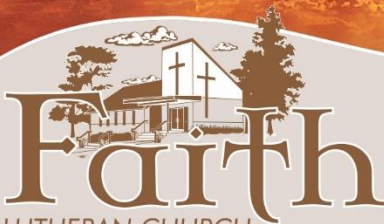


May 22, 2022
6th Sunday of Easter



I go
TO PREPARE A PLACE
for you



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #396:1-3,6 *"Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"*

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

C ♪ **Amen.**

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C **Congregation**

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ **Amen.**

The Introit

Ps. 55:4, 16-18, 20

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
- G** **My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**
- P** But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.
- G** **Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice.**
- P** He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.
- G** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #525:2,4

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

G ♪ **For Thee, my God, the living God, My thirsty soul doth pine; Oh, when shall I behold Thy face, Thou Majesty Divine?**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** ♪ **Amen.**

2 Kings 6:15-17

When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶ He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So

the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

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, 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-- ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ²² And 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 gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #613

"Jerusalem the Golden"

✠ The Sermon ✠

John 14:1-6

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled

I. Trust Him to prepare a place for you

II. Trust Him to bring you there



"I go to prepare a place for you."

The Offertory

- C** *♩* Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Sermon Hymn: TLH #616:1,5-8

"Forever with the Lord"

Prayers, Lord's Prayer, and Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

The blessing given by God for His people.

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** *♩* Amen, amen, a – men.

Hymn: TLH #388:1-3,6

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Today – Kansas City Worship 5:30p
5/25 – Bible Class 9a | **5/26** – Garden View 10:30a

May 15th Offerings:	\$ 845.50
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$21,890.97
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$25,079.22
Total Cash All Funds	\$63,008.57

Mon John 16:16-24 As Jesus' time in the tomb was limited, so was the sorrow of His disciples limited. Then the good news of Jesus' Resurrection changed their sorrow into joy! So also are the Christian's sorrows in this life limited, and when Jesus comes again, it will mean the end of all sorrow, the beginning of endless joy!

Tues Acts 14:8-22 Truly the mind of the sinful human nature is hostile toward God. If God raises up someone who was crippled from birth, the fleshly mind wants to give the credit to human beings. But if those human beings stand up for God's truth, the fleshly mind is quickly persuaded to stone them to death. God, however, can raise up His spokesman from the stones.

Wed Revelation 21:21-27 Nothing hostile to God is found in the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. In John's vision there is no temple to atone for sin in this city, for God and the Lamb already dwell among these people and give them joy and life and light.

Thurs Luke 24:44-53 The risen Savior points His disciples to the Scriptures and opens their minds to understand them. His going through death was all part of God's plan to rescue lost mankind. Then Jesus is parted from His disciples again as He ascends. This time the disciples understand and rather than mourning, they return to Jerusalem with great joy!

Fri Acts 1:1-11 A continuation of Luke's gospel, Acts begins with an elaboration of the Ascension with which Luke's first book ended. The promised Spirit will give them power, not to rule over people, but to witness to them in ever widening circles to the end of the earth. As Jesus promised before His death that His disciples would see Him again, so now after His ascension to heaven, the promise is made that Jesus will return again.

Sat Revelation 19:11-16 In the seventh vision, John sees the King with many diadems returned from the battle victorious! He rides a white horse, as do His armies. His robe is dipped in blood, but not His own. He is the Victor! His name is The Word of God and no enemy can touch that Word any more. "See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph" (TLH218). On His thigh a name is inscribed: "King of kings and Lord of lords." Hallelujah!