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Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

In our reading from Acts this morning, Philip, led by the Spirit encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him, and upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

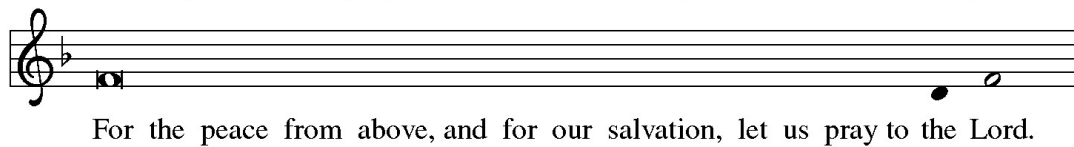
GREETING—P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you** 2 Cor 13:13
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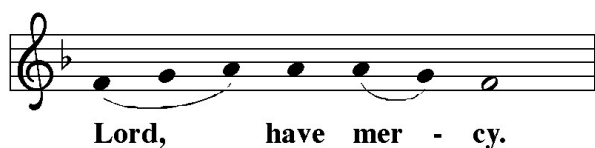
Luke 17:13; Luke 18:38-39; Psalm 123:2-3



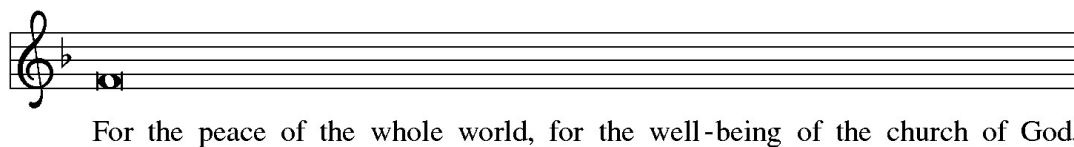
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



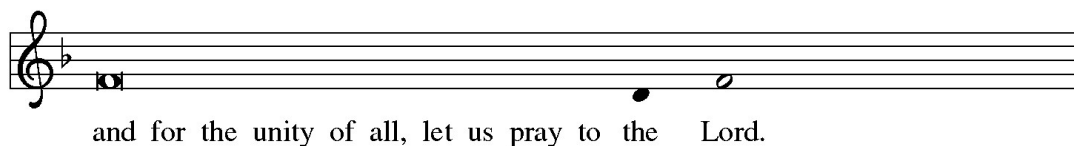
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



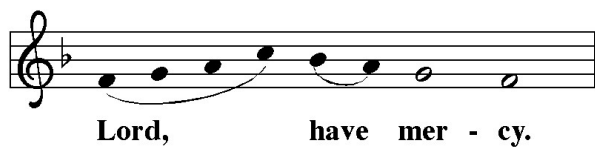
Lord, have mer - cy.



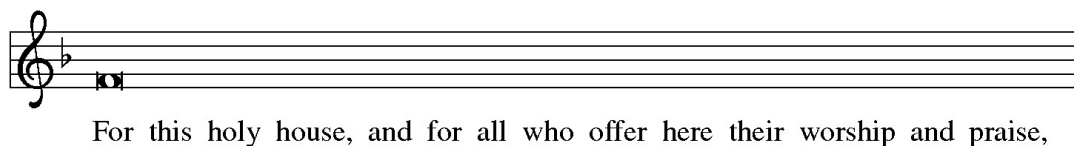
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



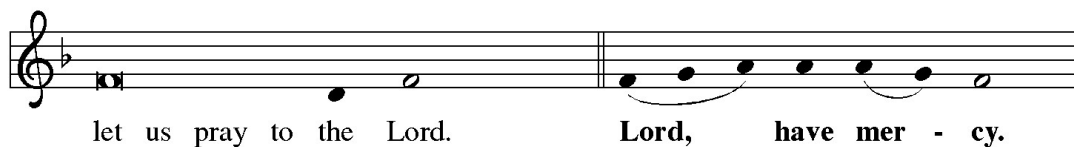
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



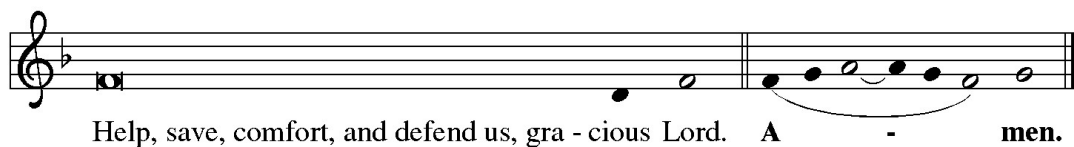
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!

