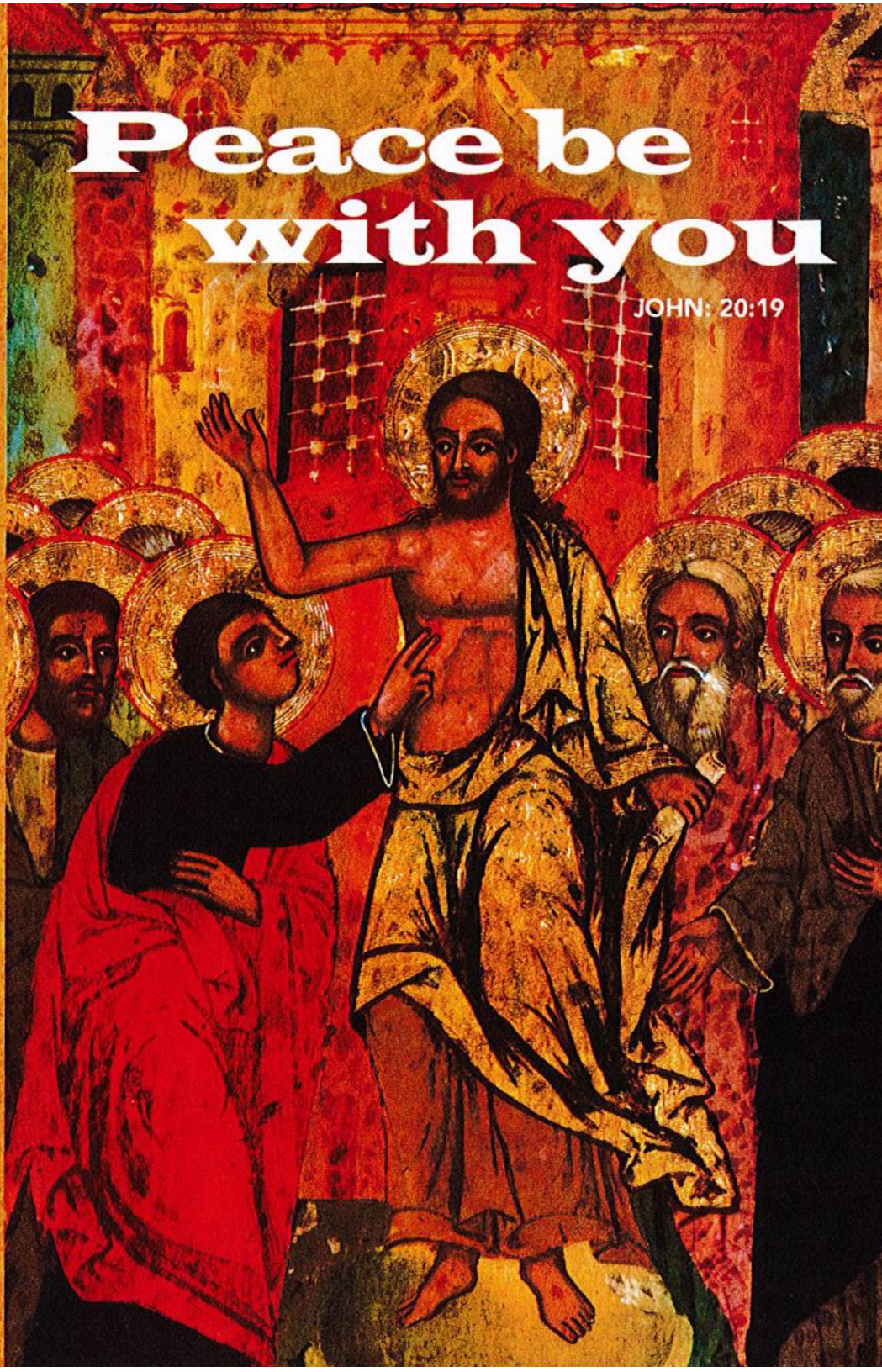


Peace be with you

JOHN: 20:19



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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

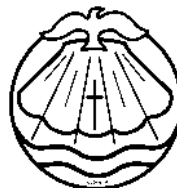
We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 186 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

Our Communion is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Jane Berkey. Please extend your words of greeting to her parents, Mike & Carrie.



Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Wearing a mask while in worship is optional.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

Communion Procedure:

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle (about 8 adults per side).*
- 2. Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).*
- 3. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 4. Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
- 5. Extend your hands to receive the communion host.*
- 6. Consume the communion host before you leave the chancel edge.*
- 7. Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.*
- 8. Consume the wine.*
- 9. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 10. Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, Norma Shue, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 24, 2022
Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30AM

PRELUDE

Te Deum

Raymond Weidner

Stand

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

10:30 AM The Sacrament of Holy Baptism *(Insert)*

HYMN *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing! (ELW 389)*

[illegible]

1	Christ	is	a -	live!	Let	Chris -	tians	sing.	The	cross	stands
2	Christ	is	a -	live!	No	long -	er	bound	to	dis -	tant
3	In	ev -	'ry	in -	sult,	rift,	and	war,	where	col -	or,
4	Wom -	en	and	men,	in	age	and	youth,	can	feel	the
5	Christ	is	a -	live,	and	comes	to	bring	good	news	to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way,
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es	ring.	Love,	drowned in	death,	shall	nev - er	die.
here and	now,	and	touch - ing	ev - 'ry	place and	time.	
loves the	more,	and	lives, where	c - ven	hope has	died.	
life, the	truth,	re - vealed	in	Je - sus,	freed for	all.	
o - cean	ring	with	joy, with	jus - tice,	love, and	praise.	

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

(back cover)

PSALMODY

Psalm 150

spoken responsively by half-verse

¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in his | holy temple;*

praise him in the firmament | of his power.

² Praise him for his | mighty acts;*

praise him for his ex- | cellent greatness.

³ Praise him with the blast | of the ram's horn;*

praise him with | lyre and harp.

⁴ Praise him with tim- | brel and dance;*

praise him with | strings and pipe.

⁵ Praise him with re- | sounding cymbals;*

praise him with loud- | clanging cymbals.

⁶ Let everything | that has breath*

praise the Lord. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

(back cover)

Stand

VERSE

Sung by all



Repeat alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John
At the conclusion of the Gospel.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Reep

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes (LBW 338)



1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;
2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;
and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.



peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

8:00 AM NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Equip your church to bear witness to your goodness and help us tell others of your abundant love. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Renew our commitment to use resources responsibly and to live peacefully with your creation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uphold your children who cry out to you (*especially Katie Guyer, Eddie Turner, Gloria Kendrick, Amy Hollis, Heidi Glaudel, Orven Cook, Kristine Gross, Rachel Barnes, James Young, Peggy Novotny, Deirdre McManama, Drew Herdson, Porter Stacey, and Courtney Snell*). Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise (*especially the art and music ministries of this congregation*). With joyful hearts, send us forth in praise in praise of you. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Give us the words to confess, like Thomas, that your Son is Lord and God. Through Jesus Christ, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, receive these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit

10:30 AM CHOIR

Praise the Lord, All ye People

Michael Haydn

Stand

OFFERTORY “Old Hundreth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our
time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake
of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

Sung by Pastor and congregation

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

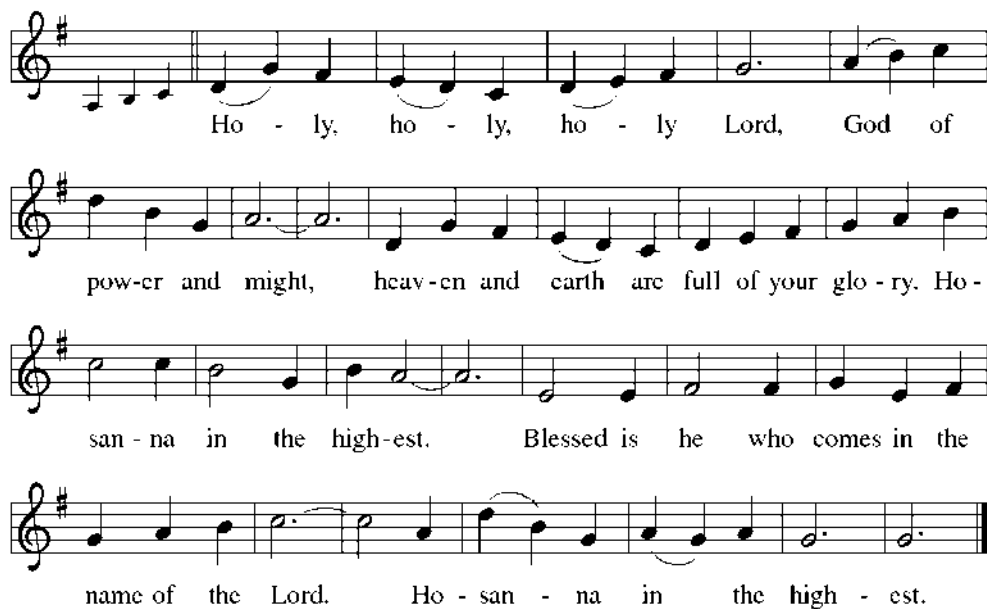
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is sung.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

SANCTUS *Sung by all.*



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

THANKSGIVING

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.
We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.
We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.
We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,
the people of your promise:
the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,
the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile,
and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.
In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son:
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.

