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The Readings on This Day

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today is the sixth Sunday, the 36th day, of Easter. We continue to celebrate the meaning of the resurrection by attending to biblical discourses, narratives, and poetry and by enacting our communal love in the greeting of peace and the sharing of bread and wine.



Acts 16:9-15

Appealing not only to his Gentile audience but also to us, Luke tells of women of means who function independently and support the Christian mission. We join Lydia in the community of the praying women, and we hope to remain, with her, faithful to the Lord.

The Psalm for the Day

Having heard of the faith of Lydia, we join together in singing **Psalm 67**. Like Lydia, most Christians are not originally Jews, but come from what the psalmist calls “the nations,” “the ends of the earth.” In Psalm 67, they too are praising God.

Revelation 21:10,22-27, 22—22:5

One stunning detail about the new Jerusalem is its openness to all people, in contrast to human cities where gates tried to protect residents from enemy outsiders. We have already begun to live in this very city during our weekly worship: the crucifix we see is our tree of life, the font is the river of life, and on the forehead of all the baptized is shining the mysterious and powerful name of God.

John 14:23-29

This option for the gospel emphasizes the comforting presence of the triune God within the believing community. We are enjoined to keep God’s word (what Lutherans call “law”), and we are given the gospel promise that God will live within us.

or

John 5:1-9

This second option for the gospel, written close to the turn of the second century, is a narrative that while positioned during Jesus’ ministry, proclaims the power of the risen Christ. We are like the invalid: hearing the voice of Christ we are able to rise up and walk, for we have been enlivened by the Spirit of the resurrection.