2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray with one another. C: **O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

A reading from Acts.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

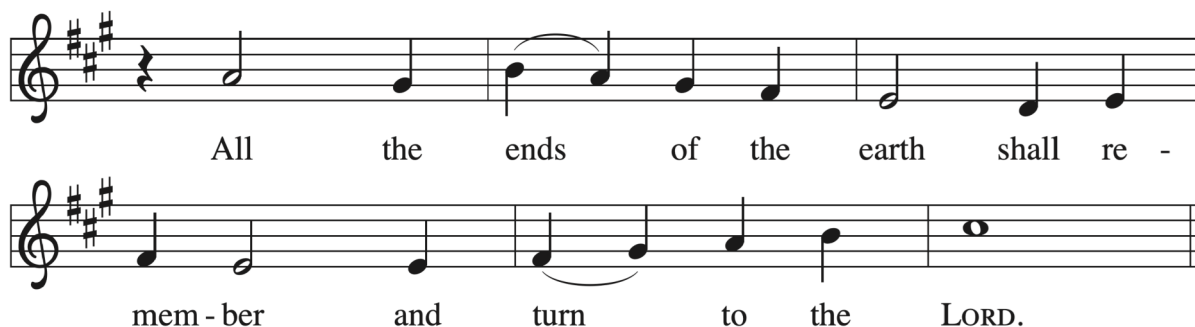
³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is

water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

Refrain: (organist/cantor/then congregation)



²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**

who rules o- | ver the nations. REFRAIN/ALL

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,

shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, “The | LORD has acted!” **REFRAIN/ALL**

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

A reading from 1 John.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

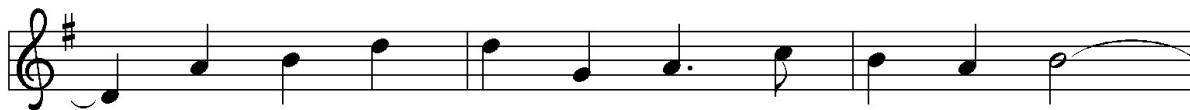
We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: O God, we pray for the church around the world, and for all who follow Jesus and call him Lord. Guide us on the roads we travel, so that we, like Philip, may witness to those who walk with us. Help us be courageous in love. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God, we pray for the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams, and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters (*local bodies of water may be named*). Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God, when we are assaulted by the troubles of life, and the deep waters of anger threaten to overwhelm us, do not let us sink. In your great compassion, hear us and help us. Deliver us from anger's power over us. Lead us out of bitter silence and hurtful words so that we may speak the truth in love. Heal every heart set on vengeance, and show us the way to honesty, reconciliation, and peace. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God, we pray for so many who are hurting today, as the need of so many feels overwhelming, especially for those experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*especially*). God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God, we pray for this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world on their daily walks of life. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, which affirms our faith, washes us clean with your love and forgiveness, welcomes us to the vast community of siblings in Christ and grants us a new life of service and sharing the gospel wherever we go. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: O God, with thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors, help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Rises—arr. McRae

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*



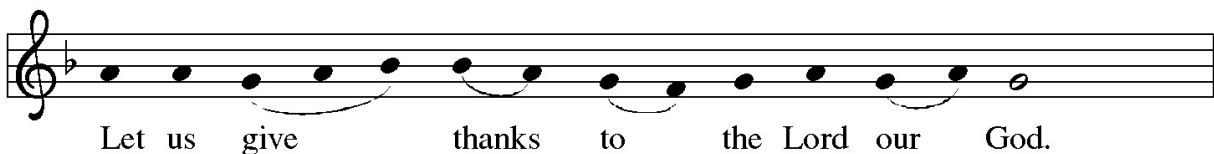
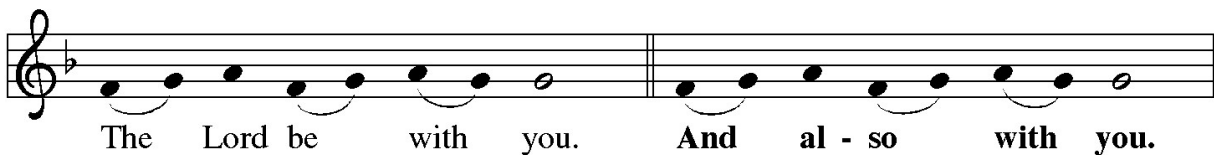
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God intends us to live in community, helping and relying on one another. We are God’s good stewards when we practice love for one another. 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

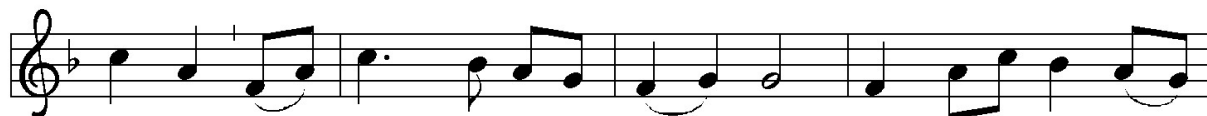
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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.**

