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JOHN 17:11

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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 188 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Offerings Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org or use the QR Code provided.

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The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 12, 2024 Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Christ is Risen, Christ is Living

Charles Ore

Stand

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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.**

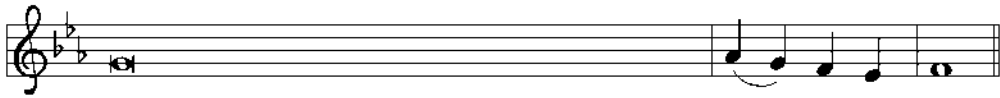
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



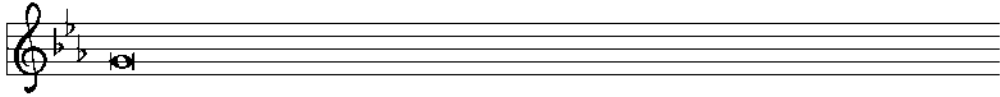
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



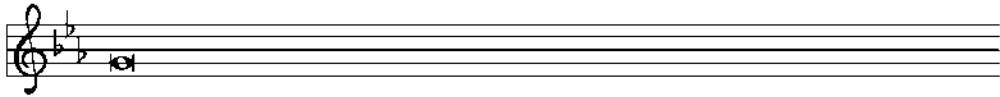
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

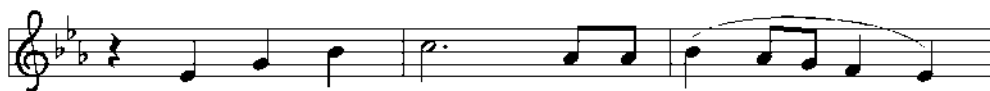


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



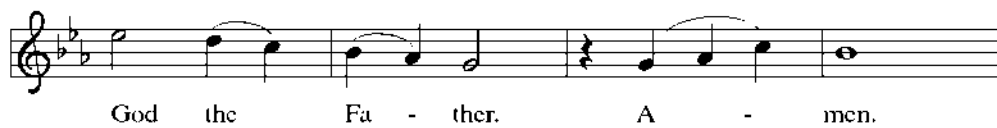
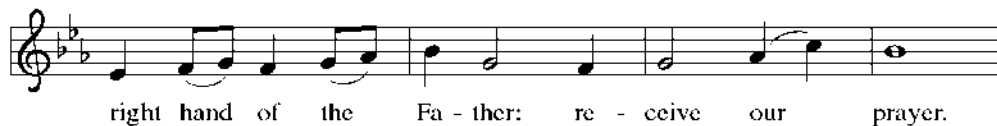
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Bawo Wethu (the Lord's Prayer)

arr. Nichols

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-265

(back cover)

PSALM

Psalm 1

spoken antiphonally

pulpit side/font side

¹ Happy 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 his law | day and night.

³ They 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.

⁵ Therefore 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 wick- | ed is doomed.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

(back cover)

Stand

VERSE



Repeat alleluia



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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:6-19 *(back cover)*

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.

Stand
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

Stand
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen Christ let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
A brief silence.
Send us out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors,
and deacons in their calling as ministers of your Word. God of grace,
hear our prayer.
Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable
in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose
duty it is to protect others. God of grace,
hear our prayer.
Comfort those in any affliction (*especially*). Support those who grieve and bring solace
to those near death. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving embrace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith (*especially*). Inspire us by their witness and gather us all around your heavenly table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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. **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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

8:00 am Organ *What Does the Lord Require* Michael Burkhardt
10:30 am Chancel Choir *Christians, Shout for Joy and Gladness* J. S. Bach

Stand

OFFERTORY

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal (ELW 464)



