

First Lutheran Church  
Kirkland IL

# The God of New Beginnings

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Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice or water, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

**LBW** - Green Hymnal    **WOV** – Blue Hymnal    \*Please stand as able.

Prelude

## Order of Service

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\*Opening Hymn: "If You but Trust in God to Guide You" **LBW 453**

\*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

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\*Prayer of the Day

O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup>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.”

Psalm 150 (*responsively by whole verse*)

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Second Reading:

Revelation 21:1-8

<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.” <sup>8</sup> But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for the murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

\*The Alleluia

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\*Gospel

John 16:12-22

<sup>12</sup>{Jesus said to his disciples,} “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.”

## Sermon: **“THE GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS”**

\*Hymn of the Day: “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

**LBW 331**

\*Nicene Creed

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\*Prayers of the Church

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Holy God, through your son, Jesus, you have made us clean. No longer do we have to worry about what is clean and unclean in the world because his love for us has redeemed us from sin and death and put an end to distinctions of ritual cleanliness. For this gracious gift we give you thanks. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Eternal Lord, you are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end of all that exists. Bring joy to families who are welcoming babies into their lives, that they might cherish every moment together. Bring comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones, assuring them of the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Beautiful Savior, we give you thanks for the beauty of your creation: for budding trees and blooming flowers, for a renewal life on this planet. May we be good stewards of all the resources we have been given, such as water, land, and food. May our care for the world you created be a sign of our devotion to you. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of life, you are the source of all healing and rest. Grant your healing mercy to be with all those who struggle with pain or suffering, bring hope to the hopeless, and provide for the needs of your people each day. [We pray especially for ... ] Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Lenny Peterson 5/16

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

No Anniversaries this week. If I have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let me know. Thank you, Dianna



### **FELLOWSHIP TREATS SIGN- UP**

There is a sign- up sheet on the kitchen door for those who would like to offer to bring or make a treat for fellowship time after Sunday church service. You may sign-up once or multiple times. This would also give Louie a break. Thank you!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

If you are available to help with anything listed, let Jo Boehmer or Dianna Wittwer know. Volunteers are needed and GREATLY APPRECIATED!

### **2022 THE WALL THAT HEALS TOUR SCHEDULE**

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) has announced *The Wall That Heals* national tour schedule for 2022. *The Wall That Heals* exhibit includes a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center. The 27<sup>th</sup> season of *The Wall That Heals* will begin on March 24, 2022, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and visit 29 communities during the year. The traveling exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

The wall will be at the Boone County Fairgrounds May 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

**<https://www.facebook.com/The-Wall-That-HealsBelvidere-IL-2022-113917053390704/>**

There is more information on the bulletin board as well.

### **Lessons for Next Week**

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33

Sunday 5/15: Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Newsletter items Due!

Monday 5/16: Food Truck Delivery, 9:30am.

Tuesday 5/17: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday, 5/18: Newsletter folding, 9am.

Thursday 5/19: No Confirmation, 5:30pm.

Saturday 5/21: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 5/22: Worship Service, 9am. Sunday School to follow.

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Chuck Schindler has had surgery, he is well and should be home.
- Wanda Smith, Elda Bruning's sister, has a spot on her lung and just recently had a stroke.
- Jason Gorski, nephew of Dan & Janelle Pahnke and Chris, Gary Steinhorst's cousin are fighting cancer.
- Charmaine Massey for physical therapy to help strengthen her lungs.
- Madeline Bamm who had a brain bleed in December.
- Justin Mielke to have clear answers about his health.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Abby (Pahnke) Bohn, Jamie Wittwer, Laura Block and Rachel Ash.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Betty Paulsen, Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Situations in Ukraine and Myanmar and all effected by this.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.