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And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called The Holy Way.

Isaiah 35:8

May 8, 2016
Seventh Sunday of Easter

*"I am the alpha and omega, the first and the last,
the beginning and the end."* *Revelation 22:13*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — WELCOME

PRELUDE *Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Joel Raney

INTROIT *O Holy City, Seen of John* (v.3) Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 97:6,10-12)

LEADER: Heaven has proclaimed God's righteousness, and all nations have seen his glory.

PEOPLE: **Those of you who love the Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of his faithful ones, delivering them from the power of the wicked.**

LEADER: Light is planted like seed for the righteous person; joy too for those whose heart is right.

PEOPLE: **Rejoice in the Lord, righteous ones! Give thanks to his holy name!**

***HYMN** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* #32

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, You call us and form us as the Body of Christ, the Church. You create us by promise and love, through word and Sacrament, to shine Your light. In baptism, You name us: Beloved. We forget who we are, and whose we are. We stray from the fold of the One who saves. We doubt promises which carry us and are blind to grace which keeps us alive. Forgive our sins. Speak the word which pours mercy into our emptiness. Overcome the pride and stubbornness which block Your presence. Fill us anew with the saving love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE** *Glory Be to the Father* #581

A TIME OF GREETING

ANTHEM *He Is King of Kings* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (After the message, children entering the 5th grade and younger are invited to attend Sunday School in the Ranch House.)

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 260) Revelation 22:12-14

HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* #662

SCRIPTURE (NT p. 111) John 17:20-26

SERMON "It's Who You Know"

OUR CARES AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *Amen* #601

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *You Gave Me Love* arr. Bill George

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *Now Thank We All Our God* #643

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* arr. Larry Shackeley

* Please stand if you are able.

Announcements & Opportunities
May 8, 2016

Welcome to our Worship Celebration this morning!

We worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and offer Sunday School for school age children. **Help us get acquainted with you by filling out our attendance pad and our guest card!** Please join us for **refreshments** and fellowship at our Coffee Social Time in the Ranch House **following our service.** You will find sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Ranch House for our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings	Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17
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Our church strives to be fully accessible to all persons. The **first four rows** on the pulpit side of the sanctuary are designated "**Fragrance-Free.**"

Personal Receivers are available in the AV Room for those needing hearing assistance. **Any chair in our sanctuary can be moved** to make room for persons in **wheelchairs**—our ushers are ready to help. Recorded Audio Tapes are available in the AV Room after each service, and you can **listen to our sermons** online at www.holywaypc.org.

Bible Study meets on Tuesday. You are invited to join us for coffee and homemade snacks in the Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. We are studying Romans.

Remember the church in your will

† **Serendipity** will meet 2pm on Monday at Carol Hearn's house (3370 S. White Clay Loop).

† **Animate:Practices** will meet on Tuesday at **10:30 am** in the Conference Room.

† **Dinner in the Ranch House** (stuffed pork roast!) will be this Wednesday, May 11th at 6 pm. Be sure to sign up after service so we will have enough food.

† **Next Sunday, on the Day of Pentecost,** we will celebrate Children's Day. We will honor our Sunday School students, thank our Sunday School teacher, Maggie Diggs, and present a Bible to our 3rd grade student.

† **Stephen Minister** training will take two weeks off. We'll resume on May 26th.

† **Our Sunday School teacher, Maggie Diggs,** will continue her teaching through the end of May. We are looking for a few folks who are willing to teach our Sunday School class on a rotating basis. Curriculum is available (in the narthex for you to preview) along with a sign-up sheet for upcoming Sundays, beginning June 5.

† **After worship next Sunday,** we will have a meeting of our Vacation Bible School leaders and helpers in the library of the Ranch House.

† **The Session** will meet next Tuesday, May 17, at 6pm.

† **We are looking for one or two persons to serve** in the A/V Room on Sunday mornings. The tasks are relatively simple, yet important. Interested? See Ray.

† **Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be June 6 -10, 2016.** Pre-registration will continue thru May 15th. We hope your children will join us this summer for a week of learning and fun! Friends are always welcome. Want to help at VBS? Contact Ray or Kathy in the church office.

† **Interested in membership at Holy Way?** Our next New Members Class will meet following worship on May 22.

† **Thanks to** Ray Groves, Tom Bernardo, George Hearn, and Dennis Toresdahl for their work in cleaning out the barn this week. It is well on the way to being empty. We should have lots of room for fall and Christmas mission and Deacons' projects this year.

CALENDAR			
Sun.	May 8	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School Alateen & Al-anon Meeting
Mon.	May 9	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Yoga Serendipity
Tue.	May 10	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study MSG / New Day! Animate:Practice Girl Scouts Al-anon Meeting
Wed.	May 11	6:00 pm	Dinner in the Ranch House
Thurs.	May 12	5:30 pm 6:15 pm	AA Meeting Chancel Choir
Sun.	May 15 Children's Day	9:30 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm	Worship & Sunday School VBS Meeting Alateen & Al-anon Meeting

SESSION

Class of 2016	Sherri Atleson	Cong. Life, Mission, Worship
Class of 2016	Dee Ellis	Admin., Christian Ed., Deacons
Class of 2016	Sharon Groves	Clerk, Nominating Committee
Class of 2016	Mooneen Ringenberg	Mission
Class of 2017	Karl Allen	Christian Education, Worship
Class of 2017	Barbara Armbruster	Congregational Life
Class of 2017	Carol Hearn	Cong. Life, Finance, Mission
Class of 2017	Dennis Toresdahl	Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Tom Bernardo	Admin./ Buildings & Grounds
Class of 2018	Ellen LaCroix	Mission
Class of 2018	Marcus Mattias	Christian Education
Class of 2018	Dudley Williams	Buildings & Grounds, Finance

PRAYER CONCERNS

Soldiers & Peacemakers – for their physical, mental, and spiritual health.

For a positive and faithful resolution to our broken immigration system.

All the unspoken prayer concerns.

Your prayers this week will give them the sustaining power we all need.
Please pray for them!

Lynn Allen – Health Concerns

Dick Canfield (Rich Marsch's uncle) – Health Concerns

T.R. Ellis – Health Concerns

Julie Gonet – Health Concerns

Dave Malmberg – Health Concerns

Mary & Rich Marsch's son Bob – Health Concerns

Wendy Mattias' friend, Toni – Health Concerns

Doug Myers – Health Concerns

Lyle Olmstead – Health Concerns

Anita Parsil – Health Concerns

Linda Richards – Health Concerns

Charles Sayers – Health Concerns

Rodger Schumacher – Health Concerns

Ann Toresdahl – Health Concerns

Our Prayer Chain is always available – contact Phyllis Crouthers at 578-8369 or Anita Parsil at 578-2410. If unable to reach Phyllis or Anita, you can email the church office at office@holywaypc.org.