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

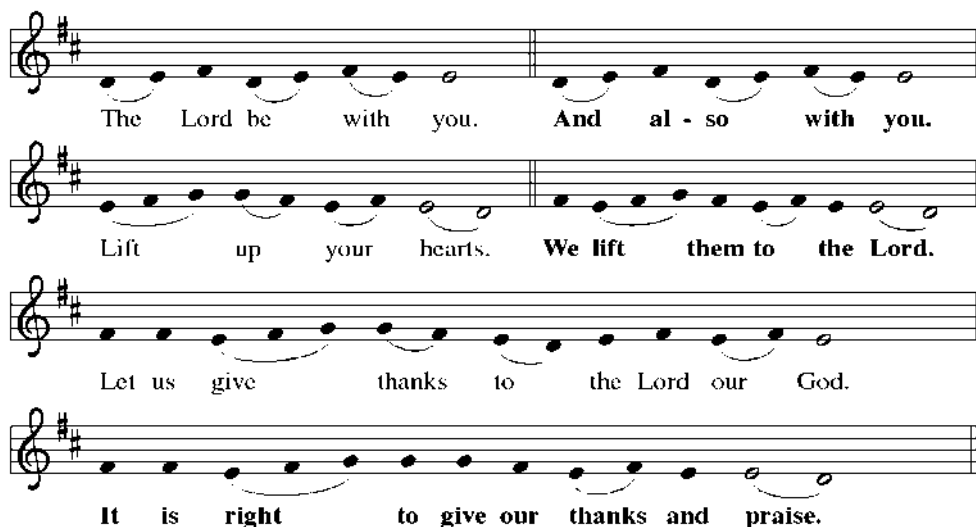
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

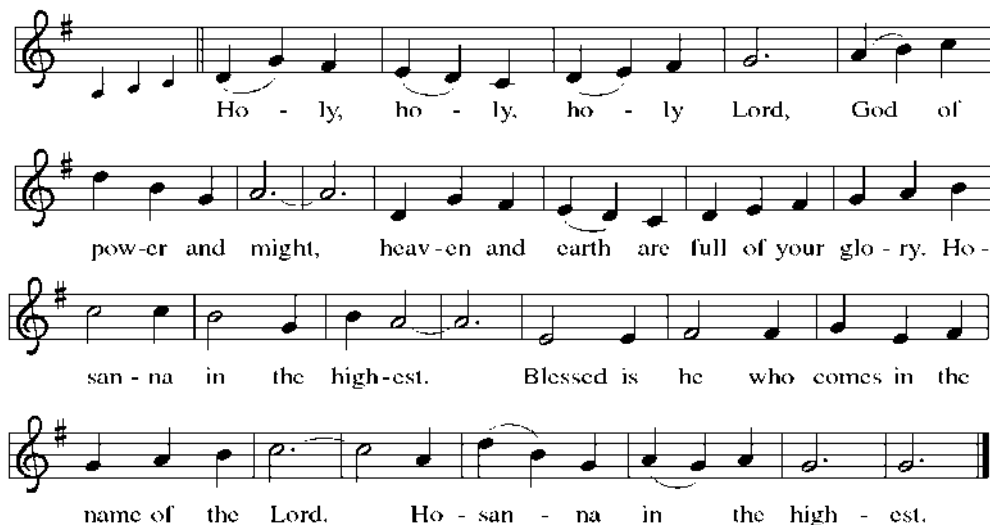
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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

