new directories will be printed and ready for distribution by the end of June.

Mark your calendars to join us for our Directory Distribution Celebration with refreshments and treats after church services on Sunday, June 29th. Please contact the team comprised of Jon Hill, Margo Berrier, Pam Mundt and Jane Wagner for more information.

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| Update from the Green Team  Calling all homeowners, renters, and farmers. Do you have unused or old chemicals you want to eliminate? The Wood County Agricultural and Household Clean Sweep will take place on **Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 8 am-12 pm at the Marshfield Ag Research Station, 2611 Yellowstone Drive in Marshfield**, and  **Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 8 am-12 pm at the Saratoga Town Hall, 1120 State Hwy—73 in Wisconsin Rapids.** Clean Sweep is a voluntary program for legally and safely disposing hazardous waste from homes, farms, and businesses. Households and farms can dispose of hazardous waste without charge; however, quantities are restricted. Businesses and schools can use Clean Sweep to dispose of unwanted chemicals easily and at a low cost.  **Why should you participate?** Hazardous chemicals can cause health, safety, or environmental problems. Chemicals improperly stored or disposed of can pollute lakes, rivers, and drinking water. **Examples of acceptable materials for Clean** **Sweep**   * **Auto:**brake fluid, degreasers, ether, old fuel, and transmission fluid. * **Lawn, Garden & Farm:** fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, and rodenticides. * **Household:** drain cleaner, dry cleaning fluid, floor polish, metal cleaners, mildew cleaner, mothballs, nail polish remover, NiCad batteries, oven cleaner, photography chemicals, pool chemicals, silver polish, and spot remover. * **Workshop**: creosote, gun cleaning fluid, hobby materials, lacquer, lead-based paints, stripper, thinner/solvents, turpentine, varnish, and wood preservatives.   **Examples of materials not accepted for Clean Sweep** Anti-freeze, appliances, automotive batteries, electronics, explosives, fluorescent tubes, and high-pressure cylinders. **Contact** Extension Wood County Office 715-421-8440 or Wood County Health Department 715-421-8911 or 715-387-8646. |

**Message from the Green Team**

*A refillery is a term coined in the zero waste and low waste industry to describe a store where you can bring in your own containers (BYOC) or purchase reusable containers and fill up with personal and home bulk essential goods. Products are sold by weight or each. A refillery is a place that makes it easy to reduce waste by reusing containers.*

We are lucky in Central Wisconsin to have a refillery at Mill Creek Garden Center outside of Marshfield and Process Low Waste in Stevens Point.  Mill Creek offers the following info on their website:

**1.      Pick a container.**We’ve made it simple for you by selling pre-filled glass jars with all our refillery products. Purchase a half-gallon laundry jar, or a 16-oz lotion jar, + take it home to use the products. OR, use one from your home. A laundry bottle you’ve used up and cleaned out. A mason jar. A cute crock from a thrift store. Almost anything works!

**2.    Use the scale.** If you’re using your own container or are bringing your jar back to refill, we’ve got a scale where you weigh the jar before and after filling, so we can just charge you for the cost of your refill.

**3.    Fill with product.**We’ve got 5 gallon buckets filled with your soap, cleaner, + lotion refills with quality pumps that will make filling your containers a breeze. All the products we sell are fragrance-free, making them less toxic for you, and making them accessible to those sensitive to fragrances. If you (like some of us!) love fragrances, just put a few drops of essential oils in your container once you get home.

**4.      Refill when you’re ready.**You can bring your jars back any time we are open to refill them. Additionally, we carry gallon and half gallon containers prefilled with products that you could take home to refill your own smaller jars, just like you do with bulk soap products from a box store. This means having plenty on hand at all times!

Mill Creek is a great place to start your journey using a refillery for soaps, cleaners, and lotions.  If you are looking for a larger selection of items, Process in Stevens Point offers the following:

**Home**: All Purpose and Multi Purpose Cleaners, Various Dish Soap, Dishwasher Powder, Laundry Powder, Laundry Liquid and Laundry Concentrate, Oxygen Booster, Borax, 10% Vinegar.

**Body:** Body Wash, Face Wash, Liquid Hand Soap, Facial Cleanser, Toners, Hydrosol, Make-up Remover, Sunscreen, Hydrogen Peroxide, Hairspray, Shaving Gel, Mouthwash, Toot Tabs. Oils: Castor, Magnesium, Jojoba, Almond

Happy Refilling!

The Good Shepherd Green Team