

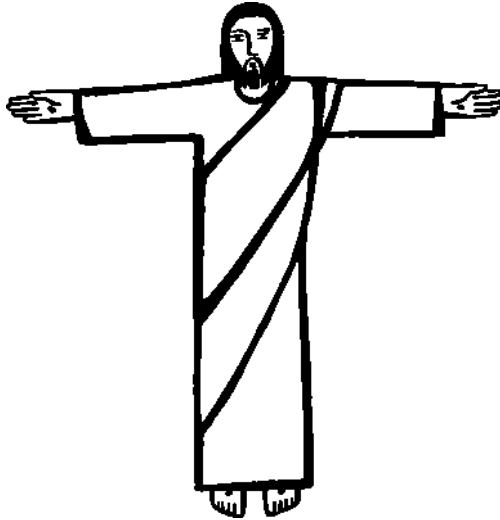
# ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Our mission is to celebrate and share God's love in Jesus Christ*

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*<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.<sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.<sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.<sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."*

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 2026 at 8:15 & 11:00 AM**

*Liturgy of Holy Communion*

## **WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!**

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please share in all that is ours in Christ! We invite you to consider making St. Michael's your church home. Please ask us about our participation in God's mission in the world. By God's grace we celebrate and share Christ. *Our worship services this morning are streamed live to St. Michael's Facebook and YouTube pages. Please keep conversation to a minimum in the sanctuary, you may be picked up by our sound system. If you prefer not to be seen on camera please speak to an usher and they will seat you outside of the video frame. Thank you for your understanding.*

## **DIGITAL SIGN IN**

To help keep each other safe, you are welcome to sign in with our new digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or the iPad in the Narthex.



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## **INTRODUCTION**

*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*"Come Down, O Love Divine"*

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*The assembly is invited to stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us, including the Delaware River and Atlantic Ocean. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN :**

*“Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”*

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| <p>1 Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,<br/>with light and comfort from above.<br/>Come, be our guardian and our guide;<br/>o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.</p> | <p>3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,<br/>nor let us from his pastures stray.<br/>Lead us in holiness, the road<br/>that we must take to dwell with God.</p> |
| <p>2 The light of truth to us display<br/>and make us know and choose your<br/>way;<br/>plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,<br/>that we from God may ne'er depart.</p>      | <p>4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share<br/>fullness of joy forever there;<br/>lead us to our eternal rest,<br/>to be with God forever blest.</p>            |

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**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.**

**KYRIE**

**Refrain**

<i>Assistant:</i>	<i>Congregation:</i>
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In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)


*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*




God. A - - men.


## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

### Refrain


*Congregation:*




Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,




all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



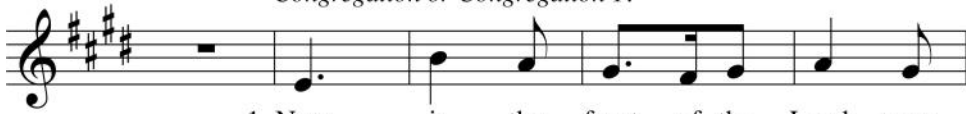
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - - more!

**Verse 1**

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*



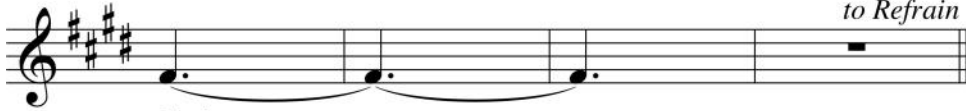
1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of

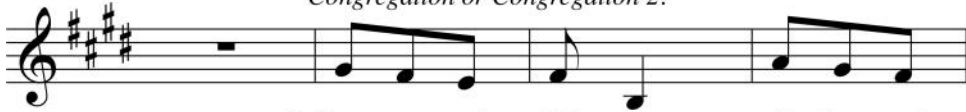


God.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 2**

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 3**

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 17:22-31**

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What

therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.<sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,<sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.<sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,<sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.<sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.<sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,<sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

A reading from First Peter.