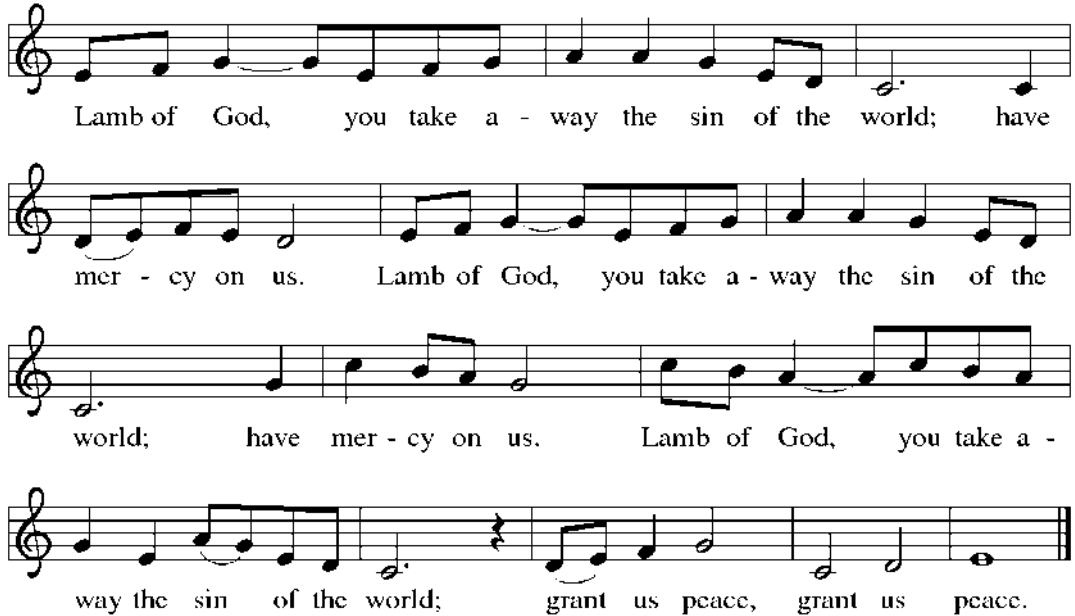
FRACTION RITE

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



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

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

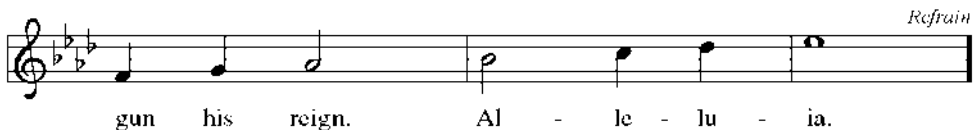
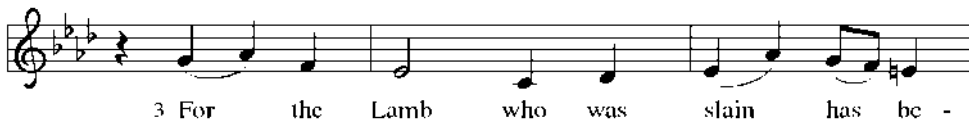
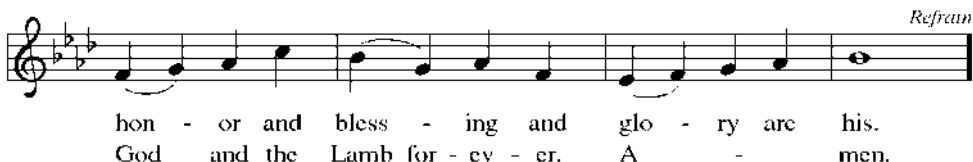
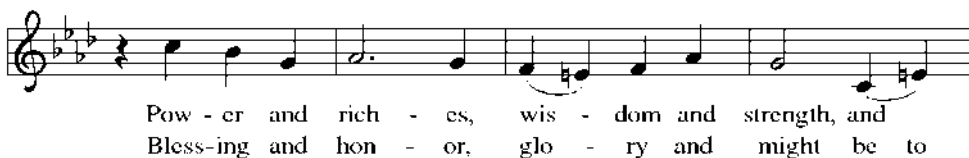
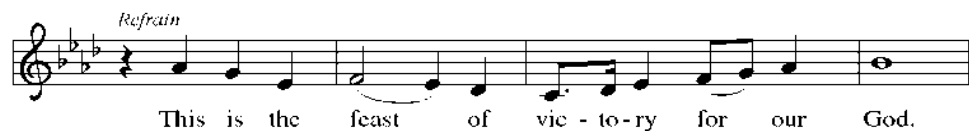
Our Communion is “open” to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

We receive communion by intinction today.

