

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 2022**

**ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's Prayer for Buffalo**

God, our healer and our refuge, as we mourn the lives lost by the racially motivated killings in Buffalo, we pray for all who suffer. With your mercy, bind up their wounds, restore their bodies, and heal their hearts. Comfort the mourners and embrace the lonely. With your might, empower us to change this broken world and end gun violence. Help us push back and speak out against racist ideas that further divide your children by perpetuating white supremacy, antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred. Make us advocates for a stable society, alive with hope in you. We ask this through the one once wounded for our transgressions and now standing with us in our sorrows, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Welcome

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made!

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

**P** Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P** Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on

**us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

Praise Songs

*He is Our Peace*

He is our peace who has broken down every wall;  
He is our peace, He is our peace.  
He is our peace who has broken down every wall;  
He is our peace, He is our peace.

Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you,  
He is our peace, He is our peace.  
Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you,  
He is our peace, He is our peace.

*I Will Sing of the Mercies*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness;  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray together. **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.**

## The Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## First Reading Acts 16:9-15

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.” 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. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 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. 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. 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. 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.

*...The Word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## Second Reading Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

And in the spirit, the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 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. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 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.

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 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. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 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.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Verse

*Please stand if you are able*

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.***

*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.*

*(sung) Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel ***John 14:23-29***

Jesus answered him, “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. 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.

”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 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. 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.

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. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

...*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.*

Youth Time

*Please be seated*

Meditation

Hymn

***When Peace Like a River***

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
when sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2     Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*
- 3     He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*
- 4     And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

### The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the Church

**A** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Show us your will for the ministries at Augustana and Trinity Old Lutheran, and strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love. Bring an end to racism in churches and communities, and surround us with your peace.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give safe haven to those who seek liberation, peace or healing *especially* Glenda, Ralph, Arlene, Evelyn, Grace, Bill, Carol, Don, Dorothy, and Cynthia. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those impacted by war and violence and those affected by natural disasters, and we pray for our men and women in the armed forces. We also ask for your mercy and blessing on those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand as you are able*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

### The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

*{P The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.}*

### Communion Song

*Please be seated*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Communion will be as follows: Please come up the aisle, pulpit side first, to receive the body/bread or a blessing, then move to receive the blood/wine/grape juice. Place empty glass in receptacle as you return to your seat. At this time, we will not have kneeling or use the altar rail.*

Communion: *From the Small Catechism of Martin Luther: "that person is well prepared [to receive communion] who believes these words, **given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, for the words for you simply require a believing heart.**"*

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*Please stand as you are able*

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!
  
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?
  
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.
  
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**



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## Announcements

**Welcome to TOL:** We hope this worship brings you joy, peace, hope, and will challenge you for your week ahead!

**Prayer Partner Ministry:** If you are in need of prayer, please come to the altar following today's worship service. Prayers are confidential; today's prayer partner is Lanny Repman.

**Adult Ed Classes – Spring 2022:** Just one more class remaining in this series. Please join us tomorrow **Monday, May 23 at 1 pm**, as we explore Aboriginal sacredness in the Fireside Lounge and on Zoom. Thank you Charlie, for all the knowledge you've shared with us!

**Bible Study at Augustana:** Pastor Fred's Bible Study on Paul's letter to the Philippians has been postponed and will begin on **Friday, June 17**.

**Adult Retreat:** We will gather again for fellowship, laughter and prayer at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp on **September 30, October 1 & 2**. There will be more information when we have a clearer picture of the gathering. There will be a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board, and if you are worshiping with us on Zoom, just call or email the office and we can add your name.

**Offering:** Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly), which can be accessed through TOL's website homepage ([www.trinityoldlutheran](http://www.trinityoldlutheran)). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website's homepage. Please call the office at (716) 836-4868 if you have any questions.

**May Mission:** Our mission this month is Lutheran Charities of WNY. This organization expresses God's love by offering hope and enriching life for those in need, provides grant-funding benevolence to Lutheran ministries and services in our community. One hundred percent of your Lutheran Charities gift directly benefits those served by their funded ministries and agencies - their administrative costs are fully underwritten, thanks to charitable legacies. Lutheran Charities envelopes are located in the narthex, you can donate through [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly), or you can mail your check to the church office. Thank you.

**Friends of Night People Updates:** Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to make the sandwiches each week. So far, we've made and delivered 1,500 sandwiches! In addition to the sandwich ministry, there is now a barrel in the main hallway off the narthex for clothing donations for Friends of Night People. Because of limited storage there, they ask

that clothing is clean, wearable and in season. They are mostly in need of men’s clothing, and they said blankets are also welcome. Thank you.

**Worship on Cable TV:** If you are unable to join us for in-person or Zoom worship on Sundays, Lutheran worship is available on Cable TV channel 5, MeTV, Sundays at 10:00 am. “Church Unleashed” is led by Lutheran Pastors Beigner, Griffiths and Smith.

**Operation Christmas Child:** We are collecting items for this year’s shoeboxes throughout the year. There is a list of items needed in the Trinity Tidings and a collection box in the narthex for your items. Thank you for your continued support.

**Hope and Healing: A Christian Cancer Support Group at Augustana:** Linda Sokoley hosts a Christian cancer support group on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 3 – 4 pm in person and via Zoom and is open to all members of Augustana and TOL, and their friends and family. The group time will include a bible verse, prayer, discussion and sharing as individuals feel comfortable. If you have questions or need a Zoom invite, please contact Linda: 716/694-2451 (cell) or lsokoley@hotmail.com.

**Food Drive:** We are so grateful for all your donations. We will continue to accept grocery donations of non-perishable items (and gift cards to grocery stores), such as:

Soups and other canned goods (vegetables, tuna, beans, etc.)

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, applesauce

Breakfast items: cereal, oatmeal, grits, granola bars

Boxes of pantry staples: instant potatoes, rice, mac and cheese, pasta, ramen noodles

*(Please check food expiration dates before donating.)*

Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Personal care (feminine hygiene products, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc.)

Food items can be dropped off here at TOL Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – noon - just ring the doorbell to let the office know that you’re here. Thank you for your generosity!

**Book Sale:** Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Please stop by and take a look – lots of changes!

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon. Please note that the office is unstaffed on Mondays. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters,</i>	<b>T h i s w e e k , s c</b>	Sun	5/22	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings
		Mon	5/23	10 am 1 pm 5:45 pm 7 pm	OA Meeting Adult Ed Yoga Sandwich Team #1
		Tues	5/24	7 pm 7:30 pm	C/E/S Team Meetings CoDA
		Wed	5/25	12 pm 5:45 pm	Yoga (via Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
		Thurs	5/26	9:30 am 5:45 pm	Yoga (in Studio and Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)

<i>please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i>	<b>a l e n d a r</b>	Fri	5/27		
		Sat	5/28		Abiding Faith Prayer Group
		Sun	5/29	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings

***Announcements:*** *If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send it to [trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net](mailto:trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net) or call 836-4868 by Wednesday morning. Thank you.*

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