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,<sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you,<sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.<sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,<sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,<sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water.<sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an

appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Congregation:*

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

*Optional Repeat*

**GOSPEL:**

**John 14:15-21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:]<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.<sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.<sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.<sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.<sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**  
*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”*

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| 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;<br>his the scepter, his the throne;<br>Alleluia! his the triumph,<br>his the victory alone.<br>Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion<br>thunder like a mighty flood:<br>"Jesus out of ev'ry nation<br>has redeemed us by his blood."                       | Intercessor, friend of sinners,<br>earth's redeemer, hear our plea<br>where the songs of all the sinless<br>sweep across the crystal sea.  |
| 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans<br>are we left in sorrow now;<br>Alleluia! he is near us;<br>faith believes, nor questions how.<br>Though the cloud from sight received<br>him<br>when the forty days were o'er,<br>shall our hearts forget his promise:<br>"I am with you evermore"? | 4 Alleluia! King eternal,<br>Lord omnipotent we own;<br>Alleluia! born of Mary,<br>earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.<br>As within the veil you entered,<br>robed in flesh, our great high priest,<br>here on earth both priest and victim<br>in the eucharistic feast. |
| 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,<br>here on earth our food, our stay;<br>Alleluia! here the sinful<br>flee to you from day to day.   | 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;<br>his the scepter, his the throne;<br>Alleluia! his the triumph,<br>his the victory alone.<br>Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion<br>thunder like a mighty flood:<br>"Jesus out of ev'ry nation<br>has redeemed us by his blood."                     |

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## 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

### **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation, responding with "receive our prayer".

*A brief silence.*

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill, especially...those we name aloud...and those we hold in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING**

<b>MUSICAL OFFERING:</b>	8:15: "Only You Are Holy"	
	11:00: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"	Vocal Choir

*Offering is being gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You are invited to place your offering in one of the offering plates located in the rear of the Sanctuary or send your offering to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website or app.*

The assembly is invited to stand.

## OFFERTORY

### Refrain

*Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

### Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
to Refrain  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

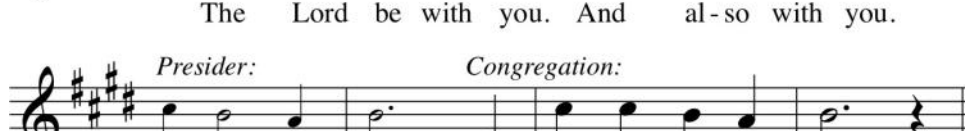
### DIALOGUE

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

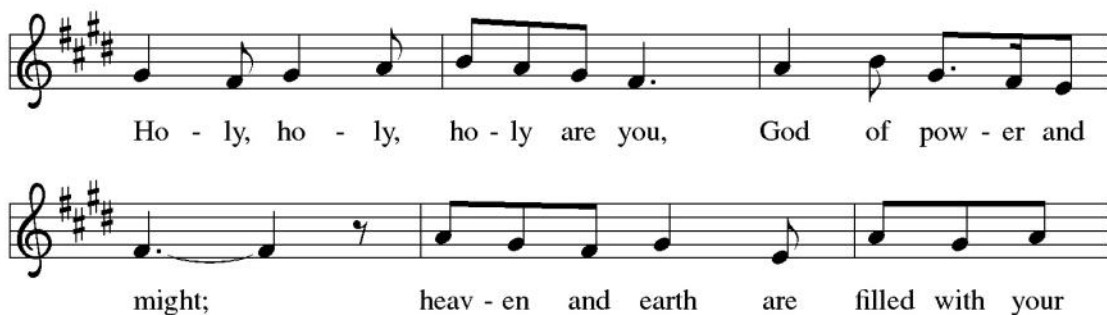


right to give God thanks and praise.

