

Evangelical Lutheran Church New Berlin, PA

# Sixth Sunday In Easter

## May 25, 2025



Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

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# Welcome to worship

#### WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

# Navigating Worship

Congregational responses are written in bold.

\* indicates to stand as you are able

AED Available Downstairs In case of an emergency, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the stair tower on the first floor.

#### Nursery

The nursery is available downstairs-please wipe down toys used.

## Streaming Video

We extend our worship from our building into our community on Facebook, and YouTube. The front two pews and chancel are visible on the video.

Today's Worship Leaders:

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# $\Phi$ Gathering $\Phi$

### WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

#### Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

#### Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God. we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness. and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one. We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one. We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one. Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.

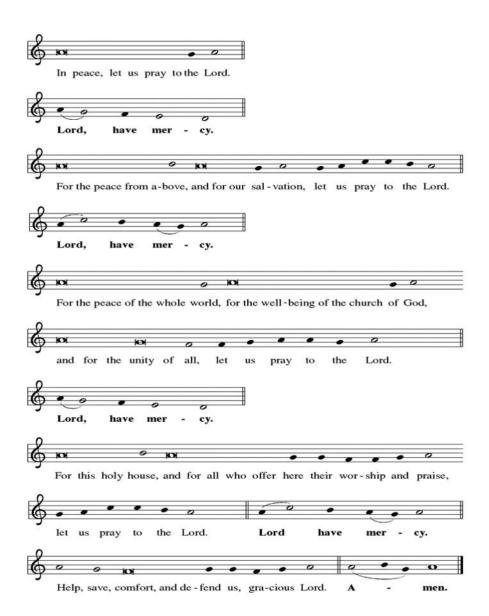
### \*GATHERING SONG

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Drawn To The Light

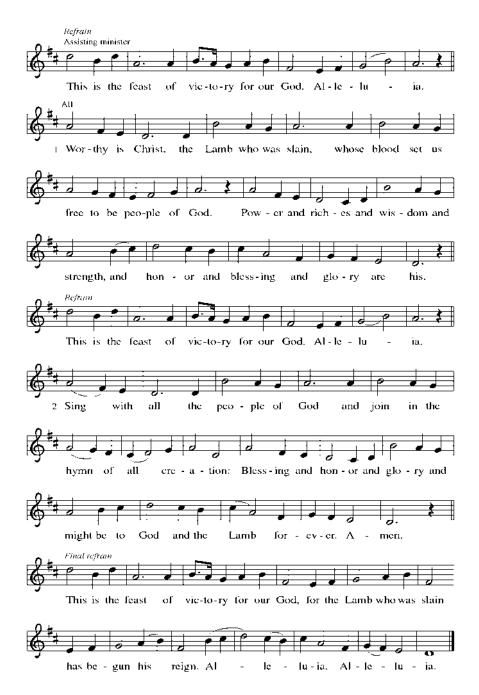
#### \*GREETING

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



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

### \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

## Word

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#### FIRST READING

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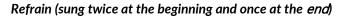
Астя 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, 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 for some days. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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





<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to <sup>1</sup> us and bless us; may the light of God's face <sup>1</sup> shine upon us.

- <sup>2</sup> Let your way be known <sup>1</sup> upon earth, your saving health a-<sup>1</sup> mong all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup> you, O God; let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and <sup>1</sup> sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na-<sup>1</sup>

#### tions on earth.

- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples <sup>1</sup> praise you, O God; let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought <sup>1</sup> forth its increase; God, our own <sup>1</sup> God, has blessed us.

<sup>7</sup> May God <sup>1</sup> give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. R

#### (Repeat Refrain)

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup> 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 is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the rulers of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>22:1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and the servants of God will do homage; <sup>4</sup> they will see God's face, and on their foreheads shall be God's name. <sup>5</sup> 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



#### \*Gospel

The holy gospel according to St. John **Glory to you, O Lord**.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said, "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. <sup>24</sup> 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.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children make their way up to the front when called

## HOMILY \*HYMN OF THE DAY

Beverly Hoffman # 377

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

\*Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### A brief silence

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.** 

## \*PEACE

Feel free to shake hands during Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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#### OFFERING

An offering is collected in the plates located in the narthex and by the elevator. You may give electronically at http://newberlinlutherans.com/give.

