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Seventh Sunday of Easter

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

GATHERING— “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

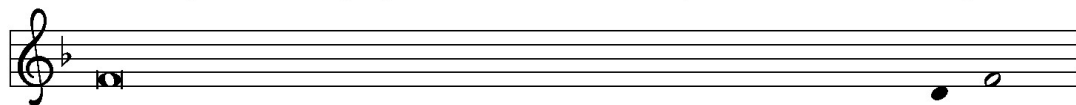
GREETING—P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C:** And also with you *2 Cor 13:13*

KYRIE

Luke 17:13; Luke 18:38-39; Psalm 123:2-3



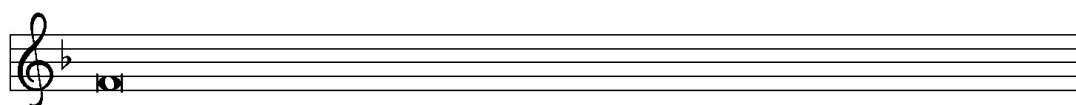
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



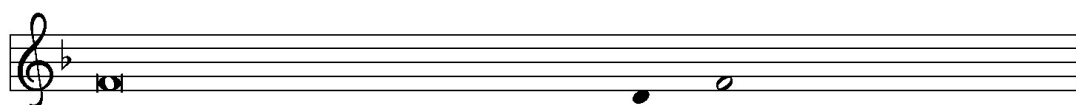
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



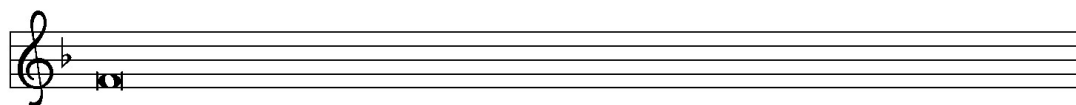
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



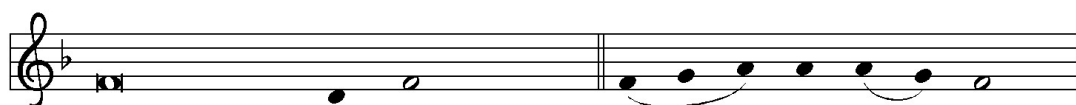
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



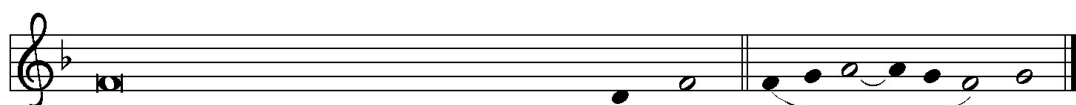
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

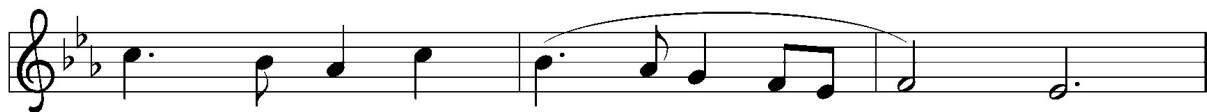
This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

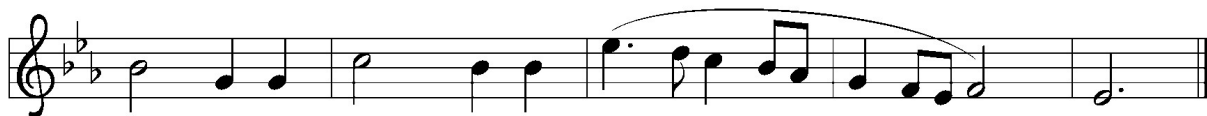
Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray with one another. **C: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MESSAGE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

WORD— “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.”

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus’ ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas’s treachery and death.

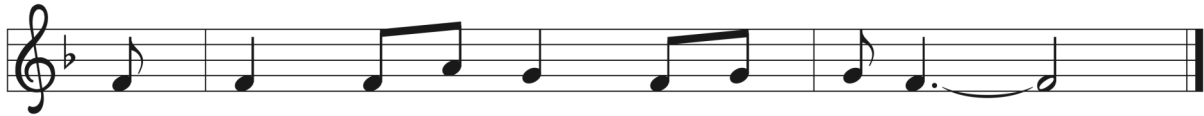
A reading from Acts.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 1

Refrain: (organist/cantor/then congregation)



The LORD knows the way of the righ - teous.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night. REFRAIN/ALL**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that [|] do not wither;
everything they [|] do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so [|] with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed. REFRAIN/ALL**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

A reading from 1 John.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

P: The holy gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine the Amen

Vs 1—All women

Vs 3—Choir Only

Vs 2—All men

Vs 4 & 5—All



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: As beloved children of God, we now confess our faith. **C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated or kneel for the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1st Timothy 2:1

A: In our Gospel lesson this morning, Jesus is praying for us and for this world, and so join Jesus in prayer this morning, trusting in his generous and abiding love.

