



## The Tree of Life

*And the leaves of the tree are  
for the healing of the nations*

Revelation 22: 7b

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YR C

*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE *Prelude Majestic - There In God's Garden*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen**

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

*Brief silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive  
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

- 1 **Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth, faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**
  
- 3 **Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We 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.**

PSALM 67

L: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**C: Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L: May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

A READING FROM: REVELATION 21:10, 22--22:5

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>22:1</sup>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 <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>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. **WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 14:23-29

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "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. <sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON *Pastor Christopher Miller*

HYMN: *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

vss. 1 & 3

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PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.**
  
- 3 **Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, you we worship and extol.**

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

SHARING THE PEACE / GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

OFFERING OF GIFTS- OFFERING PRAYER

- P: Living God,  
C: **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

- P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.  
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - *Communion Assistants come forward*

- 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 has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has 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**

TABLE BLESSING — PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — BENEDICTION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his love and grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: We give you thanks, generous God,

C: **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.**

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

PUBLIC DOMAIN

vss. 1 & 4

ELW #763

- 1 **My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**
- 4 **The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

*Ringing of Bell*

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *In Thee Is Gladness*

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## PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR: Christopher Miller                      ASSISTING: Harris Haugen  
MUSIC: Annette Thunhorst / Keyboard-Piano                      GREETER: Frank Peterson  
COMMUNION SERVERS: Carmen Nesseth & Barb Groth  
TECH CREW: Jim Braaten, Steve Johnson, Bill Lewis, Dan Rogness, Holly Aldorfer, Heidi Haugen

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PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMNS:

*Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling; When Peace Like a River; (and) My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sid Strandemo, Faye Marcuson, Lila Cole, Mona Boomgarden, Helen Aase, Jennifer Lerfald, Carol Ronning, Carolyn Walker, Judy Langemo, Joy Estrem, Mardell Held, and the family of Liz Groth.

## CALENDAR

Sun/May 22	9 AM	EASTER 6 WORSHIP - In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	LAST DAY of Sunday School
	7 PM	AA
Wed/May 25	----	NO Wed Worship – NO Confirmation
Thu/May 26	7 PM	AA
Sun/May 29	9 AM	EASTER 7 WORSHIP – IN Person & Live-Streamed
	7 PM	AA

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Helpers Need in June – Use Folder on Back Entry Table –Thank You!!**

### May Food Shelf Drive

During the month of May, Food Shelf Items are being collected for the Kenyon All Seasons Food shelf. *Canned vegetables, Mac & Cheese, boxes of Jello, Coffee, Peanut Butter, Paper products, and Monetary Donations* - are all welcome. Help us help the food shelf stock up for summer!

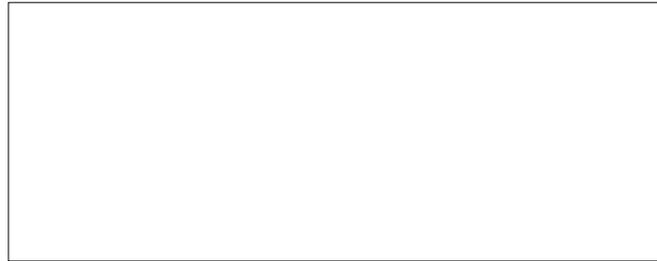
### “Give Away” - Various Items Offered to First Members

Available for the Taking: *folding chairs, kids chairs in various sizes and colors, small desks and chalk boards (ideal for play rooms!), also 1 window and 1 room air conditioner.* If interested, contact Don, Troy or Brad in the back of the church on Sunday morning.

**FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**309 Forest St., Kenyon, MN 55946**

Worship Bulletin  
**MAY 22, 2022**

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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"Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you."  
JOHN 14:27  
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