#### \*OFFERTORY

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WE ARE AN OFFERING

## \*Offering Prayer

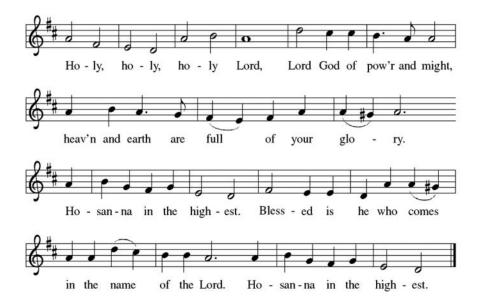
Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

#### Amen.

## \*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 our thanks and praise.** 

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel,

the rescue from Egypt,

the gift of the promised land,

the words of the prophets;

and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

## Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

### Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

#### Amen.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

#### \*COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Both sides process forward simultaneously by the center aisle. At the front pew are empty cups for wine. The cups that are filled are grape juice. The Common Cup is also available.



#### **COMMUNION SONGS**

| Lord Jesus, Think On Me        | # 599 |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult | # 696 |

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

#### Amen.

# Ф Sending Ф

## \*Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.** 

### \*Sending Song

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT # 815

### \*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!** 

We hear "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" as we go forth to

LIVE GOD'S GRACE; SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE; SERVE THE LORD

All are invited for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the parish hall.

# Fellowship After The Service

Join us for fellowship every second, third, fourth and fifth Sunday of the month after the Worship Service. Todays' Fellowship is hosted by Ronald and Frances Blatchley

| June 1  | 11:30 am All Church Brunch      |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| June 8  | Loren Bachorski and Mim Keister |
| June 15 | Ronald and Frances Blatchley    |
| June 22 | Betty Holllenbach and Kay Trick |
| June 29 | Emily Moyer and Barb Hackenburg |

# Day Of Pentecost June 8th

We will be purchasing flowers to decorate our sanctuary on the Day of Pentecost. Afterwards, those flowers will be planted outside for the community to enjoy. Please consider donating towards the purchase of the flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. You can find Memorial forms in the Narthex. Fill one out for each person you want to honor or remember and place cash or a check, made out to Messiah Lutheran Church, in the offering plate BEFORE June 1st in an envelope marked Pentecost Flowers. The amount you donate is up to you. We will not be ordering from a nursery. Instead, a few ladies in the church will purchase annuals. Wanna help plant? I'm sure your help would be greatly appreciated as you know the old saying, "Many hands make light work".



Are you a friendly person? Do you usually wear a smile upon your face? Are you able to extend your arm out to give a bulletin to people walking in the building? Can you form the words, "Welcome" and point visitors to the sanctuary? If you said, "yes" to any of these questions, then you are fully qualified to be a greeter! But you have

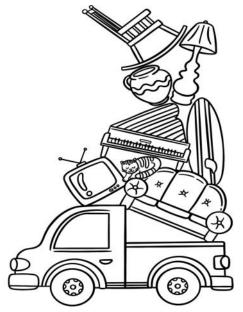


to step out on faith and apply for the job! Just call or email your church secretary and begin your new career as a Greeter Now!

## **Community Aid Donation Drive**

All during the month of May we can donate our gently used, but unwanted things to Community Aid. The more we donate, the more Messiah Lutheran benefits! But, you must make sure you give them our Partnership number when you drop off your items.

Don't remember our number? No problem! Just pick up a Community Aid card which are out in the lobby for your wallet. Ever wanted to get a behind the scenes tour of Community Aid? Well, you have a chance to do just that on June 3rd @ 9:15! The more people who participate in this tour, the more we show the Community Aid staff how committed we are to partnering with them. After the tour, there will be a table set up so that we can showcase our Lutheran World Relief Kits to educate shoppers and employees about our participation in these



outreaches. Who knows, some of the customers and employees might want to help us in this ministry! For more information and/or to let us know you'll be joining us, please contact Kathleen Ferster.

Volunteers Needed to fill Candles with Oil. Training is Available Any Questions? See Tom Milbrand

This can be done anytime prior to the service.

# Theology On Tap Is Back!

Join us Wednesday evening, May 28th at 6:00pm, for Theology on Tap at The Rusty Rail in Mifflinburg. The gathering is sponsored by United in Christ Lutheran Church (West Milton), but members from Christ Evangelical of Lewisburg and Milton Lutheran Church are also likely to be in attendance.

We gather in the back room. It is Dutch Treat with each person paying for their own beverage and dinner. Bible or church questions are placed in a jar and drawn throughout the evening for the clergy in attendance to take a stab at answering. It's a Bible study with your favorite beverage on the side.

If you need a ride call John Showers at 570-713-4270. It is a great evening of fellowship and a good way to meet fellow Lutherans in the valley.