We remember the sacrifice of his life:

his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.

But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb,

his ascension to the seat of power,

and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in
beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,

that we and all who share in this bread and cup

may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,

and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor
and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

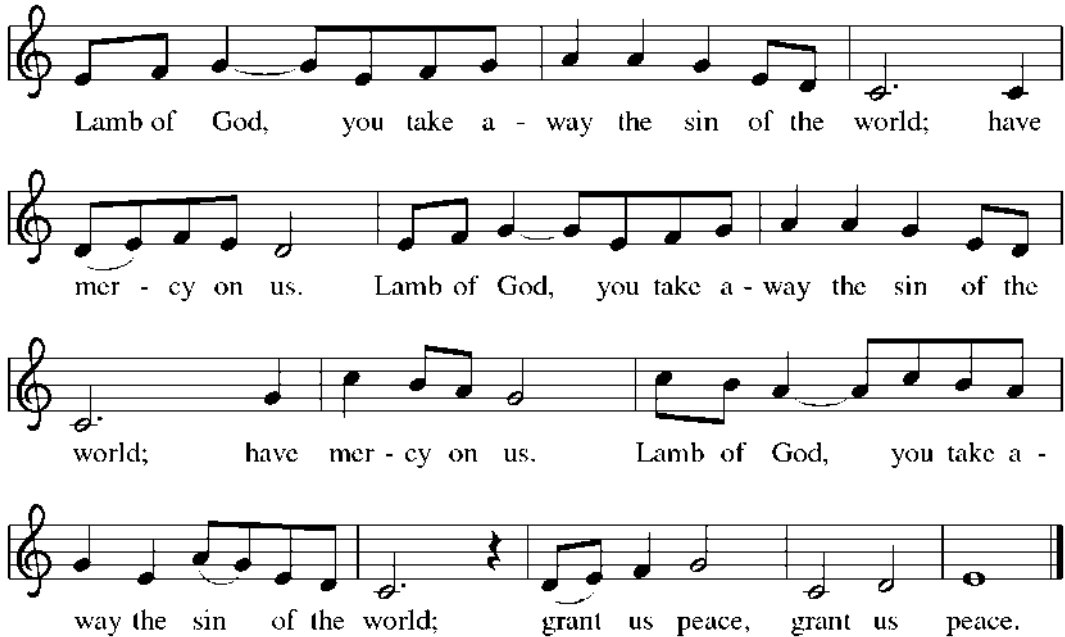
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

FRACTION RITE

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI *Sung by all.*



Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

COMMUNION CANTICLE

Sung by all.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION HYMN *Day of Arising (ELW 374)*



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own,
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. All powerful and ever-living God, in the Eucharist we celebrate the Mystery of Faith. By this Easter Sacrament, renew in us the gift of faith in the New Life it promises. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-nings;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry.



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-mega be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The worshipers remain standing until the ministers and choir have exited the chancel.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “O Filii et Filiae”

Lynnwood Farnam



Altar Flowers

*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in memory of
Gene Shue by Norma Shue & Family and in loving memory of
Linda Winey by Dave, Bret and Mike Winey.*

Christian Education

Classes begin again on TODAY and run through May 22 for children & adults.

Adult Class meets in Christ Hall with Pastor Reep.

April 24 Office of Keys

May 1 Ten Commandments

May 8 The Lord's Prayer

May 15 Social Ministry presents on opportunities to serve.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Cantor	Communion Assts.	Ushers	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean-up
4/24	Early	Kirsten Barnes	Ken Hinkle	Kathy Monk		Kirsten Barnes Ken Hinkle	Jeff Riese , John Monk	Pat Scarborough Kathleen Lemke
	Late	Larry Moore	Tonya Cave	Carl Jacobs		Larry Moore Tonya Cave	Kem Vaught , Steve Heistand, Dan Garber	Sandy Dickensheets Tonya Cave

Altar Flowers once again grace our worship space. Please check out the Springettsbury Hallway bulletin board for the sign-up sheet and available dates for the year. Many Sundays are still available! Cost is \$30 per vase.

TODAY—Spring Garden Band Concert with Victor Fields, Organist at St. Paul's, 3:00 PM. A free-will offering will be taken.

NEXT SUNDAY—The Rite of Confirmation—Sunday May 1, 2022 during the 10:30 AM liturgy. Those students confirming their faith in Christ Jesus are: Emma Castro, Tanner Culp, Riley Jones, Allen Reep, and David Zart, Jr. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important day in the life of our congregation.

Join us on May 8th, Mother's Day, when the York College Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Grace Muzzo, will sing during the 10:30 AM service.

Activities & Book Drive—Let's keep the momentum going! We're off to a great start for our summer support of Jackson Elementary. Please continue to bring in books appropriate for grades Pre-K through 8th grades and items for outdoor and educational activities like: bubbles, dry erase storybooks or boards, coloring books, colored pencils & crayons, flashcards, etc. All items can be placed in the donations boxes in the Good Shepherd Room.

Food Pantry—April



Items needed: Rice (1 or 2 lb bags), dehydrated potatoes, powdered milk, tomato sauce and soup. We also need paper grocery bags with handles.

Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

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Peter and the apostles got themselves into a heap of trouble by bearing witness to the suffering death and resurrection of Jesus. They had been told to keep quiet about all that had happened on Easter morning. They had been told to stop speaking out about the risen Lord. They had received warnings from the high priest and the council and the whole body of elders of Israel, strict orders, not to teach in the name of the Lord Jesus. And yet they did. They persisted. They continued to bear witness to all that the Lord God had done, and what the Lord God is doing right now. Jerusalem was filled with the teaching of the Lord Jesus and his resurrection. And that “news” that was spreading originated with Peter and the apostles.

This is where we encounter Peter and the apostles in the first reading this morning. Today we are introduced to other Easter people, well at least one other person, Gamaliel. As the reading continues beyond the assigned portion of the text we are introduced to a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel. He was a teacher of the law. He was respected by his peers. He is one, not so different from Nicodemus who first came to Jesus by night and inquired about; new birth, new life, life from above, life in the Holy Spirit. Gamaliel is bold to speak out. He gives a warning to the others, the high priest and the council and the whole body of elders. “I tell you,” says Gamaliel, “keep away from these men (Peter and the apostles) and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them – in that case you may even be found fighting against God!”

Gamaliel’s bold witness about those proclaiming Christ crucified and risen, about the new life in the Holy Spirit, and about the new possibilities for all people, seemed to change the minds of the religious elite and those in authority. “They were convinced by him, and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. They then ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. As they left the council, (the apostles all) rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.”

It must have been challenging for Gamaliel to speak out and to speak up in front of his peers. It must have taken a great deal of courage and strength to remind those finding fault, those threatened by change, those fearful of a new day in the Lord, to consider the possibility that these things that are taking place are of God. You may not want to try and overthrow God, or fight against God. For me, there are times when I have been in situations where I know that ought to have spoken up. There are plenty of times when I should have been a witness for God, but instead I remained silent. Maybe you have been in situations like that too. Where someone is quite outspoken, even being a bit of a tyrant

about his or her opinion about things. However, they have not necessarily considered the full range of possibilities that the very thing that is so offensive to them, so annoying to them, so disruptive to the way they like things to be, may very well be of God! In the words of Gamaliel, “do any of us really want to find ourselves fighting against God?”

We have been introduced to Gamaliel. We may not have known much at all about him. We may not have known that his work and witness is even recorded in the pages of Holy Scripture. This may be a name that you might not hear again until you are a contestant of Jeopardy, and then you will be glad that you came to church, especially if Gamaliel ends up as the Daily Double!

But this morning we are witnesses to these things. We are broadening our understanding of the early church and of the work of the Spirit of God. It should not surprise us that God chooses to work through human instruments. It certainly surprised many of my art major friends when they first learned that I was going to seminary in preparation to be a pastor! I take comfort in this text recorded in the book of Acts. God uses an unlikely person to bear witness to the good news. God uses someone that seems so unlikely by human standards to bring about a victory for God. Which brings us to the possibility of or the reality that, God is working through you and through me.

God’s Spirit is at work among us. There remain people similar to Peter and the apostles whose daily work, ground and goal, is to proclaim hope and salvation in the midst of hostile environments. Christian people still face persecution for the faith. And there are those who find the message of hope and salvation threatening, especially when it encroaches on their domain. We are Easter people. We learn from Peter and the apostles to bear witness to God through our teaching and love. We learn from Gamaliel the importance of discernment, the importance of the question “is this of God or of human enterprise?” And that we are to be working and advocating for wholeness and peace, the kind of peace and wholeness that Jesus gives, and brings, and is.

In liturgy and song we bear witness to God’s amazing love for humanity. We proclaim the mystery of faith “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.” Being made free, we shout our thanks to God and vow that we will go forth to serve the risen Lord. On this Second Sunday of Easter we will most likely encounter other Easter people who challenge us when we are fearful, threatened by change, or overwhelmed by possibility. Allow voices like those of Gamaliel to spring forth reminding us to be on the lookout for God’s Spirit moving among us and God’s renewal coming to us. In Holy Baptism we become witnesses to these things. Let our witness be made without fear, or trepidation, or anxiety, or worry, trusting the Spirit of God at work among us to bring forth renewal, deeper conviction, lead us to greater understanding and clearer proclamation; all because we are witnesses to these things. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes
of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

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