1. Come to communion using the center aisle.
2. The Pastor will give the host, communicant dips the host in the chalice
3. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

COMMUNION CANTICLE

This is the Feast



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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (ELW 393)



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Charles Ore

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Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Comm. Assist	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild
5/12	8:00 AM	Harold Sargeant	James Palmer	Bob Reed	Lois Ann Schroeder	Norma Shue, Jim Mummert	Team 1E: Jeff Riese, John Monk, Alex Bastian	Ron & Norma Reise
	10:30 AM	Tom Gibson	Christian Kopp	Aaron Jacobs	Sandy Dickensheets	Dave & Sue Kopp	Team 1L: Dave Kopp, Carol Woodbury, Darren Smith	Deb Becker, Isabella Lehr

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open Mon–Thurs 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 12

Mpuguso Bake Sale after Services

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Last Intergenerational sesion
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist– Live-Stream
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

Monday, May 13

7:00 PM Finance Committee—ZOOM

Tuesday, May 14 Council Reports due

9:30 AM Food Pantry Clients
6:00 PM CREATE—Preschool—Grade 6

Wednesday May 15 Newsletter Deadline

10:00 AM Preschool w/ Pastor—Nave
10:30 AM Bible Study—Christ Hall
11:30 AM Mpuguso Mtg—Christ Hall

Thursday, May 16

10:00 AM Preschool w/ Pastor—Nave

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist– Live-Stream
4:30 PM Tanzania Mission Group
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Rm

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Announcements and Up-dates for the week of May 12, 2024

The Benevolence Committee continues to receive applications for funding ministry projects for 2024 and 2025. Please request an application from the church office.

We continue to collect clothing in support of Union Lutheran Church, W. Market Street, with their clothing closet. There is a collection bin in the Good Shepherd Room. If you have a large number of items to donate you can take them directly to Union Lutheran Church, simply call them for details.



TODAY is the Mother's Day Elegant Dessert Bake Sale. For those planning to purchase a dessert for your Mother's day dinner, or to take to a neighbor, or give to a coworker, or freeze for a later celebration, a donation basket will be provided. Please do come prepared to give generously to assist with the June 2024 mission trip to Tanzania.

Food Pantry News—We need **canned soup, fruit, canned tuna!** Please put your donations in the shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room. We are always in need of paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry". Volunteers are also needed for a variety of tasks. Contact Patty Snyder, Ken Hinkle Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office (717-843-8155) to volunteer.



Children's sermons are a way of communicating the faith and sharing the good news of God's love in Christ Jesus. We are seeking volunteers to provide a children's sermon during the summer months. A clip board with the dates and Bible texts is located on the table in the Good Shepherd Room. Simply sign up for a Sunday that fits your schedule. Thank you!

Summer Worship Schedule begins on Memorial Day weekend, Sunday May 26, Holy Trinity Sunday, with combined liturgy at 9:15 AM with fellowship to follow. The schedule remains through Labor Day weekend September 1.



Upcoming Holy Days

Sunday, May 19, Pentecost, Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday, May 26, Holy Trinity Sunday, Holy Eucharist at 9:15 AM



*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
in honor of our mothers past and present by Mike and Becky
Bingham
And in loving memory of our mother Laura Ann Krebs Ely by her
daughters, Norma Spencer & Karen*

The vibrant color of neon light is hard to miss. Such effervescent color is especially notable at night. In the middle of the previous century neon lighting was the choice for most motor inns. Motor inns wanted motorists driving at the posted limit to easily see that there was a vacancy. Neon seemed to shout it from the roof top. When you were tired, in need of a room, weary from too many miles of pavement passing beneath your vehicle, you prayed that the ever dreaded two letter word NO, that prefix to Vacancy, was not glowing in pulsating red orange.

