

Easter



### About the Cover

No matter the situation, believers can always offer prayer confidently. Christ invites us to boldly pray in His name in the sure and certain hope that all prayer in Him is granted according to our Father's good and gracious will. Our joy, even amid trial, is bound up in Christ's love shown on the cross, which has opened access to God through prayer.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 16:9–15

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

### Epistle: Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—<sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

<sup>22</sup>And 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 gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### Holy Gospel: John 16:23–33

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



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Sunday Worship:  
8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Sunday School/  
Bible Classes: 10:00a.m.



Rev. Don Fraker  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Mark Harris  
Assoc. Pastor

Dr. Corey Brandenburger  
Principal

Ask, and you will receive



### About Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



As a member congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS), Cross Lutheran Church & School practices "Close Communion". The Bible teaches that to receive Holy Communion without believing that it is Christ's body and blood is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). In addition, the Bible teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper expresses a unity in belief with all who commune at this altar; it underscores and celebrates a precious oneness that we hold dear (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:26). We are grateful for the oneness that transcends denominational lines, yet we practice Close Communion because oneness in doctrine is also proclaimed in this celebration.

Confirmed members of LC-MS congregations and church bodies with whom the LC-MS shares altar fellowship who are communing here for the first time are asked to let an Elder or the Pastors know as you leave today. If you have not yet been instructed, are in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of the LC-MS, we respectfully ask you to refrain from communing until you have had opportunity to speak with an Elder or one of the Pastors. You are invited forward to receive a blessing—please keep your hands folded in front of you. Our Pastors would be happy to talk to you about Communion or any questions you have. You are welcome to speak with them after the Service. Thank you!

**\*\*Gluten free wafers are available; please indicate your preference to Pastor Fraker or Pastor Harris. Non-alcoholic white wine cups are located in the center of each tray.**

**AS WE GATHER** – "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'" (Psalm 122:1 – ESV) *Welcome to Worship this Lord's Day! We especially greet all who are guests with us for worship this morning!* We are now far along in the season of Easter. The Easter lilies have faded. The world has gone on to other things, if it even paused for Easter at all. And, if we are honest with ourselves, sometimes we wonder about this odd tradition of celebrating a one-day thing—Easter—over a span of seven Sundays. We move so quickly on to the next best thing, that a season like Easter is a challenge for us—a significant number of days and weeks to contemplate, unpack, and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. While lilies fade and our attention wanes, today in Acts we hear that signs of Easter emerge all over the world every day, as people like Lydia, a dealer of purple cloth from Thyatira, hear of Jesus, die and rise with Him in Baptism, and then bring forth the fruit of the resurrection in their lives. Today we are called to consider how our lives, like that of Lydia, might be signs of the resurrection of Jesus. Lydia's response to being baptized was to offer hospitality to missionaries in her own home. While Satan works on us to make our lives stale and faded like six-week-old lilies, the Holy Spirit is at work in us to lead us, like the Spirit led Lydia, toward welcoming people in the name of our Jesus and bearing the fruit of the resurrection in our lives.

**LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE CROSS WEEKLY CHRONICLE.**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

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**Assisting in Worship Today:**

<b>Elders:</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
	Mark Hampton Greg Douglas Richard Gabriel Thomas Lindsey	Pete Stocking
<b>Organist:</b>	Corey Brandenburger	Corey Brandenburger
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Callum Haley Quinn Haley	Von Hartzell Westin McHaffey
<b>A/V Tech:</b>	David Vasek	
<b>Livestream:</b>	Sharon Whightsil	

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION BETWEEN TODAY'S SERVICES** – We thank and praise our God for the many years of faithful ministry by three of our Cross Lutheran teachers who will be retiring at the conclusion of this academic year. Please join us for a reception with refreshments in the Fellowship Center; this will take the place of our regularly scheduled Adult Bible Class for today. To Melanie Douglas, Sandy Gremmer, and Sharon Fraker—we love you, we are proud of you, we are thankful for you, and we will be praying for you as you enter into this next season!

**DAY OF SERVING CONTINUES THIS AFTERNOON!** – Many thanks to all of you for your generosity! With our homeless care kit ingathering we were able to assemble all 100 of the care kits last Sunday! Praise God! Today we have been invited to conduct a "Church Under the Bridge" outreach worship opportunity and share these kits with people who will be blessed to receive what you've shared. We will carpool from our Cross parking lot after the 11:00 worship service and would be glad to answer any questions you have before we head out together.



