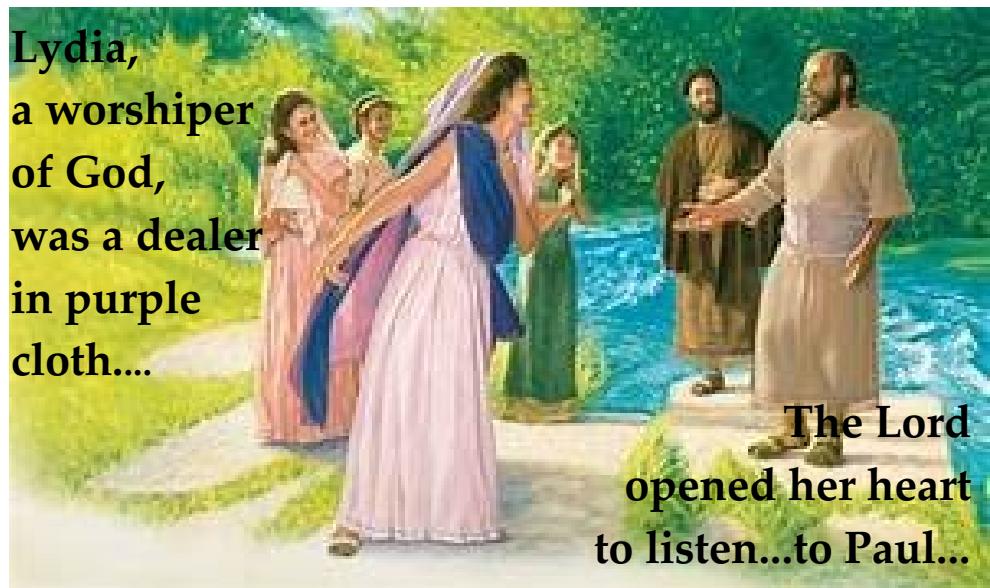


# Sixth Sunday of

# *Easter!!!!*

Lydia,  
a worshiper  
of God,  
was a dealer  
in purple  
cloth....



## Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, 18 May 2025

Worship: 10.00am

### THE GATHERING

*Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests*  
{Congregational responses are in Bold/Italics}

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it...  
Praise the Lord!

The Lord's Name be praised!  
O sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing to the Lord, all the Earth!  
Sing, and give praise to God's Name!  
Tell the GOOD NEWS of salvation from day to day!

**HYMN**      "All Creatures of Our God and King"      #236

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray...Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open and all desires {whether for good or for ill} are known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: we ask that You cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled thereby to love You perfectly in spite of our multitude of flaws, and that we might worthily Magnify and Glorify Your Holy Name. We know that we are unworthy to approach You, or to ask anything at all of You; nevertheless, we pray that through Christ our Lord, the LIGHT of the hearts that seek you, the LIFE of the souls that love You, and the GUIDER of Creation, that You grant us absolution for our sins and that You allow us to stand fast in You forever; grant us Your grace and blessings. AMEN.

## ABSOLUTION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the GOOD NEWS! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a New Creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that, through the Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, freely given, without earning it, you are forgiven. Give thanks - and be at peace...AMEN

# Holy Scripture

### NEW TESTAMENT 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.

## RESPONSIVE READING - Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
[May He] make His face to shine upon us.  
[Thereby His] way may be known upon earth,  
[His] saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you!  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
For You judge the peoples with equity  
[You] guide the nations upon Earth.  
Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise You!  
The Earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God continue to bless us;  
Let all the ends of the Earth revere Him!

### GOSPEL LESSON - John 14.1-7, 23-29

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also, and you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to [Jesus], "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you know Me, you will know My Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen 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...

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This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** "Who Do You Know?" Pastor Larry

### **CONFession of FAITH** - The Nicene Creed

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all things visible and invisible; and in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made...Who, for our salvation, came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made Man; [He] was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried; the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits on the

right hand of the Father; He shall come again with Glory, to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets. I believe in one Holy, Christian, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN

### **OFFERING, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER**

**HYMN** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

#241

# **The Eucharist**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 Him thanks and praise...

You called us to love and worship You as our God. You made the holy union of husband and wife a sign of Your covenant with Your people. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your Name: love and serve You, but we turned against You to follow our own ways. Yet You did not forsake us, for Your love is unfailing in every age. You bound Yourself to us with a covenant, claiming us as Your people, and promising faithfulness singing:

Crown Him with Many crowns,  
the Lamb upon His Throne;  
Hark! How the Heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake my soul and sing  
of He who died for we,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity!

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us 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; forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for  
Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory,  
forever. AMEN.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION - COMMUNION

HYMN                    "Peace Like A River"                    #408

### LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on Earth, Peace that was meant to be;  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;  
Let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony!*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me!*

### THE DISMISSAL

Go in Peace and serve the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

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CHURCH COUNCIL - - - meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

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Vice President	Jeanne Keyser
Treasurer	Dean Carson
Secretary	Fran Thibideau

Bob Burchard; Bubbles Burress; Ellie Selk;  
Pat Spence; Andrea Yerger

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EVERY WEEK

**Wednesday:** Drop In to visit with Pastor 10am-2pm  
**Thursday:** Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke, 10am

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Council Meeting after Church

**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** - **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**  
{in the park at Noon}

## CHURCH CLEAN-UP AND BEAUTIFICATION

A special "Thank You" to Ellie Selk, Andrea Yerger, Bob Bouchard, and Dean Carson for all of their hard work yesterday in "Phase 1" of our Church Beautification Project - - - the flower beds were cleared and many of our plantings were accomplished...there is still more to do, especially a general 'clean-up' inside the Church Building, so keep a lookout for an upcoming date...

# WEEKLY PRAYERS

We are establishing a "Weekly Prayer List" of people, places, things, events, et al that are of concern to our congregation. Below are some names and categories submitted by Larry and Andrea as the beginning of our list. If there are any persons, places, categories, etc., that you'd like to add, please give that information to either Andrea or Larry and they will be added next week. It is our intent to "pray this list" during our Thursday Morning Bible Study every week in addition to your 'at home' participation as well...

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? The prayer of faith will save the sick...anyone who has committed sins [and prays for forgiveness] will be forgiven...pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5.13-16 [excerpts]

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## Prayer List Week of 18 May 2025

### **Friends and Family:**

Joseph and Jodie Yerger  
Dale and Doug Neuenschwander  
Greg and Dorothy Rogers

### **Department of Corrections:**

Sean Russell  
Paul McNamee

### **III, in Hospital, Recovering:**

Military, First Responders, Our Congregation  
Government, Other Concerns