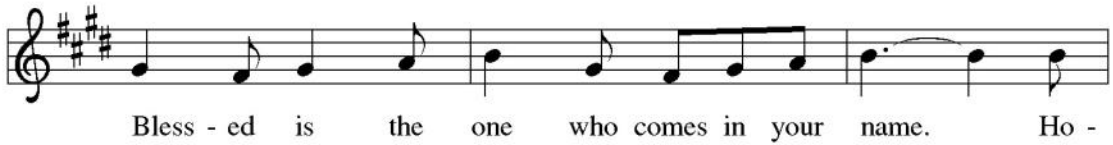
### PROPER PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

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

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.

## DISTRUBTION OF COMMUNION

*We give thanks as we receive the real presence of our resurrected Lord in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Communion will be distributed continuously under the direction of the ushers. Take an empty cup to receive from a pouring chalice (let the communion assistant know if you prefer grape juice). Please let the pastor know if you require a gluten free host. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." and each person may respond, "Amen". Worshippers who are not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God,            you take a - way the sin of            the  
   you break the chains of ha - tred            and  
   you are the way of jus - tice            and  
   you are the way of mer - cy            and

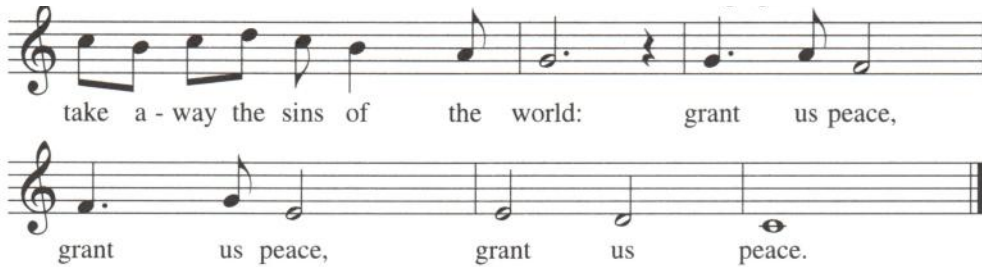


*Congregation:*  
world:            have mer - cy on us,            mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

### Final Stanza



*Congregation or Assistant:*  
mer - cy            on            us.            Lamb of God,            you



*The assembly is seated.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*"I Received the Living God"*

ELW 477

*Refrain*

I received the living God,  
and my heart is full of joy.  
I received the living God,  
and my heart is full of joy.

3 Jesus said: I am the truth;  
come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart,  
and my word shall make you free.  
*Refrain*

1 Jesus said: I am the bread,  
kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me  
need not ever fear to die. *Refrain*

4 Jesus said: I am the life,  
far from whom no thing can grow,  
but receive this living bread,  
and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain*

2 Jesus said: I am the way,  
and my Father longs for you;  
so I come to bring you home  
to be one with us anew. *Refrain*

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“Children of The Heavenly Father”

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| <p>1 Children of the heav'nly Father<br/>safely in his bosom gather;<br/>nestling bird nor star in heaven<br/>such a refuge e'er was given.</p>                  | <p>3 Neither life nor death shall ever<br/>from the Lord his children sever;<br/>unto them his grace he showeth,<br/>and their sorrows all he knoweth.</p> |
| <p>2 God his own doth tend and nourish,<br/>in his holy courts they flourish.<br/>From all evil things he spares them,<br/>in his mighty arms he bears them.</p> | <p>4 Though he giveth or he taketh,<br/>God his children ne'er forsaketh;<br/>his the loving purpose solely<br/>to preserve them pure and holy.</p>        |

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*After all have commune the assembly is invited to stand if able.*

**TABLE BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ's Grace. **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION SONG**

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your

love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of  
 life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
 God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
 Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
 ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN***“Oh Zion Haste!”*

ELW 668

1 O Zion, haste, your mission high  
 fulfilling,  
 to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that he who made all nations is not  
 willing  
 one soul should perish, lost in shades  
 of night.

*Refrain*

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
 tidings of Jesus, redemption, and  
 release.