WORSHIP GUIDE  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 2022

Divine Service Setting Four  
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Prelude

Ringling of the Chimes / Welcome by Pastors

**(Please stand and face the Processional Cross)**

Opening Hymn:

*"Oh, Blest the House"* (LSB #862 vv. 1, 2, 5) [alt tune]

Hymn of the Day:

*"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"* (LSB #646 vv. 1-3)

Special Music

*"Hear Our Prayer with America the Beautiful"*

By Marty Sparks

**Sermon:**

**"The Gospel Comes with a House Key"**

**Acts 16:13-15**

Communion Hymns:

*"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"* (LSB #623)

*"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"* (LSB #680)

*"O Living Bread from Heaven"* (LSB #642)

*"Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow"* (LSB #476)

Closing Hymn:

*"Built on the Rock"* (LSB #645 vv. 1, 2, 4)

Announcements

Postlude

# **“The Gospel Comes with a House Key”**

*Act 16:13-15*

## **1. Places of Welcome**

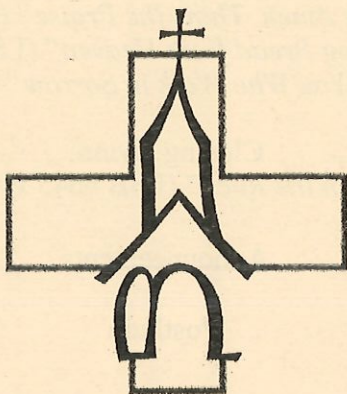
- a. Public places
- b. Private places

## **2. People of Welcome**

- a. Receptive people
- b. Ready people

## **3. Purpose of Welcome**

- a. Opening doors
- b. Offering an image





# Cross Weekly Chronicle

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### May 22, 2022

#### Growing in Worship...

**IN OUR PRAYERS** – Liz Birnshein (friend of Millie Sunstrom), Carrie Bustamante, Chuck & Cheryl Carpenter (son and daughter-in-law of Lonnie & Patsy), Jack Carpenter (brother of Lonnie), Gary & Mary Sue Cheatham, Alice Eskew (relative of Mike), Paul Haeck, Wilton Hunt (brother-in-law of Kit Locke), James Kamprath, Neal Kaspar (brother-in-law of Kristen Lamsfuss), Otto Lamsfuss (brother of Fred), Gina Maede (sister-in-law of Darlene Michalski), Jayna Owens (friend of Steph Fulkerson), Sharon (friend of the Millers), Patricia Sitton (friend of Gary & Mary Sue Cheatham), Tommy Smith (cousin of Jerry Chandler), Ruth Stavenger, Charlotte Sunstrom (relative of Millie), Jordan Theim, Claudia Wotipka (cousin of Gary Cheatham), and Nancy Young (mother of Ellen Langemeier). Additional prayer: We give thanks and praise to God for the ministry of our three retiring teachers—Melanie Douglas, Sharon Fraker, and Sandy Gremmer; we pray for our Cross Lutheran School Board as our search for Teachers continues; we thank God for the recent rain; we pray for our nation and—as Scripture encourages—for leaders and others in authority, specifically that our President, Congress, and Judiciary would see and follow the light and truth of God's Word; we remember our state and local governments as well, praying for unity and love, peace and forgiveness; please pray for the protection of human life in all its stages—from womb to tomb; we pray for the Stephen Ministry at Cross and the people who give and receive care; we pray for our year around stewardship management of all of life and life's blessings—which come from our gracious and loving Lord; we pray for the persecuted Church around the world; we pray for all missionaries—here and around the world; we pray for our armed forces, including the deployed and their families—especially Army Spc. Cameron Woodall; we pray for LINC-San Antonio (Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition outreach ministry)—especially for Pastor Philip Doublestein and his family, and his congregation, The Church at Brooks.

**SPEND SOME TIME WITH GOD** The Scripture readings for next Sunday, (*May 29th - Seventh Sunday of Easter*), will be Acts 1:12-26, Revelation 22:-6, 12-20, John 17:20-26. Take time this week to read and meditate upon God's Word. *You'll be glad you did!*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - The flowers in our Chancel were given to the Glory of God by Greg & Melanie Douglas!

**WEEKLY DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR FRAKER** – Pastor Fraker offers video devotions every week. They are posted each Tuesday and Thursday. To find them, please go to the Cross Facebook page as well as YouTube. You are also able to access past devotions on these same Cross pages.

**WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDED AND BROADCAST** – Each Sunday morning, under normal circumstances, the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service is recorded as well as broadcast live on the internet. You may watch the live stream on either Facebook or YouTube by searching “CrossNBTX” to find our page. Our live stream is also available for you directly through our website at [www.crossnbtx.org/online-worship](http://www.crossnbtx.org/online-worship)

#### Growing in Participation & Service...

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**EYEGLASS DONATIONS NEEDED!** The Dorcas Guild will be collecting eyeglasses for donation to the Lions Club between now and June 3rd. Lions Club International repurposes donated eyeglasses to improve and restore vision in underprivileged and underserved communities worldwide. Please bring in your new, used, prescription and non-prescription eyeglasses, safety glasses and sunglasses (no broken or incomplete eyeglasses) and drop them in the box in the Narthex. Help us reach our goal of 80 pairs to donate in honor of the 80th Anniversary of the LWML!

**CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL GALA**— The Cross Lutheran Spring Gala raised over \$90,000! Thank you for supporting our School Ministry with all your contributions and help.

**OFFICE HELP** - We are looking for volunteers to help in the office to cover days off and vacation. Please call Steph at the church office: 830-625-3969 or email her at: [sfulkerson@crossnbtx.org](mailto:sfulkerson@crossnbtx.org) for more information. Thank you and God Bless!

**FESTIVAL DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** – Thursday, 26 May, at 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm. Guest Proclaimer will be the Rev. Michael Newman, President of the Texas District. We will gather outdoors, weather permitting. You are also invited to join us for a simple Sandwich Supper at 6:20 pm. Crown of Life Lutheran Church 19291 Stone Oak Parkway San Antonio, Texas 78258



**VBS IS ALMOST HERE** - VBS is right around the corner, and we can't be more excited! We are still in need of volunteers (especially crew leaders) to help make it a fantastic week for all the kids who walk through our doors. If you are interested in volunteering or you would like to register your child to attend, please visit our website, [www.crossnbtx.org/vbs](http://www.crossnbtx.org/vbs). If you can't help the week of but would still like to support VBS, we are in need of donations for snacks, games, etc. Pick up a card in the Narthex or check out our Amazon wish-list, <https://tinyurl.com/223w6zk8>. Please contact VBS Co-Directors, Emma Luckemeyer ([e.luckemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:e.luckemeyer@gmail.com)), Laura Smith ([lanns1450@gmail.com](mailto:lanns1450@gmail.com)), or any member of the Board of Christian Education with any questions you may have.

**WAR IN UKRAINE** – To learn more, support the work in Ukraine and help those affected by this war, visit [www.lcms.org/ukraine](http://www.lcms.org/ukraine). Thank you for continuing to pray for the Lord to bless our world with His strength and peace.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Jacob Becker and Melissa Brandenburger—May 23rd; Carson Hahn—May 25th; Haylee Tanneberger—May 26th; Linda Hill—May 27th.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** - Pete & Cindy Stocking—May 23rd; Ed & Nancy Fowler, Jacob & Mallory Smith, and Robert & Rose Stange—May 28th;

**ATTENDANCE:**

May 15th, Fifth Sunday of Easter:                      Early:    153        Late:        103        **Total: 256**  
Online Attendance Estimate:                      108

**Growing in Mission & Outreach...**

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** Acts 16:9 – “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ ” God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

**LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** “Your ascended Jesus goes with you. When you have doubts and struggles, take them to Jesus. When you’re conflicted and troubled by sin and guilt, take it to Jesus and the cross. Together we lift each other up and grow up in Jesus! You are gifted! You are equipped! Know you are serving Jesus! Now and to eternity.” Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** *The Lutheran Hour is heard locally on WOAI 1200AM San Antonio on Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m.; and on KLBJ 590AM Austin on Sunday morning at 7:06 a.m. Or go to [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org) and click on The Lutheran Hour.*

Next Sunday, May 29: **"Imagine That!"** Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy  
Dr. Dean Nadasdy reflects on five images from the Book of Revelation and shows how God's Word plus faith and imagination equals hope.  
(Revelation 22:1-7)

**OUR CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

SUN	05/22	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
		Communion Service .....	8:30 a.m.
		Bible Study/Sunday School .....	10:00 a.m.
		Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
		Day of Serving: “Church Under the Bridge” (Off Campus).....	12:15 p.m.
MON	05/23	World Relief Quilters.....	9:00 a.m.
		Health Ministry .....	11:00 a.m.
TUE	05/24	Cross Ties Assembly .....	9:00 a.m.
		SOS Food Bank (Off Campus) .....	1:00 p.m.
		Pre-K Graduation .....	2:45 p.m.
WED	05/25	Eighth Grade Graduation .....	5:30 p.m.
		High School Youth .....	6:00 p.m.
THU	05/26	School Chapel Livestream .....	9:00 a.m.
		Hand Quilters.....	9:00 a.m.
FRI	05/27	Bulletin Crew.....	9:00 a.m.
SAT	05/28		
SUN	05/29	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	
		Worship Service.....	8:30 a.m.
		Bible Study/Sunday School .....	10:00 a.m.
		Communion Service.....	11:00 a.m.
		RioTerra Service.....	2:00 p.m.



# YOU CAN MAKE A MONUMENTAL IMPACT THIS SUMMER!

**Donations for VBS are needed!**

## Option #1

Pick up a donation card or two in the Narthex.

## Option #2

Check out our Amazon Wishlist using the QR code below.

## Option #3

Some of our needed supplies may be lying around your house! Check out the back of this flyer to see what we need!

Bring donations back to church no later than

**Sunday, June 5th**





# Do you have the following?

We'd love to borrow and **return**:

- two 6 ft. ladders
- small hatchet
- 5-6 Mexican blankets
- child size bike
- small tent
- selfie stick

We'd love to take off your hands and **keep**:

- Bowling Ball
- Bed Sheet (1)
- 8 ft. length of heavy duty rope

*If you have any of the items above that we can use, please let us know. We will return the items we can as soon as VBS is over!*

**Please contact VBS Directors, Emma Luckemeyer and Laura Smith, or any member of the Board of Christian Education with questions you may have.**

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