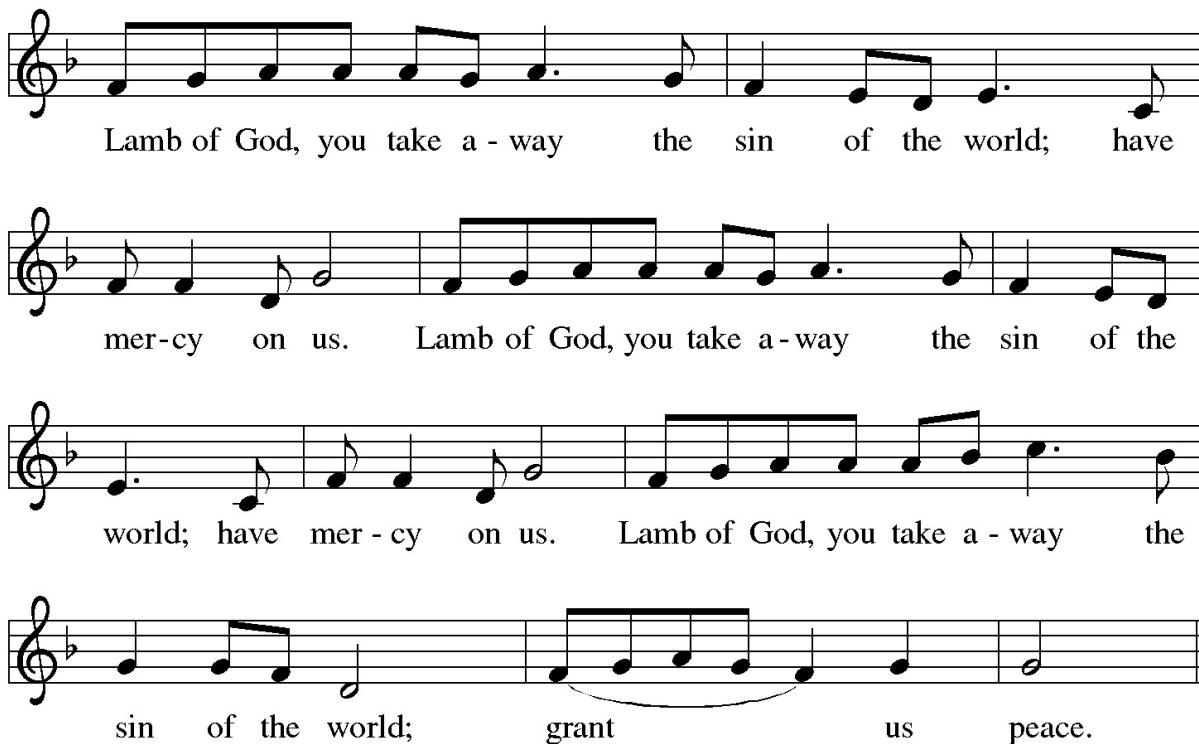
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

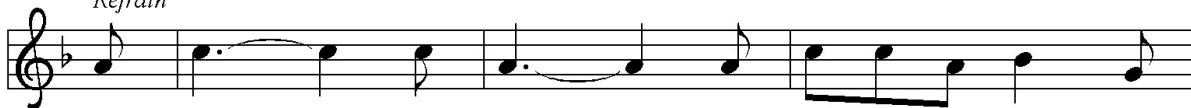
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

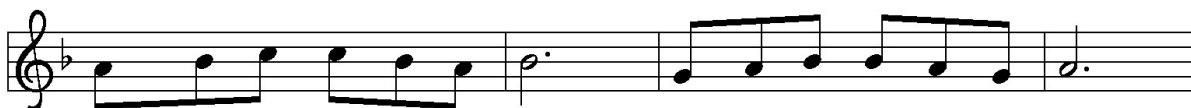
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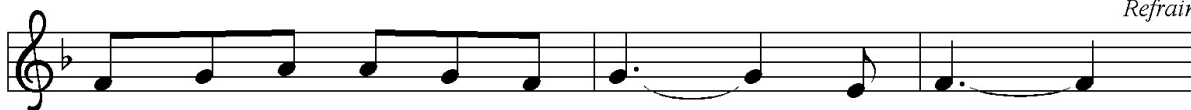
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Refrain

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

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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: Jayne Poole, Judy Heckler, Gloria Beer, Janet Lincoln, Debra Croisette

Assisting Minister: Ashley Bromley

Communion Assistants: Ray Landis and Amanda Zeppenfeld

Greeters: Melissa and Dan Brasch

Lectors: Cathy Hurley

Ushers: Jim McMichael, Randy Groff, and Joan O'Connor

Calendar of Events - Week of April 28, 2024

Monday 4/29:

Tuesday 4/30: Easter Wondering and Wandering Walk 9:30 am

Wednesday 5/1:

Thursday 5/2: Bible Study and Lunch 12-1:30 pm, Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

Friday 5/3:

Saturday 5/4:

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

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

Bulletin and Flower Sponsors

Altar Flowers for today are sponsored by the Bruce and Leslie Harpel
in memory of Harold and Anne Riley

Bulletins for today are sponsored by Randy and Lori Groff
in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary on April 30.



Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule

April 28—class time

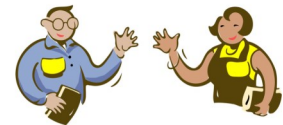
May 5—help in worship

May 12—Mother's Day Project

May 19—Happy Birthday Church Celebration

New Member Classes

New Member Class—Today at 10:45 am



New Member Reception—Sunday, May 5 during 9:30 am worship service with a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after worship



Prayer Garden Clean Up

Monday, April 29 at 10am

Our Prayer Garden is in need of TLC to remove weeds and trim dead wood in preparation for planting of Pentecost geraniums, annuals and mulching!

If you like to garden, please join us! Bring your gloves, spades & kneelers!

Easter Wondering and Wandering Walks

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



An uplifting morning that starts with wondering about the chapters in 1 Timothy, followed by wandering the streets and alleys of Telford.

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!



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.



St. Paul's Bible Study

May 2 at 12 pm

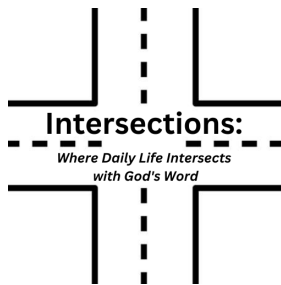
Join us in Christian Fellowship for this informal time to reflect, discuss and learn. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Green Team Scrap Metal Recycling Event

Saturday, May 11 from 8am—12pm in the parking lot



Stop by to drop off any metal objects you no longer need. We will accept bicycles, lawn mowers, car batteries, copper, metal, or cast iron plumbing fittings, aluminum lawn furniture, grills, wheels, brake drums, etc. Practically anything metal will be accepted. We will also accept room air conditioners and dehumidifiers free of charge! Please DO NOT bring tin cans, paint cans, vacuums, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, hazardous material or electronics. Thank you, in advance, for your donated metals!!!



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 12**.

“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!

Mark Your Calendars!



Our annual **Youth Work Camp** (for youth going into 4th grade through Senior High) will be held **June 24-27 from 8:30am-3pm**. Each day our youth will volunteer at a variety of local non-profits with other youth from Grace Lutheran in Hatfield and Emmanuel in Souderton.

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

Vacation Bible Camp will be held at Little Zion Lutheran **July 29-August 1 from 9am until noon**. This summer theme is “Camp Firelight” where kids will be reminded about several Bible heroes who trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God’s name. Each morning will include lively music, a puppet skit, science, crafts, Bible stories, snacks and outdoor game activities!

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

Norm Driscoll

Dottie Fogel

Anne Macy

Kayla Novak

Scott Schucker

Amber Voehringer

Please Continue to Pray For...

Lisa Bealer

Dick Clark

Maxine Detweiler

Carolyn Evans

Susan Farrington

Roland Fernandez

Suzanne Fernandez

Tim Greiser

Harvey Groff

Gloria Harpel

Leslie Harpel

Cheryl Hutchison

Jim Hurley

Roger Jones

Brent Johnson

Gayle King

Al Landis

Keith Landis

Jim Lombardo

Tracey Leinen

Bill Lincoln

Anna Long

Stacey Lusk

Gene Moyer

Joanne Romano

Carrie Scary

Dean Shollenberger

David Somers

Jeff and Heather Spillane

Andrew Strauss

Claudette Strauss

Linda Tierrmo

Carole Ann Vogel

Fred Wahl

Comfort for the Bereaved

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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Most Recent Financial Information (Last Updated 3/31/2024)

Checking Account - March 2024		Checking Account - YTD	
Beginning Balance 3/1/2024	\$10,181.47	Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$21,496.43
Deposits (monthly)*	\$21,372.97	Deposits to Date*	\$81,536.04
Beginning Balance + Deposits	\$31,554.44	Beginning Balance + Deposits	\$103,032.47
Expenses (monthly)	\$27,339.85	Expenses to Date	\$98,817.88
Ending Balance 3/31/2024	\$4,214.59	Ending Balance 3/31/2024	\$4,214.59
Ending Fund Balances as of March 31, 2024			
Memorial Fund	\$39,059.43	Benevolence	\$2,905.23
Capital Reserve	\$69,465.21	Special	\$123,989.13
Liabilities as of March 31, 2024			
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00		