A brief silence.

A: We pray, holy God, for the unity of the church, for the national and regional church, for this church and all who gather in this community to worship you. O God, empower the church, and in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray, omnipotent God, for the well-being of creation, for the will and wisdom to care for the earth, for lands facing climate change, for local waters, and for species of endangered animals. O God, of promise, preserve the earth, and in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world, for efforts toward international cooperation, for peace in countries in conflict or at war, especially in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and Haiti. O God, guide the nations, and in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray, benevolent God, for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely, for the hungry and the homeless, for persons without family or friends, for people with addictions, and for those searching for answers. O God, our Shepherd, protect the needy, and in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray, compassionate God, for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, for those in hospitals and other institutions of care, for those who have no medical care, for those who are incarcerated, and for names of the sick (especially). O God, heal the sick, and in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray, faithful God, for our congregation, St. Paul's, for deeper faith and stronger commitment for us all, for our homebound members, for our outreach to others, and for your continued hand of leading. O God, embrace this assembly, and in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: We ask you, O God, to strengthen and be with all mothers — biological, adoptive, and foster — in the daily joys and challenges of teaching values, passing on faith, and protecting and guiding their children. We give you thanks for the gift of love. O God of the deepest love, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Finally, we pray, loving God, for the deepest desires of our hearts...

Extended silent prayer...

O God, our heart's desire, grant us peace, and in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith (*especially*). Inspire us by their witness. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **C: Amen.**

The assembly stands.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

*You are asked to remain in place and exchange a sign of peace with those around you.
You may give a wave or peace sign to others beyond a safe reach.*

The assembly is seated.

OFFERTORY

The assembly stands.

MEAL—“*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*”

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* *1 Cor. 10:16; John 6:35*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

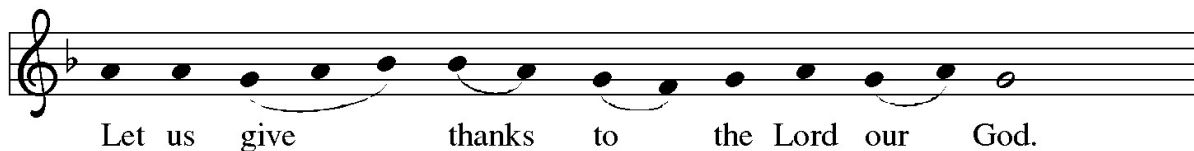
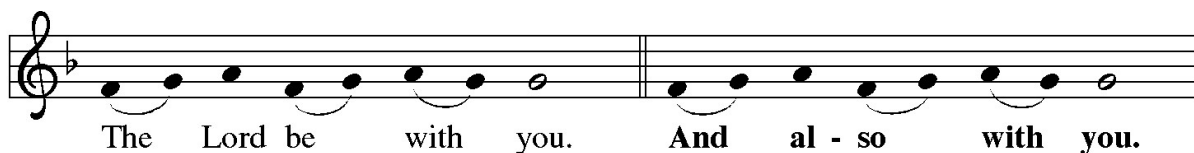


pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Because we live in a broken world, we can be tempted to withdraw or disengage from others, but Jesus sends us out into the world to be bearers of God's love and light. Let us pray. **C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

DIALOGUE



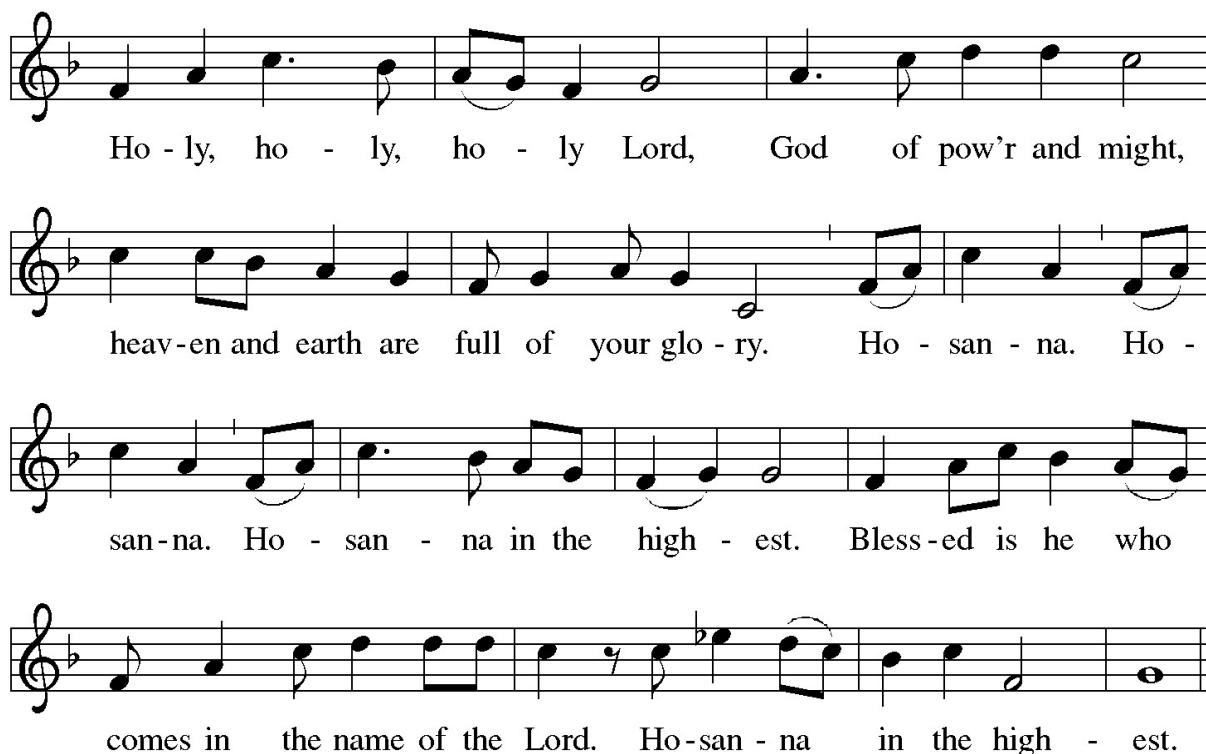
PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-23

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory and offer our words of gratitude and thanksgiving. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

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.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. C: Amen.

At the direction of the Pastor you will be invited to receive Holy Communion at the altar or in your seats. For those receiving Holy Communion in your seats you will be invited first to receive communion by peeling back the tab and receive the wafer with the rest of the congregation as the Pastor says, "The Body of Christ given for you." Then turn the packet upside down so the wine/juice side is on top. Peel back the tab and receive the wine/juice with the rest of the congregation as the Pastor says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." Please discard the empty packet and tabs after worship in the small bowls provided.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Come With Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



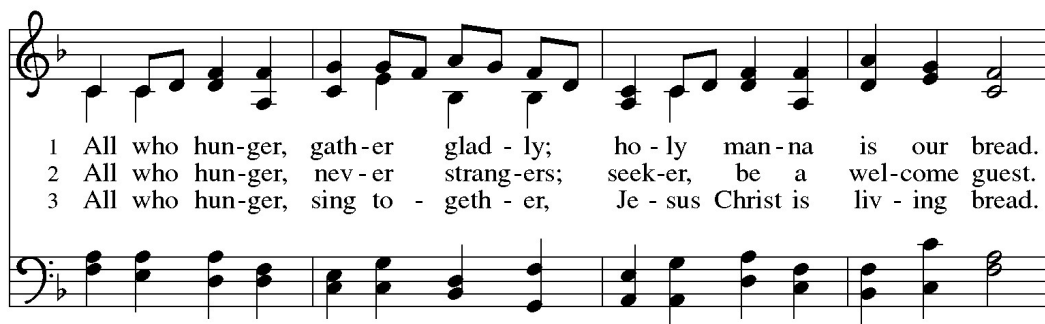
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



