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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

*(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)
(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Fantasy on “When Morning Gilds the Skies”* *Dan R. Edwards*
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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

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.

(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.)

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, especially the Chesapeake Bay.
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.

This week's schedule	
Today	9:00 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 9:00 am Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship 10:00 am Live & Online Worship 11:30 am Youth Group (Youth Room)
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 5:30 pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Worship (Smith Building) 7:30 pm Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11:00 am Bible Study (Smith Building) 6:00 pm Smores Campfire (St. John’s Park)
Sat.	6:00 pm Smores Campfire (Rain date)

Counting our Blessings			
Sun.		2026	
4/26	Attendance: 120 Offering: \$3,914 Homebound: 16	January Offering Income	\$ 18,316
		January Other Income	\$ 8,199
		January Total Income	\$ 26,515
		January Expenses	\$ 37,858
		YTD Offering Income	\$18,316
		YTD Other Income	\$ 8,199
		YTD Total Income	\$26,515
		YTD Expenses	\$37,858



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Ed Ford, Ardi Scarborough, Gerry Steg, Jim Morrow, Bill Arnold, Judy Jasinski, Ruth Albrecht, Sheila Bender, Ethan Alford, Barbara Conrad, Lou Carletti, Landon Ullmann, John McLaughlin, Barbara Mueller, Tony Jasinski, Danyiel Cleckley, Pat Denk, Olusegun Fowode, Marge Jasper, Julie Hastings, Kim Townsley, Bill Fliegel, Diane Carroll, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Florence Lamdin, Janet Steg, Patty Copeland, John Snyder, Linda Reter, Megan Erpenstein, Bill Beck, Henry Davis, Anita, Peggy Denk, Marianne Widderich, Patricia Dunn, Jerre Keller, Ian Miles, Robin Bailey, Jennifer Ward, Elaine Perzan, Tommy Martin, Joe Brown, Karen Alban, Tony & Barb Distefano, Leroy Harrison, Cierra Harrison, Owen Hastings, Peggy Van Houten, Lou Ermer, and Joong In Rhee

For the military and their families: Katelynn Bauhaus, Ryan McCann, Mason Arnold, Kalib McCann, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Janet Barney and Janet Roth

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Larry Conley, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, Carl Lotterer, Barbara Mueller, Paul Nolder, Doris Rye, Mildred Schaffer, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

Note regarding the Prayer List

Those on the family & friends prayer list will remain for 6 weeks and then be removed—unless otherwise specified. If at any time you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact the church office.

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, Father, Son, **+** Holy Spirit
now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lord God, We Praise You

ELW 558

(Text: attr. Gregory I, 540-604; tr. composite; Music: Paris Antiphoner, 1681)

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to you, God (See page 14)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love
one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the
world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles
could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however.
For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus
standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of
Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout
all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone
him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they
were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and

cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- ¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
- ² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**
- ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
- ⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**
- ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.
- ¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

- ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
 - ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:
“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”
 - ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”
 - ⁸ and
“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”
- They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
- ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order



Join us for our next Community Meal this Wednesday, May 6th beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! Look for the sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board.

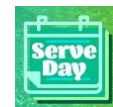
Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place this Wednesday, May 6th after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and/or guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!



Join us for our S’mores and More Family Campfire this Friday, May 8th at 6 pm in the park. Join us for a fun night of yard games, s’mores, songs, prayer and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors. Rain date is Saturday, May 9th.



St. John’s Family, Friends, and Neighbors Property Committee Serve Day! This event will take place on Saturday, May 16th from 9 am-12 pm with lunch to follow, so mark your calendars. It will include several projects inside and outside of our church property. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or contact the church office, if you would like to help.



The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17th after worship. Please plan to attend as we hear updates on the ministry we do together and vote on a roof repair. We value your input!



The Prayer Partner Luncheon will take place on Sunday, June 7th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate, there are flyers on the counter outside of the Sanctuary.



St. John’s Night at the Ironbirds game will take place on Friday, June 19th. Game time is 7 pm with fireworks after the game. Ticket price is \$12. See David Evans or email him at ravenfan79@yahoo.com for tickets.



Registration is open for our 2026 Vacation Bible School Program. VBS will take place July 13th—17th from 9:00 am– 12:30 pm. Registration forms are located on the bulletin board, in the weekly emails and on our website. Spots are filling us fast, so register soon!



Are you interested in helping with the making of the jellies and jams that are sold at the Christmas Bazaar? There are flyers on the bulletin board with more information.