## A Marianne's Fundraiser To benefit Camp Mt. Luther's Building Project

Orders for pizzas and subs will be collected May 18 thru June 16th. All orders and payment due to Kathleen Ferster by June 16. The price is unbelievably reasonable at just \$10.00 per item ordered. Subs and Pizzas will be available for pick up in our Fellowship Hall on June 26 from 11:00-12:00. If you want to impress your co-workers, buy a tray of subs and have lunch together. Order subs for dinner one night and pizza for the next night! That's two nights you don't have to cook! All for a good cause! Worship Leaders for Sunday, June 1, 2025 Presiding: Pastor Katy Moran The Mitchell Family Greeter/s: Lector: John Showers Ava and Emma Mitchell Acolytes: Cantor/s: Ronald and Frances Blatchley Music Dir: Frank Shue Video Operator: Philip Heggenstaller Mim Keister and Loren Bachorski Communion Set Up: Communion Baker: Mim Keister Altar Flowers:

## Last Week 5/18/25

Attendance: 26

Giving: \$1908.00

#### Have a prayer request?

Fill out the yellow Prayer Request card and drop it in the offering plate or put it in the secretary's mailbox.

**Need immediate prayers?** Contact Tom Milbrand (272-305-0058), Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.

Please remember to give Christine Rowe an update on the status of those on our prayer list.

Remember to fill out at least one Communion card each year.

#### Can't make it to church in-person?

Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone. To listen in on the phone, call 570-989-8899.

In our **pr**ayers

# Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie, Lori Haines, Jeffrey Ames, Oliver Auman, Aimee Erdley, Bev Fausey, Christine Koons, Darrell O'Bryant, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Betty Reber, Michael Callahan, Angela Golfieri, Todd Miller, John Hollenbach, Eric Brosious, Kay Fleming, Taryn Myers, Brantley Herman, Timothy Shomper, Jane Ohlidia, Weston Treas, Trudy Livingston, Mick Hauck, Lark Springer, Logan Roush, Katelyn Mattison, Tena Decker-Norman, Mary Hoover, Laurie Thomas, John Wagner, Beth Ann Troutman, George Hauck, Sandy Raymond, Kathy Spangler, Dianne Bailor, Doug Aikey, Loretta Weatherill, Melissa Boonie, Adam Guzenski, Julia Hauck, Ellie Crane, Jami and Dylan Crane, Tracy Sassaman, Paul Burkholder, Sue Ulrich, Charlie Stabler, Shawna St. Claire, Stanley St. Claire, Larry St. Claire, Daytona Wentzel, Tim Walsh, Ted Kolvich, Ron Trick, Cameron Osgood, June Bingaman, Michelle (Pam Erdley's friend), Grant Snyder, Robert Sauers

Short Term

Mary Wagner, Ken Walter, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, Clay Powel, Diane Walter, Logan Hollenbach, Randy Rim Fultz

Providence and Protection for first responders and military service men and women Stanley Miller, Benjamin Pilko

Companionship, Prayer and Support for our Homebound Carol McJilton, Valda Sassaman, Julia Fetter, Mick and Mary Hauck, Nancy Hummel, Carole Jacka

Comfort for those who Grieve

For the family and friends of Dick Devitt, Bill Roush, Ralph "Zip" Geiswite Jr., Harold Spangler,

This Week

Today, Sunday, May 25

9 am Service of Holy Communion Fellowship Sunday School

Wed., May 28

11:30 am XYZ Luncheon @ Silver Moon, Lewisburg6 pm Theology On Tap @ Rusty Rail

Sunday, June 1

11:30 am All Church Brunch12:30 pm Service of Holy Communion Children's Church

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Psalm for Monday-Wednesday is Psalm 93

| Mon.                                    | May 26 | 1 Chronicles 12:16-22   | Revelation 21:5-14  |  |
|---|--------|---|---------------------|--|
| Tues.                                   | May 27 | 2 Chronicles 15:1-15  | Revelation 21:15-22 |  |
| Wed.                                    | May 28 | 2 Chronicles 34:20-33   | Luke 2:25-38        |  |
| Psalm for Thursday-Saturday is Psalm 97 |        |   |                     |  |
| Thurs.                                  | May 29 | Ephesians 1:15-23   | Acts 1:1-11         |  |
| Fri.                                    | May 30 | Exodus 33:12-17   | Revelation 22:6-9   |  |
| Sat.                                    | May 31 | exodus 33:18-23   | John 1:14-18        |  |
| Sunday, June 1                          |        | Acts 16:16-34<br>Psalm 97<br>Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21<br>John 17:20-26 |                     |  |