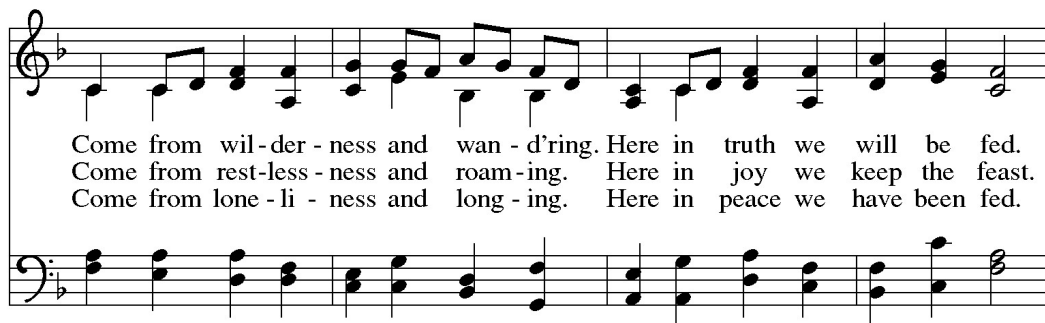
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

COMMUNION HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



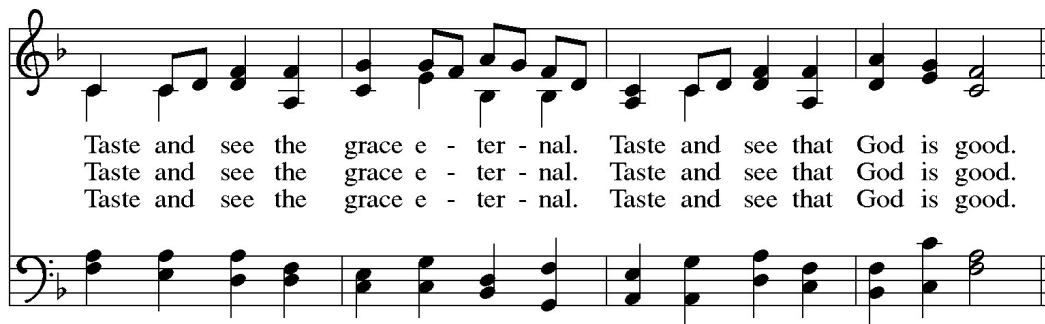
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen.**

SENDING—“God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world”

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Christ is the King



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Luke 7:50

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Ruth Sommers, Ron and Sandy Schneck, Becky Fritzges

Assisting Minister: Diane King

Communion Assistants: Jim McMichael and Dale Souder

Greeters: Ruth and Fred Johns

Lector: Mallory Prediger

Ushers: Rod Hange, Fred Johns, and Joan O'Connor

Calendar of Events - Week of May 12, 2024

Monday 5/13: Church Council 7:00 pm

Tuesday 5/14: Easter Wondering and Wandering Walk 9:30 am

Wednesday 5/15:

Thursday 5/16: Bible Study and Lunch 12-1:30 pm

Friday 5/17:

Saturday 5/18:

Sunday 5/19: Sunday Worship and Children's Ministry 9:30 am

*Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b,
Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26;16:4b-15*

Bulletin and Flower Sponsors

Altar Flowers for today are sponsored by Harvey and Sandy Groff
in honor of their grandchildren.

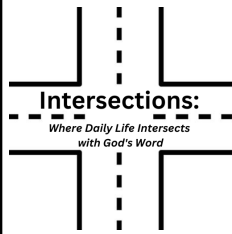
Bulletins for today are sponsored by Tom and Karen Dunlap
in honor of their grandson Solomon's first birthday.



Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule

May 12—Mother's Day Project
May 19—Happy Birthday Church
Celebration

May 26—class time
June 2—help in worship



Intersections: Sunday Morning Adult Faith Conversations

Led by Pastor Coleman or Marian Henry on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:45 am in the Parlor.

We will meet today after worship. The next gathering will be May 26.



Easter Wondering and Wandering Walks

**Tuesday mornings during the Easter season
at 9:30am in the Library**

This week we finish up the book of 1 Timothy by watching its Bible Project video recap. On May 21 we will start the short book of 2 Timothy to end our spring season.

Please join us for this time of spiritual and physical activity as we see new growth in ourselves and in the local neighborhood. We will always *wonder* on Tuesdays, but we won't *wander* if it's raining!

“I’M A SENIOR...SO WHAT?”

Are you proud of getting older? Look how much you’ve experienced!
Let’s CELEBRATE being seniors!



**Luncheon sponsored by St. Paul’s Senior Ministry
Thursday, May 23 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall**

May is national “Older Americans Month”. We want to celebrate our St. Paul’s Seniors of all ages. “70 is the new 60”...! Join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship as we lift up our collective maturity and wisdom! We’ll also share results from our recent Seniors Ministry Survey.

Menu: Hot roast beef sandwich with gravy OR pulled pork sandwich,
pasta salad, chips and dessert

To help with planning, please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Deadline: Sunday, May 12. Please designate menu choice. Cost: Free-will donation.