St. John’s Preschool is in need of a Preschool Teacher/Director

They are seeking a caring, organized Preschool Teacher/Director to lead their small church-based LOC preschool in Parkville, Maryland. Classes for 3 and 4 year-olds meet Monday through Friday mornings. For more information, please contact: preschooljob@stjohnsparkville.org.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, May 10th—Sixth Sunday of Easter

† 9 am—Handbell Choir
† 9 am—Sunday School and Faith + Fellowship
† 10 am—Worship in-person
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel
† 11:30 am—Executive Meeting
Visit stjohnsparkville.org



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in appreciation of the choir members and instrumentalists who bring music to our services.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2026. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Dates available are May 24th, July 19th, September 6th and 27th, October 18th, and December 27th.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



Sunday School takes place on Sunday mornings from 9 am-9:45 am. Children ages 3 through 5th grade meet on the third floor. Middle and High School students meet in the Youth Room on the second floor.

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



St. John's Youth Group meets on the first Sunday of the month from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

Join us for our Friday morning Bible Study at 11:00 am in the Smith Building. Our study is on the Parables of Jesus. All are welcome!



The Food for Thought Program is providing 60 food bags for 30 students in need at Carney Elementary. At this time we are in need of: Chef Boyardee single serving meals, chicken/tuna salad kits and pop tarts. Don't feel like shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome.

The Chosen Season 4 is being shown at some local churches from 5:15 pm—7:00 pm. All are welcome for an evening of viewing, reflection, and conversation. Flyers with more information are on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary.



New Date: The Altar Guild Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 24th after worship due to the Congregational Meeting on May 17th.



that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

ELW 816

(Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958; Music © Stainer & Bell Ltd.)

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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

OFFERING HYMN



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Merciful God.
Receive our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Plenty Good Room* *Adult Choir*
(American Spiritual; Arr. John Horman; Arr. © Somerset Press)

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Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville



(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN *Come to the Table (See page 15)*

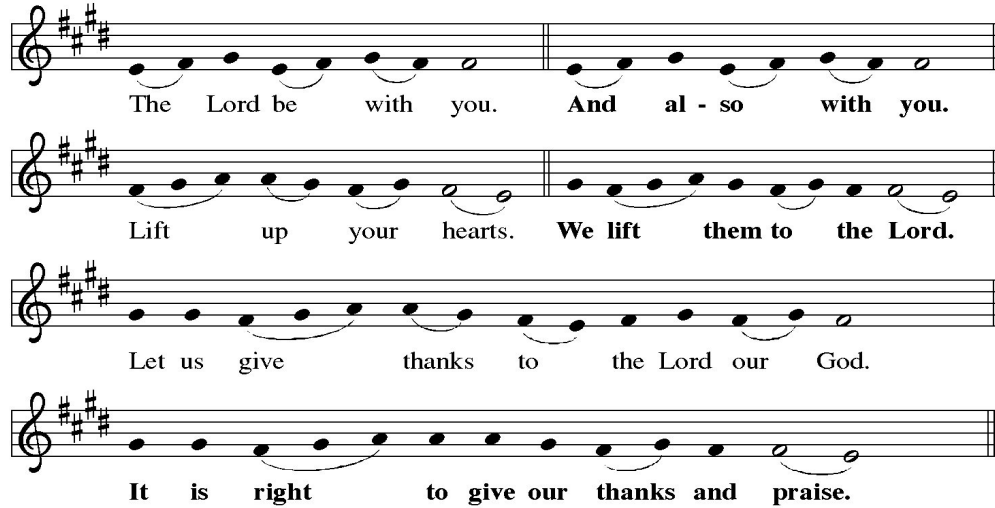
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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE



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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (See insert)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your chosen people from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,

Commemorations

When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of people across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint and sinner. Our faith in God working in them can be a reminder of God's grace working in all of our lives. "The saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith." (Augsburg Confession)

Philip and James, Apostles

Friday, May 1, 2026

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Monday, May 4, 2026

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416

Friday, May 8, 2026

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)

Friday, May 8, 2026

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760

Saturday, May 9, 2026

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* **ELW 389**

(Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936; Music: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evengelica, 1789; Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Sing and Rejoice* *Lani Smith*

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Lee Smith
Crucifer	Devon W.
Acolyte (s)	Alec B., Roman G.
Lector	Michelle A.
Communion Assistant	Michelle A.
Dismissal Assistant	Alec B.

and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

(Sung call-and-echo)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins
as we forgive; 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.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

Eat This Bread

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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1 Com - mon - wealth is God's com - mand - ment; com - mon goods are meant to share.
 2 Shar - ing lav - ish gifts and bless - ings, love that not one mite with - holds,
 3 Gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions, hear the Ho - ly One who calls,

Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel - come an - gels un - a - ware.
 stretch out arms to friends and strang - ers: God has sheep of man - y folds.
 bid - ding all to work to - geth - er, bridg - ing lives and breach - ing walls.

Refrain

Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.

Shan - ti, pax, sha - lom, mas - la - ha: com - mon good is ho - ly ground.

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(The assembly remains seated.)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS