

big CHURCH

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Rejoice, the Lord is King” *[LW 179, v. 1-3]*

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is gracious.

C: For his mercy endures forever.

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: Whose mercy has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

P: Without having seen Him, we love Him and we believe in Him,

C: Receiving the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, who through your Son overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may arise from the death of our sin through the renewal of your Holy Spirit and may hear and obey your living Word of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Alleluia, amen!

ANTHEM

“Tapestry on Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Janet Linker & Janet McFadden

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 5:27-42 [NIV]

²⁷The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” ²⁹Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. ³⁴But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.

³⁷After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

⁴⁰His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴²Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA VERSE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” [LW 129, v. 3]

HOLY GOSPEL John 21:1-14 [NIV 84]

¹Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. ⁶He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

AFFIRMATION of FAITH 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

P: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

RESPONSE “In Christ Alone”

SERMON “BIG CHURCH: BIG & BOLD”

OFFERING

“It Is Well with my Soul”

arr. Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

Piano/Organ

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Praise and Thanksgiving: Easton** (grandson of the Verdier’s)-celebrating his 1st birthday.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

THE EASTER BENEDICTION

P: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, and praise, and might, and majesty, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Rejoice, the Lord is King” [LW 179, v. 4]

POSTLUDE “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

arr. Joyce Jones

SERMON: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*

LITURGIST: *Rev. Wichiang Wetnyangran*

CONNECT *Mark your calendars!*

- College Cards | Available in the foyer | Pick one up today – finals are almost here!
- New Member Class | Begins next Sunday, May 6 | Fellowship Hall 3 & 4
- Men's & Ladies' Night @ Shannon Brewery | Tuesday, May 8 | Register Online
 - Cost is \$10 per person – bring your own dinner

YOUTH

- High School Bible Study & S'mores | Wednesday, May 2 | 7-8:30pm | Register Online
- Middle School Youth Night | Sunday, May 6 | 6-8pm | Register Online
- High School Coffee & Devotion | Sunday, May 20 | 6:15-8pm | Kindred Coffee
- Youth Laser Tag | Sunday, May 27 | 1:30-3:15pm | **Deadline to Register – May 23**

VBS 2018

- VBS 2018 | June 25-29 | Save the Date! | Registration Opens next Sunday (May 6)
- VBS Family Work Day | Wednesday, May 16 | 6-8pm | Help get ready for VBS!
 - Childcare NOT provided
 - Children 6th grade and under MUST be accompanied by an adult
 - Bring your own dinner



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