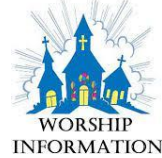




We are happy that you have joined us for worship
and hope you find this to be a meaningful time.



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NOW YOU CAN! You can download the SoundCloud App on your phone and listen to the sermon!
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RICHFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH
8 W. 60TH STREET
MINNEAPOLIS, MN. 55419
May 25, 2025



"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." - Revelation 22:2

A New Century – A New Mission:

***"Together we will BE the Church by living out God's gifts
in the community and the world."***

Richfield Lutheran Church

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025, 9:30A.M.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR

* = Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** type indicates congregational responses.

- **Welcome! No matter your background, circumstance, or footing in faith your presence is valued and celebrated as a part of the beloved community of God today.**
- *Your generosity is appreciated and encouraged as it makes a difference in the lives of many. Gifts and offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance before, during, or after the service. To give electronically, please visit richfield-lutheran.org/give*

Yes, it is still Easter! The 6th and penultimate Sunday of the season holds stories of leading, life, and liberation. Paul and partners are led by the Spirit to a small group of people curious about God and thus begins the first church on European soil. Revelation speaks of the church present not in a building, rather in the presence of God. Meanwhile, the story of Jesus healing on the Sabbath day reaffirms Sabbath as a day of healing, renewal, and creative wonder

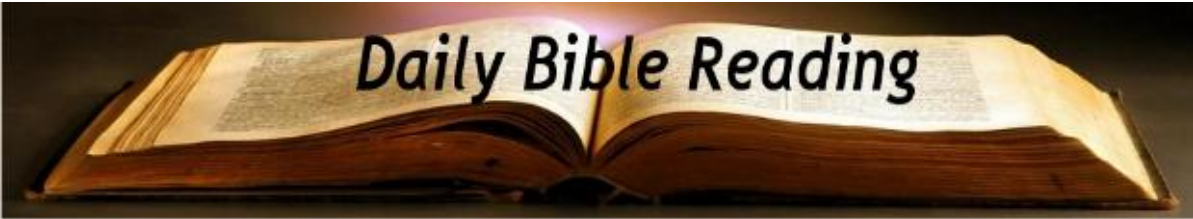
I. GATHERING

PRELUDE *Adagio* (Chorale in A Minor) **Franck**
(The prelude gathers us in the Lord's presence. You are invited to center through it.)

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 100:4 (adapted)**
Enter the gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise!
Give thanks and bless God's holy name!
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**



THIS WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

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Monday, May 26. Psalm 93	Thursday, May 29. Acts 1:1-11
Tuesday, May 27. Revelation 21:15-22	Friday, May 30. Psalm 97
Wednesday, May 28. 2 Chronicles 34:30-33	Saturday, May 31. Luke 1:39-57

One more week of Easter! Next Sunday caps off the Easter season with the 7th week and it is all about relationship. We hear the story of Jesus' caring relationship to us as he prays for the disciples and describes that in faith we are connected and at one with the God of all creation. Do you feel like you're at one with God? Do you need the reminder? How can you notice it more? Are there others who would be blessed to hear of God's deep care and relationship with all people? Show up and/or tune in next week to be a part of the story.

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BULLETIN BOARD



Memorial services will be held for Claire Aris on Friday, May 30th at Friendship Village at noon. Claire passed away on May 5th.

Memorial services will be held for Marilyn Long on Saturday, May 31st at Richfield Lutheran. 10:00 Visitation, 11:00 Service, Lunch to follow. Marilyn passed away on January 4th.

Memorial services and Internment will be held for Ken & Helen Ask on Tuesday, June 3rd at Fort Snelling.

Blessed be their memories.



Bible Study Online with Pastor Charlie

Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. using Zoom Video Meeting.

Zoom link to Bible Study can be accessed on the RLC website under “Get Involved”.

RLC & CELC Offices are closed on Monday, May 26th.

Monday, May 26



Together let us confess all which keeps us from love of God and our neighbors as ourselves...

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess we have often turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. In your compassion forgive us our sin, known and unknown, that which we have done, and that which we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Holy Spirit, that we would live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen one. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when were dead in sin, and makes us alive together with Christ. By grace we are saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sin is forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you through the Holy Spirit in new life and freedom now and always.

Alleluia and Amen!

***GATHERING HYMN**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW #365

***GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*** KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

*** CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* **ELW #393 v. 1 & 3**
A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?” Alleluia! Alleluia!
“This is the Savior!” thus they say, “this is his glorious triumph day!”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**
Let us pray.
O God, form the minds and hearts of your faithful people into one interwoven relationship with you. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise. Amid all the changes of this world and our lives, fix our hearts to where true joy is found, in your love and the courage given to us in Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

II. Word

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15
(A vision compels the apostle Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.)
⁹ 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.” ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *PSALM 19* **MARCELLO**

(The postlude sends us out to be Christ’s peace in the world. You are invited to savor it.)

(Our service continues with sharing fellowship in Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall, across the hall; and then in the world with other neighbors.)



*** PEACE**
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.)

III. THANKSGIVING

CHOIR ANTHEM *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* **ELW #623**

*** OFFERTORY** *Earth and All Stars* **ELW #731 v. 1**
Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

*** LORD'S PRAYER**
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

IV. SENDING

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



*** BLESSING**
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope and live in love, through the Triune God.
Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* **ELW #388**

purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ 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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 *(read responsively)*

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face shine upon us.
- ² Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

(John’s vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God’s past actions. Yet in this new city, God’s presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.)

- ¹⁰ 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.
- ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ 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. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ 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.

22:1 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 2 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. 3 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; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 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.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p 151
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

* GOSPEL: John 5:1-9
(Jesus performs a healing miracle on the sabbath. In doing so he both reveals divine creative power and teaches a richer, deeper meaning for the sabbath as a healing and creative time.)

The holy gospel according to John, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. 3 In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” 7 The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” 8 Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” 9 At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.
Now that day was a sabbath.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON	Now that Day Was a Sabbath	Pastor Charlie Ruud
HYMN OF THE DAY	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Night (Please stand for the final verse.)	ELW #815

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Nicene Creed
(Originally drafted at the Council of Nicaea in 325 c.e., the Nicene Creed sought to further define and articulate the relationship of the Triune God, the story of Jesus, and God’s continued work in the world. The word “catholic” does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church, rather means “universal” noting believers of all times, places, and traditions.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
After each petition:
...Merciful God,
Hear our prayer.