

Welcome to worship at  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

22nd May 2022, 9am

Today's service:  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion p 8

Prelude

Pastorale

*Charles Wesley*

Offertoire sur les Grands jeux

*Couperin*



Hymn  
LH 104  
Awake, my heart

1. Awake, my heart, thy praises sing  
To Christ, thy risen Lord and king!  
Stone, seal, and watch were all in  
vain,

Christ broke the bonds of death in  
twain.

So lift thy voice in triumph high,  
Thy Saviour lives, thou shalt not die.  
Thy praises ever sing  
To Christ, thy risen king.

2. Awake, my heart, awake, rejoice,  
And sing to Him with gladsome  
voice,  
Who rose triumphant from the dead,  
And all our foes has captive led.  
Resplendent He in glory lives  
And peace to all His people gives.  
Thy praises ever sing  
To Christ, thy risen king.

5. Awake, my heart, His triumph tell,  
Who burst the bonds of death and  
hell;

Doubt not His mighty power to save,  
Look, and behold His empty grave.  
With joy His mighty deeds acclaim,  
And spread abroad the victor's  
name.

Thy praises ever sing  
To Christ, thy risen king.

Alfred Ernest Richard Brauer (1866-1949)  
Revised, Hymnal Compilers





# Reminder of our Baptism

In the Name of the Father and of the  
† Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



# The Confession of Sins: The Call to Confess

Our help is in the Name of the  
Lord.

He made heaven and earth.

I said: I will confess my sins  
to the Lord.

Then He forgave the guilt of my  
sin.

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You, and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

# The Confession Questions

I ask each of you in the presence  
of God, Who searches the heart:

Do you confess that you have  
sinned, and do you repent of  
your sins?

I do.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has  
redeemed you from all your  
sins, and do you desire  
forgiveness in His name?

I do.

Do you intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy?

I do.



# The Absolution

Peace be with you.

Amen



Choir

Psalm 67

*Chant by E. C. Bairstow*

*LH 695*

May God be gracious to us and bless  
us

and make his face to shine upon us,  
that thy way may be known upon  
earth,

thy saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God;  
let all the peoples praise thee!

Let the nations be glad and sing for  
joy,

for thou dost judge the peoples with  
equity

and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God;  
let all the peoples praise thee!  
The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.  
God has blessed us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Glory to the Father and the Son:  
And the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning is now:  
And shall be for evermore. Amen.





Lord, have mercy

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to God in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest.

And on earth, peace among those  
with whom He is pleased.

We praise You, we bless You, we  
worship You, we glorify You, we give  
thanks to You for Your great glory, O  
Lord God, heavenly King, God, the  
Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ, O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world;  
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of  
God the Father;  
have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy,  
You alone are Lord,  
You alone, O Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the  
Father.  
Amen.



Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, You send Your Holy Spirit to be the light and life of all Your people. Open our hearts to receive His riches, so that we may produce the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**





# The Readings

## The First Reading –

Acts 16:9-15

Paul takes the good news to Philippi

This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God



The Second Reading –

Revelation 21:10,22 - 22:5

The river of life

This is the Word of the Lord

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!



The holy gospel is written in  
chapter 14 of the Gospel according  
to St John, beginning at verse 23.

**Glory be to You, O Lord**

# The Holy Gospel

John 14:23-29

“I am going to the Father”



This is the gospel of the Lord  
Praise be to You, O Christ



# Children's Address



Hymn  
LHS 761  
Christ is alive

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises  
ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.

3. Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human  
pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Saviour with the Father reigns.



4. In every insult, rift, and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth  
divide,  
he suffers, still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.

5. Christ is alive! His spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love and praise.

Brian A Wren 1936-



# Sermon



# The Nicene Creed

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.



# Choir Anthem

O Jesus King most wonderful

*Christopher Tye*

*arr. Paul Thomas*

O Jesus, King most wonderful,  
Thou Conqueror renowned,  
Thou sweetness most ineffable,  
in whom all joys are found.  
May every heart confess Thy name  
And ever Thee adore  
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame  
to seek Thee more and more.

Thee may our tongues forever bless,  
Thee may we love alone,  
and ever in our lives express  
the image of Thine own!



# The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart,  
O God, and put a new and right  
spirit within me. Cast me not  
away from your presence, and  
take not your Holy Spirit from  
me. Restore to me the joy of  
your salvation and uphold me  
with a willing spirit.





# Prayer of the Church

Lord, in Your mercy  
Hear our prayer.



# The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

For that is fitting and right.

The Preface for the Day is Prayed

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts;  
heaven and earth are full of Your  
glory.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

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; and forgive us our  
trespasses as we forgive those who  
trespass against us; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory, forever and  
ever. Amen.

# The Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you  
always.

Amen.



O Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace.

Amen.



# Distribution



LHS 177

O my Saviour, lifted

1. O my Saviour, lifted  
From the earth for me,  
Draw me, in Thy mercy,  
Nearer unto Thee.

2. Lift my earth-bound longings,  
Fix them, Lord, above;  
Draw me with the magnet  
Of Thy mighty love.

3. Lord, Thine arms are stretching  
Ever far and wide,  
To enfold Thy children  
To Thy loving side.

4. And I come, O Jesus:  
Dare I turn away?  
No, Thy love hath conquered,  
And I come today;



5. Bringing all my burdens,  
Sorrow, sin, and care.  
At Thy feet I lay them.  
And I leave them there.

William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.



Choir

If ye love me  
*Thomas Tallis*

If ye love me, keep my  
commandments.

And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another  
comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
E'en the spirit of truth.

*Text: John 14:15-17*



Organ Voluntary

Aria Op 51

*Flor Peeters*



The body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and his precious blood  
strengthen and preserve you  
in body and soul to life eternal.  
Go in peace †.

Amen.



Lord, now let Your servant depart in  
peace:  
according to Your Word.  
For my eyes have seen Your  
salvation:  
which You have prepared in the  
presence of all people;

A light to reveal You to the nations:  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now;  
and will be for evermore. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



Let us pray. We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it You would graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Let us bless the Lord.

God be praised for evermore.





The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on  
you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with  
favour and give you † peace.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**



Hymn  
LHS 469  
Come, ye people

5. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Help us to adore Thee,  
Till, with all the angel host,  
Low we bow before Thee;  
Till, throughout our earthly days  
Guided, loved, forgiven,  
We can blend our songs of praise  
With the song of heaven.

Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)



May God bless you for  
worshipping with us this morning

Postlude

God of Grace Op 14

*Paul Manz*