



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*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.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

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.**

GATHERING HYMN: **"The Peace of the Lord"**

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

### 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 you 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.**

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15 *Lydia and her household are baptized by Paul*

PSALM: Psalm 67 [read responsively]

<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 *The Lamb is the light of the city of God*

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29 *The Father will send the Holy Spirit*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Rod Hopp

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"My Peace"**

Intro

Peace peace, Peace to know peace to live, My peace I give unto you

Verse 1

My peace I give unto you, It's a peace that the world cannot give

It's a peace that the world cannot understand, Peace to know peace to live

My peace I give unto you

Interlude

Oo oo, My peace I give unto you

Verse 2

My love I give unto you, It's a love that the world cannot give

It's a love that the world cannot understand, Love to know love to live

My love I give unto you

Ending

Love that the world cannot understand, My love My love

My peace I give unto you, My peace to you

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION    *L: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.*

**Liam** Bartleson

**Hayden** Despenas

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Taylor** Bartleson

**Mary** Farland

**Tim** Schmidt

**Joan** Beebe

**Matt** Grieff

**Joan** Swanson

**Jan** Buffington

**Doris** Johnson

**Lucky** Truong

**Ivy Mae** Callow

**Diane** Lovick

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: **“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

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OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“I’ve Got Peace like a River”**

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul; repeat

I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul; repeat

I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul; repeat

BLESSING: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**Today’s worship service is broadcast** at 11:00am over KIOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast today is given in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (May 28) from Harlan & Mary Rodberg.

### **Worship Participants:**

Altar Care: Kathy Leuwerke

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Scripture Reader: John Chisholm

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Sound/Video Tech: Daryl & Tammy Krieger

Band: Rylie Walton, Geno Lopes, Antonio Lopes

Song Leaders: Steve Olmstead, Renae Hopp, Jaci Thorson

Ushers: Ryan & Katie Strom

Communion Servers: Renae Hopp, Tasha Banta