2 Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and  
 nation  
 that God, in whom they live and move,

is love;  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost  
 creation  
 and died on earth that we might live  
 above. *Refrain*

3 He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet  
 him,  
 make known to ev'ry heart his saving  
 grace;  
 let none whom he has ransomed fail to  
 greet him,  
 through your neglect, unfit to see his  
 face. *Refrain*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE***“The Strife Is O’re, the Battle Done”*

*The Eternal Candle is given by Holly Zahradnick in loving memory of her mother,  
 Cherry Haight, who would have turned 93 this year.*

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS****Matthias, Apostle***Thursday, May 14, 2026*

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM. Please contact the office if you wish to be put on the email list.

### **CHRISTIAN ED**

Check out our bulletin board for full details and schedules for our groups. The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

- Faith in Conversation ( All Adults) will meet on 5/10
- Little Ones & Loved Ones (birth to 4/years) will meet on 5/17
- Pray & Grow (K-5th grade) will meet on 5/31

All groups meet at 9:30 AM. Please see Pastor Chris, or Kim Billet with questions.

### **PENTECOST FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

Geraniums will once again adorn the Sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday. See Constant Contact or the table in the Narthex for forms. Flowers are \$10/each and forms are due to the office by MONDAY, MAY 18th.

### **NJ SYNOD ANTI-RACISM TEAM ZOOM WORKSHOP**

Join the NJ Synod Anti-Racism Team for a Zoom workshop, FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: CONFRONTING THE SIN OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM, on Monday, May 11th at 7:00 PM. This is an interactive workshop explaining and exploring the misapplication of Christian scripture, symbols, and language to justify a policy agenda that runs counter to the teachings of Christ. Pastor Serena Rice and Pastor Sara Lilja will be presenting. See Constant Contact or Jersey Jottings (the weekly email from the NJ Synod) to register. If you need assistance, please contact Anne Cassidy (aecassidy3@gmail.com), provide her with your full name and email address, and she can help get you registered.

### **STITCHING SISTERS**

Stitching Sisters meets on the second and third Thursday of each month; this month we will meet on May 14 & 21 at 11:00AM. Bring your lunch, needles, yarn, or just come for the fellowship. See you in the choir room!

### **MARTHA CIRCLE**

The next meeting of Martha's Circle will be Tuesday, May 19 at 12:00PM in the Social Hall. Vivian Gano's group is responsible for desserts and drinks. Don't forget to bring your lunch and your ideas. All are welcome to join us.

**EQUAL EXCHANGE OPEN TODAY**

Treat the special Mother in your life to some delicious fairly traded chocolate, coffee, or tea! Equal Exchange will be open today. See Vivian Gano to make a purchase in the narthex.

**JOSEPH'S HOUSE DINNER CASSEROLES**

CASSEROLES ARE DUE TODAY, 5/10. Casseroles can be dropped off before or after worship services to the church kitchen. *Volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Joseph's House on the second Tuesday of each month. We will meet at church at 4:45pm (Dinner is served at 6:00pm) and return around 8:00pm. You can also drive yourself and meet at Joseph's House at 5:15pm. If you would like to serve, please contact Ray Kratz by phone (609-923-5718) or email (raykratz@gmail.com).*

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 10

8:00 AM JH Dinner Casserole Drop-off  
8:15 AM Worship In-Person  
9:30 AM Faith in Conversation  
11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook &  
YouTube  
12:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 PM NA Meeting

### Monday, May 11

### Tuesday, May 12

7:30 PM Council Meeting

### Wednesday, May 13

9:30 AM Weight Watchers Meeting  
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Bible Study

### Thursday, May 14

11:00 AM Stitching Sisters  
6:30 PM SMLC Game Night  
7:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal

### Friday, May 15

### Saturday, May 16

1:00 PM Michaelights Hike

### Sunday, May 17

8:15 AM Worship In-Person  
9:30 AM Little Ones & Loved Ones  
11:00 AM Worship In-Person, Facebook &  
YouTube  
12:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal  
12:15 PM Confirmation Luncheon &  
Rehearsal  
12:30 PM Reconciling Works  
6:00 PM NA Meeting



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