

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

<sup>28</sup> “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

**Sermon Hymn:** 377 – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

**Sermon:** Peace for Troubled Hearts

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**Hymn:** 727 – There is a Higher Throne  
189 – Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** 332 – Go My Children With My Blessings

**Ushers:** This Week – Hunter Boettcher & Jeremy Foltz  
Next Week – Jake Horta & Alex Ellifson

**Greeters:** This Week – Dave & Andrea Stewart  
Next Week – Richard & Shirley Pfeifer

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# We Welcome You!

**Order of Worship:** New Service Setting

**Opening Hymn:** 529 – Built on the Rock

## **Prayer of the Day:**

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **First Lesson - Acts 14:8-18**

*Their first missionary journey continues as Paul and Barnabas flee to Lystra. Filled with the Spirit, Paul and Barnabas heal a man crippled from birth. While the crowd recognizes divine power at work, their misguided notions of divinity lead them to the wrong conclusion. Troubled by what was happening, Paul and Barnabas seize the opportunity to proclaim the true message of peace through the risen Christ.*

<sup>8</sup> In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup> and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup> When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!”

<sup>12</sup> Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup> “Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them.

<sup>16</sup> In the past, he let all nations go their own way. <sup>17</sup> Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain

from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” <sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

## **Psalm of the Day - Psalm 65, p. 89**

## **Second Lesson - Revelation 21:10-14, 22, 23**

*As the angel points out the bride of Christ to St. John, can we help but marvel: that’s us! Here is how God sees his Church: as the very bride of Christ, holy and glorious. Like a brilliant jewel the Church built on the prophets and apostles is prepared for an eternity with her loving Lord in the temple of the Lamb and the radiance of his light.*

<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. <sup>14</sup> The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

**Verse of the Day:** *Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (John 14:23)*

## **Gospel - John 14:23-29**

*Jesus continues to prepare the disciples for his visible departure. The new command to love one another also means loving him and his Word. Loving Jesus means obeying his teaching. We do not fear at the thought of this impossible task. The gift of the Spirit comes to bring knowledge and peace. With untroubled hearts, we believe.*