

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."  
And let the one who hears say, "Come."  
And let the one who is thirsty come;

**let the one who desires take  
the water of life without price.**

REVELATION 22:17



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**Sunday, May 25, 2025**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

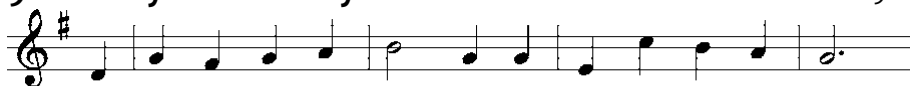
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Service Theme  
**BECAUSE HE LIVES, YOU'RE INVITED!**

All our lessons for today deal with God's invitation to hear the Gospel. In our first lesson, we hear how God invited Paul to preach the Gospel to Macedonia. Through Paul's preaching, God invited many lost souls to repentance and faith in Jesus for salvation. Our Gospel lesson shows Jesus praying for all believers: that we might remain united with him and each other. Our sermon text reminds us that Jesus is coming soon. The Holy Spirit and the Church invite us to partake of the everlasting wedding feast that Jesus has prepared for us. Moved by the Spirit working through His Word, may we all heed the LORD's invitation and receive His wonderful salvation.

## 916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916



- 1 To - day your mer - cy calls us to wash a - way our sin.
- 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in
- 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
- 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, what - ev - er we have been,  
shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.  
his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?



how - ev - er long from mer - cy our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,



your pre - cious blood can wash us and make us clean to - day.  
a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.  
we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

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### The Service

#### *Service of Word and Prayer (page 266)*

I rejoiced with those who said to me,

**“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”**

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are  
ever praising you.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,

**to all who call on him in truth.**

## **Time of Easter**

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us  
**so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins  
**and was raised to life for our justification.**

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The following prayer is spoken:*

Let us pray:

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Old Testament**

**Acts 16:6–10**

*Through a vision, the Holy Spirit invites Paul to go to Macedonia to tell the people there the good news of Jesus.*

<sup>6</sup>They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, because they were prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the word in the province of Asia. <sup>7</sup>When they went as far as Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. <sup>8</sup>So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul during the night.

A Macedonian man was standing there, urging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” <sup>10</sup>As soon as he had seen the vision, we immediately made plans to proceed to Macedonia, because we concluded that God had called us to preach the good news to them.

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 8A O LORD, Our Lord

*Psalm 8A*

### *Refrain*



### *Tone*



When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,  
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,  
a Son of Man that you / care for him? *Refrain*

You have made him a little lower than the / angels  
and crowned him with glory and / honor.

You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;  
you put everything un- / der his feet.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Epistle

Revelation 22:12–21

*The resurrected Christ is returning soon. Therefore, the Spirit and Church invite us to come and partake of the water of life, which is the Gospel.*

<sup>12</sup>Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and so that they may enter through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs, that is, the sorcerers, the adulterers, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup>I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star.

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears this say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wants the water of life take it as a gift.

<sup>18</sup>I give this warning to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. <sup>19</sup>And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the Tree of Life and in the Holy City, which are written in this book.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Verse of the Day

John 14:18



### Refrain



### Tone



## Gospel

John 17:20–26

*Jesus prays that God the Father protects all believers and allow them to see His glory.*

<sup>20</sup>“I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup>May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. <sup>22</sup>I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: <sup>23</sup>I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

<sup>24</sup>“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me, because you loved me before the world's foundation.

<sup>25</sup>Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them, and that I may be in them.”

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

## 446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

CW 446



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense and my Sav - ior,  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to  
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by  
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence  
5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence  
life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;  
hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,  
I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern  
be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view



rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the  
shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I  
grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven  
that from death I shall a - wak - en with my  
God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this



night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.  
flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

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**Sermon**

**Revelation 22:12-21**

**You are invited!**

- 1) To become a citizen of heaven.
- 2) To find life in God's Word.

# 884 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's  
 plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my  
 joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your  
 throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with  
 these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly  
 wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to  
 stand in joy be - side you.

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# Apostles' Creed

CW 268

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**



He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer

CW 268

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;  
**in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.**

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient compassion.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.

**Have mercy on us, Jesus.**

## **Time of Easter**

CW 269

Almighty God, by the death of your Son you conquered sin, and by his resurrection you restored our innocence and gave us everlasting life. Fill our hearts with steadfast faith that we may daily serve you in your kingdom and praise and thank you always; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

CW 269

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

CW 269

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the T Son,  
and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

# 486 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

CW 486



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," the watch-men on the  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her heart with  
3 Now let all the heav'n's a - dore you, let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
joy is spring - ing; she wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
sing be - fore you with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.



Mid-night hears the wel - come voic - es and at the thrill - ing  
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, the strong in grace, in  
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?  
truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus, God's own Son.  
No vi - sion ev - er brought, no ear has ev - er caught



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care your-selves pre - pare  
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all the mar - riage hall  
such great glo - ry; there - fore will we in vic - to - ry



to meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
to eat the Sup - per at your call.  
sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

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## **Announcements**

### ***Church Cleaners***

June 1 – John // June 8 – Simon

### ***Divine Sisters' Meeting***

Sunday, May 25th, after Worship

### ***Summer Schedule Starting Soon***

June is just around the corner, which means we will be starting our Summer Schedule very soon. Here are some dates to keep in mind.

#### **June 1**

Our Last First Fellowship Meal until September  
Our Last Day of Sunday School until September  
Our Last Regular Sunday Bible Class until September

#### **June 8**

9:30 AM Worship Time begins until September  
After worship snacks will be done on a volunteer basis and not every Sunday.

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## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

**Su (25) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**

**10:30 am Worship**

11:30 am Coffee Hour

12:00 pm Divine Sisters' Meeting

**Tu (27) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)**

7:00 pm Council Meeting

**We (28) 11:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)**

**Th (29) 10:30 am Devotion at Longfield Manor**

**Fr (30) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Romans 9-16)**

4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)

**Su (1) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**

**10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion**

11:30 am First Fellowship

**3:00 pm Communion Service in Poltimore**

*Pastor will be out of town from June 2-12.*

*You can reach him during this time at phone numbers:*

*(613) 255-2317 and (512) 887-8982*

**Su (8) 9:30 am Lay led Worship**



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