♦ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Kristin Holl (Jane Marie born 2/10), Bethany Remm (Julia Rose born 4/6).

#### **STAFF**

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

**Elders:** Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano **Deacons:** Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah

Holl, Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Sarah Salyer (Secretary), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood

Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood

### **WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT**

## What is the Assurance of Forgiveness?

After we humble ourselves during the time of confession, the Lord then lifts our heads and forgives us. The pastor calls us to rise. He proclaims the gospel ("good news") clearly and directly: that Jesus Christ has died for us and been resurrected for us, to pay the penalty for our sin and to secure for us eternal life.

The pastor then declares that all who trust in Jesus have indeed been forgiven of their sins. He often invokes God's Triune name ("Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."), which reminds us of our baptism, the sign and seal of the cleansing we have in Jesus (Acts 2:38, 22:16). Each week, during the assurance of forgiveness, we return to that baptismal promise: we are clothed with Christ and forgiven in Him (Gal. 3:27).

The pastor does not have special power in himself to remit sins, but he has been ordained to speak God's Word to God's people and to proclaim the Gospel (Matt. 18:18; John 20:23). Only God can forgive our sins against Him. But God chooses to speak that forgiveness through ordained ministers who serve as his representatives. The minister's word is God's Word to us, in so far as he is simply proclaiming what the Scriptures teach.

Of course Christians can confess their sins to God and receive his forgiveness at any time throughout the week. Jesus, our Great High Priest, continually intercedes for us at the Father's right hand (Rom. 8:34). But it comforts our souls to actually hear those words of forgiveness proclaimed boldly and authoritatively by the man called to speak God's Word to us. It reminds us that the forgiveness of sins is not just something in our heads, but a true Word from Christ himself—true despite the various doubts and fears within us, true because it is based on the finished work of Christ on the cross.



# May 14th, 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Announcements

### **GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-4

†Congregational Singing #108 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

†Collect

O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"Only A Holy God"

## **GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF**

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:18

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have followed the way of the world. We have failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your

# faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "The Power of the Cross"

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD**

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
+Gospel Reading
The Philippian Hymn
Sermon

Isaiah 6:8–13
Acts 28:1-6, 16, 23-24, 30-31
Mark 16:14-20
The Philippian Hymn
Pastor David Salyer

"Unhindered"

Sermon Series: The Acts of the Apostles

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of Dedication

## GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson Nursery Volunteers: Kacia Hughett

### **CHURCH LIFE**

Sunday, May 14th - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

- Would you be willing to provide some meals for these families in the coming weeks?
  - ❖ Jacob and Rachel Hajda—(freezer meals in the church freezers which Eleanor/Lisa will pick up and deliver to Broken Bow).
    - ❖ mealtrain.com/z3gzqe
  - ❖ Jason and Bethany Remm
    - ❖ mealtrain.com / wq40yw
- ❖ With high school **graduations** upon us, we wanted to let our church family know what our grads will be up to:
  - Dash Alexander: Graduating from Bertrand High School, Dash plans to attend Emerson College in Boston, where he will study Media Arts Production.
  - ❖ Barnabas Anderson: Graduating from Kearney High School, Barnabas plans to attend Doane University where he will study engineering.
  - Charlotte Hajda: Graduating from Great Hills Homeschool, Charlotte plans to attend UNK where she will study graphic design
  - ❖ Joshua Sykes: Graduating from Kearney High School, Joshua plans to attend UNK where he will study...
- ❖ Sunday, May 14th will be the last **Sunday School** class for the semester. After that we will break for the summer. We plan to resume classes August 20.
- ♦ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$3,952.93. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$75,105.67. Received 5/7: \$3,326.46. Received year-to-date: \$77,349.21.
- May Birthdays: (1) Mark Johnson, (6) Barnabas Anderson 2005, (7) Alice Bates, Jacob Hajda, Jemima Williams 2011, Lynn Salyer (8) Jim Frerichs, (11) Jerry McKean, Abel Fong 2018, (13) Eliza Hajda 2022, (14) Kacia Hughett, (16) Arleata Bass, (18) Jocelyn Salyer 2014, (19) Anne Lano, (21) Alyvia Goodbrake 2014, (23) Pat Butterfield, (25) Kay Johnson, (28) Jordan Hughett, (29) Marlene McKean

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### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖For Howard Bass and family as they mourn the loss of Arleata.
- ♦That God would raise up Elders, Deacons, and WIC Committee members for Trinity and that we, as a church, would patiently equip them for service and support them in their work.
- ❖Presbytery: That God would raise up PCA church plants in our region
- ♦Missions: PCA Mission to the World (MTW) Missionaries and Families.