

# THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,  
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



## ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

### OPENING HYMN

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" (LSB 868)

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.  
**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" (LSB 946)



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 Δ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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$\dagger$  **WORD**  $\dagger$

**INTROIT**

*Ps. 105:39-43 (antiphon: Ps. 105:1)*

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
 make known his deeds among the peoples!

**C** He spread a cloud for a covering,  
 and fire to give light by night.

**P** They asked, and be brought quail,  
 and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

- C** He opened the rock, and water gushed out;  
it flowed through the desert like a river.
- P** For he remembered his holy promise,  
and Abraham, his servant.
- C** So he brought his people out with joy,  
his chosen ones with singing.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT**                      *Genesis 1, 2:10-14*    *see page 15*                      (Creation)

*After the reading:*

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.


**ANTHEM**                      "River in Judea"    (Marcus/Feldman, arr. John Leavitt)  
*Tim Larson, vocalist*

**EPISTLE**                      *Revelation 22:1-5*    *see page 17*                      (The River of Life)

*After the reading:*

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that  
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *St. Luke 24:1-12*    see page 17-18      (The Resurrection)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

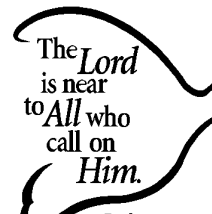
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON HYMN**      "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"    (LSB 935)

**SERMON**      "God Creates All Creatures"    (Genesis 1 selected verses, 2:10-14)  
*Pastor Brad Urbach*

**THE CREED**    8:30    *Nicene*      *Inside back cover of the*  
*Lutheran Service Book*

                         11:00    *Apostles'*      *Inside back cover of the*  
*Lutheran Service Book*



**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** Father, Your steadfast love is gracious and overflowing. Teach Your people to look to You in every need; to be thankful for everything that You give them; and to know that no danger, trouble or hardship can ever separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father, we give You thanks that You have blessed us beyond what we deserve and given to us Your Church. Bless all pastors and church workers in their service to us in Your name, and bless those now considering and preparing for church work. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father, Your Son miraculously fed the 5,000 and satisfied them. We thank You for all You provide to support our bodies and lives. Make us content with what You give, that we may not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from Your hand alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father, we are richly and daily surrounded with Your love and care. Give us eyes to see Your mercies new every morning, and grant us grateful hearts, that what we have received we may generously share with the needy and Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father, daily You bless us with abundance and freedom. Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities. Be with our president, Congress, our governor, and our judges and magistrates, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father, visit us in Your compassion. Deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. May all who cry to You receive grace according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father, Your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted. Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have

confidence in Your sufficient grace within Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, let us seek You while You may be found, call upon You in the day of salvation and be prepared by Your mercy for the day of judgment; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

**IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION:** According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

### **✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠** **8:30 am Service**

#### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

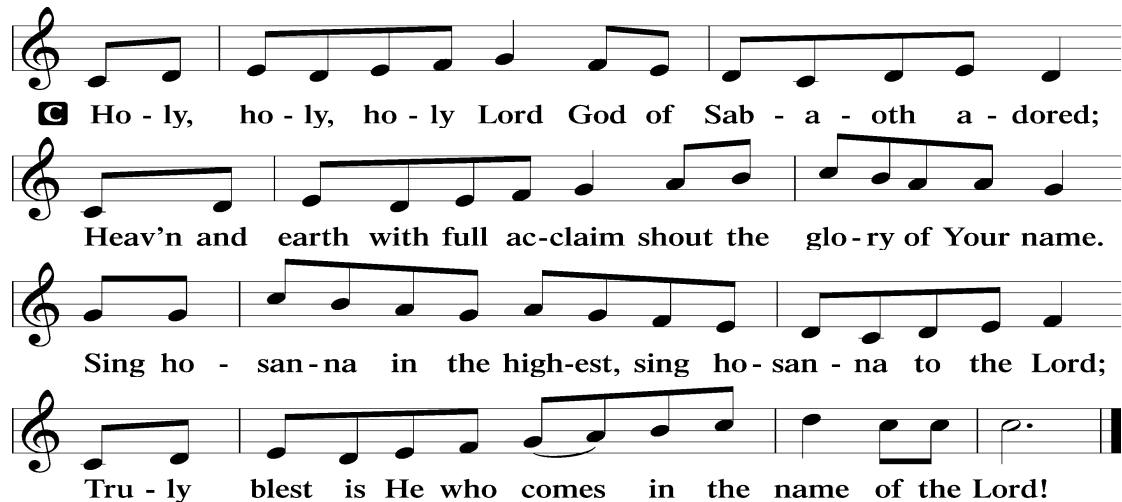
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life.

Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**C** Amen.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Please be seated)*



## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" (LSB 622)  
"Beautiful Savior" (LSB 537)  
"How Great Thou Art" (LSB 801)



(Please stand)

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the

true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** 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 favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

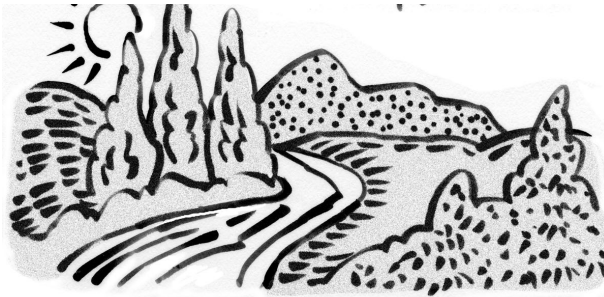
### **CLOSING HYMN**

“My Soul Rejoices”

(LSB 933)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**AS WE GATHER** Today, we look at the crucial role water played in God’s perfect creation and our first home in the Garden of Eden. We will see how Adam and Eve’s sin drove us away from the well-watered garden and cut us off from the life-giving relationship with our

God. Then we will hear God’s promise to restore that relationship through Jesus Christ.

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost!** We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

**Preaching** this morning is Reverend Brad Urbach. Pastor Urbach is our part-time Visitation Pastor. Pastor Handschke will be our Liturgist.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



**Flowers on the Altar** are given by Char Russell in loving memory of Jim Russell. Thanks Char. May God continue to comfort you and bless your memories of Jim.

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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. Jul. 26, Att. 16, Offering \$0.00; Sun., Jul. 30, Att. 291;** General Fund \$7,608.03; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$200.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$200.00; Bus Upkeep Fund \$920.00.

**Endowment Fund** There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the form of a **check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

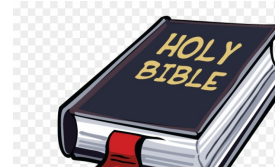
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**Blood Drive** coming up on **Monday, Aug 14<sup>th</sup>**. Times are 12:30-5:30. To make an appointment please call Jodi Hartmann at 605-222-8675 or go online to Vitalant.org and use the blood drive code PierreFaith.

**Ladies Night Out** All ladies of the congregation are requested to come for Ladies Night Out on Monday, August 14, at the Branding Iron Bistro, 6pm for a night of food, friendship and fun. Please sign up in the Narthex at the information table so we can have a head count for food preparation. Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, dinner roll and dessert. **The cost for the meal will be \$20.** Invite a friend or two for an evening of great Christian fellowship.

**Fall and Winter Bible Studies** If you are planning on leading a Bible study this Fall and/or Winter please let us know all the details by August 18 so we can include this information in the September newsletter. Titles, days, dates, times and a synopsis of what the study includes would be very helpful.



**Help Wanted** The Lord tells us in 3 John 1:4, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” Our Daycare and Preschool ministries bless children daily with God’s good Word and love so that prayerfully the Holy Spirit will work faith in them and they will walk in the truth. You or someone you tell can be a part of this important teaching. The following staff openings are currently available. Apply by submitting your resume to the church office or complete an employment application. More information is on the church website: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com)

- Preschool Teacher Assistant
- Daycare Cook
- Daycare Early Childhood Teacher – Part Time and Full Time



**Faith Lutheran’s Board of Missions is the sponsor for this event.** Volunteers needed to help set-up, serve, and take-down. All volunteers would be much appreciated.  
**Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 4pm**  
**Steamboat Park Amphitheater**

**Pulled Pork with all the fixin's  
Music and food free & open to the public**

**Main Street Living** Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00 AM - "No Laughing Matter"** - A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present.