There isn't any neon signage blinking red orange. But there is a vacancy. Peter seems to have prepared a sermon in advance on the topic. He is not about to have the group nod off when there are shoes to be filled. The group is large, about one hundred twenty. Counted among them are; *John, and James, and Andrew, Philp and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.*" The post-Easter community has been holding their own, but now is the time for the community to anchor itself deep within the scripture's tradition. Peter stands up and addresses the group. *"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 – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."*

The time has come for the "Eleven" to once again be the "Twelve." There is a vacancy and it needs to be filled. The vacancy is not filled by chance, or by the one who wanted it the most, or the one who would make promises that the group wanted to hear. Here is where the red orange "no" is stated; no to chance, no to desire, no to pleasing promises. The one needed to fill the vacancy is one who has been with them during the days of Jesus' earthly ministry. Someone who went in and out with the group from the time of Jesus' baptism by John through the days of sentencing, trial, crucifixion, the joy of resurrection until the ascension, when Jesus was taken up into heaven. That narrowed the search pretty quickly. So they proposed two men, *"Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias."*

Filling vacancies is not easy work. But, according to the biblical witness, it is prayerful work. After identifying two candidates who met the requirements, they prayed. *"Lord you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."* The lot fell on Matthias. The vacancy was filled. Matthias was added to the eleven apostles restoring them to the community as the "Twelve."

It may not be written in brilliant neon light, but the text illumines some things for us as we do the work of church.

First, leadership is needed. And leadership seems to need a particular critical mass in order to fulfill its mission. In the Acts text there needed to be a restoration of the Twelve in order to move forward, to advance the mission. We often lament that this

or that aspect of our life together is not vibrant, flourishing, or even limping along at a moderate pace. We may discover that we simply don't have critical mass. Sometimes, like in the Acts story critical mass is comprised of one more. And then there are other times and situations where we may be more than one person short. Vacancies in the church provide opportunity for service.

Second, we shouldn't be surprised when a traitor is identified among our rank and file. It was this way from the beginning with the call of Judas who was indeed allotted a share in ministry. Often such situations rattle our faith, make us want to quit or disassociate because of such hypocrisy. There are plenty on the outside who loudly give voice to such critiques. They remain unhelpful in advancing the mission.

Third, we cannot make the Jesus Event mean anything we please. Faithfulness to our Lord Jesus is manifest by attending to the story. It was important for the person who filled the vacancy to be versed in the "going in and out" while Jesus was with them. It was critical that they knew the beginning, the middle, what seemed like the end, and what is promised of the story of God's love made known through Christ Jesus. While the biblical witnesses don't tell us everything that we might like to know about Jesus and his message of hope and salvation, they do give us an accurate orderly account. The focus of our work and life is attending to the story of God's love made known in Christ Jesus from his birth in Bethlehem to his suffering death and resurrection and his Ascension from the Mount of Olives and the pouring forth of his Spirit.

We have sped quickly through this season of Easter. We shouted our Alleluias with a capacity crowd on Easter morning. We listened to the handbells ring praise. We rehearsed Tuesdays and Sundays with the children so they could proclaim the story of Lazarus in a chancel play with catchy musical tunes. We rejoiced with preschoolers celebrating 60 years of early childhood education. One young man confirmed his faith. And then there was baking in support of the mission trip to Tanzania. And all the while the Paschal candle burned brightly in the chancel. That burning candle remained a sign to us that we are not alone, that the risen Christ is with us.

Seven weeks raced past and maybe about now you are tired, need a place to rest, or you are weary from the pace of the earth moving beneath your feet. The risen and ascended Lord Jesus announces that there is room for you, a vacancy of sorts, providing for you in your time of need. He alone illumines our dark days and nights. He provides rest for us from the waring world offering peace, and inviting us to take a place at his table of grace. You are counted among those for whom He prays. Jesus prays for you.

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter we are called to attend to the story of God's love made known through Christ Jesus. There may not be a neon sign illuminating the message of hope and salvation for all to see, but in Christ we know love, forgiveness, and with him, hope. Together we are sustained for life and mission. Amen.

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

In 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.” ²¹“So 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.

Psalms 1**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

If 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.

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] “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.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

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