No matter what your “senior age”, we want to celebrate each of you and the unique gifts and stories that you each bring to our St. Paul’s family. Hope to see you on May 23!



St. Paul's Bible Study

May 16 at 12 pm

Join us in Christian Fellowship for this informal time to reflect, discuss and learn. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Bear Creek Summer Camp Registration Information

St. Paul's loves Bear Creek Camp and we want more of our kids and youth to love it also! Summer camp registration is now open! Registration information is located on the Youth bulletin board across from the Library. Several camperships are available to St. Paul's youth. Speak with Janet Lincoln or Marian Henry for more information.



Honoring Our Graduates

On **Sunday, June 2**, we will be honoring those who have graduated this year from high school, college, or any degree program. If you or anyone you know is graduating this year, please contact the church office with the graduates name, what school they are graduating from, and any plans for the fall the graduate might have. Please return this information to the church office by **Wednesday, May 29**.

Thank you!

Annual Summer Youth Service Camp

Open to all youth who have completed 3rd grade through High School

REGISTER ONLINE at through the link in the weekly email announcements or on our website



Monday, June 24 – held at Grace Lutheran Church in Hatfield (8:30am-3pm)

Tuesday, June 25 – held at St. Paul's (8:30am – 3pm)

Wednesday, June 26 – held at Emmanuel Lutheran in Souderton (8:30am-3pm)

Thursday, June 27 – a service & fun day in Philadelphia! (8:30am - ?)

Our days will be spent using our hands and feet to do God's service for local non-profits.



2024 Summer Vacation Bible Camp!

Monday, July 29 – Thursday August 1 from 9am until noon

Being held at Little Zion Lutheran Church on Morwood Rd in Telford

For children ages 4 (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. Register using the link in the email announcements our on our website by **July 21!**



Mark Your Calendars!

We will be having a **Pig Roast** on **Saturday, July 13**. Watch for more details next month!

Our annual **Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Game** will be **Saturday, August 24** for a 6:35pm game against the Rochester Red Wings

Prayer List

In order to keep the prayer list as up to date as possible, names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless notified otherwise.



Please Pray For...

Rod Alderfer	Kayla Novak
Norm Driscoll	Ray Nyce
Rylin Graham	Scott Schucker
Marge Lukens	James Spencer
Anne Macy	

Please Continue to Pray For...

Lisa Bealer	Cheryl Hutchison	Gene Moyer
Carolyn Evans	Jim Hurley	Joanne Romano
Susan Farrington	Roger Jones	Carrie Scary
Roland Fernandez	Brent Johnson	David Somers
Suzanne Fernandez	Gayle King	Jeff and Heather Spillane
Dottie Fogel	Al Landis	Andrew Strauss
Tim Greiser	Keith Landis	Claudette Strauss
Harvey Groff	Jim Lombardo	Linda Tierrmo
Gloria Harpel	Bill Lincoln	Amber Voehringer
Leslie Harpel	Stacey Lusk	Carole Ann Vogel

Comfort for the Bereaved

Family and Friends of Tony LoRusso

Family and Friends of Jean Uehling

**For Large print copies of the worship service, please see an Usher.
Hearing devices are on the rack at the Visitor's Center.**

Welcome Kids!!

Children are ALWAYS welcome in worship! Our kid-friendly Pray-Ground is located in the front-left section of the Sanctuary. Activity bags are located on the rack in the Gathering Space.
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them..." Matthew 19:14

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Mobile Giving at St. Paul's! – Scan this code with your mobile device, or visit www.stpaulstelford.org/giving to see other ways to give to our ministry.

Most Recent Financial Information (Last Updated 4/30/2024)

Checking Account - April 2024		Checking Account - YTD	
Beginning Balance 4/1/2024	\$4,214.59	Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$21,496.43
Deposits (monthly)*	\$80,366.21	Deposits to Date*	\$161,902.25
Beginning Balance + Deposits	\$84,580.80	Beginning Balance + Deposits	\$183,398.68
Expenses (monthly)	\$72,710.96	Expenses to Date	\$171,528.84
Ending Balance 4/30/2024	\$11,869.84	Ending Balance 4/30/2024	\$11,869.84
Ending Fund Balances as of April 30, 2024			
Memorial Fund	\$38,092.04	Benevolence	\$3,823.23
Capital Reserve	\$69,468.06	Special	\$125,829.13
Liabilities as of April 30, 2024			
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00		