**10:30 AM** - Rev. Kevin Koester, pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, presents a message titled "A Trail of Breadcrumbs." The sermon is based on Matthew 14:13-21. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "Be as patient with others as you know God is with you. In so doing, you will be keeping your head in all circumstances' (2 Timothy 4:5). You will find the resolve to remain calm and patient, even though ideologically you may become incensed. Theologically, you know what it means to be the object of perfect love. Let Christ be your role model." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resource – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## Faith Lutheran Youth



**Vacation Bible School** "God's Living Water-Covered in Jesus' Grace" is our theme for this year's VBS. The dates for VBS are **August 6-10**. From 5-6 pm there will be a meal for all participants. Then from 6-8 pm will be our VBS learning activities.

**Rally Day** Rally Sunday will be held August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:45. We will welcome

back all members, young and not so young for another year of Christian education and growth.



The Board of Education is recruiting teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Sunday School and Midweek/Catechism teachers are needed. Please pray about this opportunity to teach the children of our congregation. If you are interested please contact one of the Board of Education members. Ellen Blauert, Rebecca Denke, Mark Koch or Jessica Paul.

**Midweek/Catechism and Sunday School Parent's meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. At least one parent or guardian of our 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students is expected to attend. The youth are not required to attend this meeting. This is an opportunity to ask question, meet teachers, see rooms, and cover expectations for the year. Midweek/Catechism will begin Wednesday, September 6.



### ***Our Broadcasts***

There are many occasions to sponsor our broadcasts, births, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, adoptions, etc. Any joyous occasion, the remembrance of loved ones or to the Glory of God.

Our Sonrise radio broadcast may be sponsored for \$30.00. The radio broadcast may be found each Sunday morning at 6:40 on KCCR. Our Cable Broadcast may be sponsored for \$35.00. This covers the weekly fee. The cable broadcast is on channel 8 Wednesday evening at 7:00. You may sponsor both the Cable Broadcast and Sonrise for \$60.00. The sign-up is on the traveling bulletin board in the Narthex.

### ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: Aug. 6**

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

**5-6 pm VBS Meal**

**6-8 pm VBS Activities**

7:00 pm Board of Elders

**Mon: Aug. 7**

**5-6 pm VBS Meal**

**6-8 pm VBS Activities**

7:00 pm Men's Club

**Tues: Aug. 8**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
10:30 am Women's Bible Study  
**5-6 pm VBS Meal**  
**6-8 pm VBS Activities**  
6:00 pm Board of Prop. Management  
7:00 pm Berea Circle  
**Wed: Aug. 9**  
**5-6 pm VBS Meal**  
**6-8 pm VBS Activities**  
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion  
8:00 pm LYF  
**Thurs: Aug. 10**

8:00 am Staff Devotions  
**5-6 pm VBS Meal**  
**6-8 pm VBS Activities**  
**Sun: Aug. 13**  
8:30 am Worship  
11:00 am Communion  
2:00 pm Board of Education  
7:30 pm Board of Missions

## **The Old Testament Lesson**

### **The Creation of the World**

Genesis 1, 2:10-14

**1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**6** And God said, "Let there be an

expanse<sup>[a]</sup> in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** And God made<sup>[a]</sup> the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. **8** And God called the expanse Heaven.<sup>[a]</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

**9** And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth,<sup>[a]</sup> and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was

good.

<sup>11</sup> And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants<sup>Ⓜ</sup> yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons,<sup>Ⓜ</sup> and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

<sup>16</sup> And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the

darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds<sup>Ⓜ</sup> fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.



<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man<sup>hu</sup> in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup> And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was

very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2</sup><sup>10</sup> A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

## **The Epistle Lesson**

### **Revelation 22:1-5**

The River of Life

<sup>22</sup> Then the angel<sup>an</sup> 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; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life<sup>hu</sup> with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed,

but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

## **The Gospel Lesson**

### **The Resurrection**

St. Luke 24:1-12

**24** But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they

were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

