

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11/12, 2024



*Jesus
Prays*

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Monday through Thursday: 9:30 am till 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:30 am till Noon

TODAY'S WORSHIP

HAPPY EASTER! (Yes, it's still that season!) And happy Mother's Day to all who share a caring relationship with a mom or mom-figure. Welcome to worship.

THE GOSPEL for Easter's seventh Sunday is always take from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

WORSHIP BEGINS in our gathering. Please enjoy greeting and conversation in the Narthex, and respect those who have entered the Sanctuary to pray, meditate, and listen to the prelude with silence and an atmosphere of reverence and peace as we all prepare to hear God's word.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available; please ask an usher for help.

THE BLUE WELCOME PAD in the pew rack is our record of your attendance and communion (or you may leave a message for Pastor Grube, note a new address or phone number). Please take a moment to complete it.

LEAVING THE SANCTUARY during worship? Please use the side doors with the panic bar latches; they open and close silently. **TURNING OFF** cell phone and other electronic devices is greatly appreciated.

IF YOU'D LIKE someone's name to be added to our prayer list spoken in worship and printed in the bulletin, please be sure to contact the church office or complete the prayer request card on the table in the Narthex before worship. Cards added after worship will be included in the following week's prayer list. In either case you will continue to have the opportunity to say aloud or remember silently that person's name during the intercessory prayers.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for May 18/19: Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27 and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

GATHERING

PLEASE NOTE: Parts of this service are omitted for Saturday's worship.

PRELUDE Variations on *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Jonathan R. Mueller

BELL, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand as you are able to face the font for the Confession.

CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God raised us to new life. Let us confess to God our sins and all that waits for resurrection in our lives.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

God of love,
we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN #645 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



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

WORD

ANTHEM

May the Road Rise to Meet You (An Irish Blessing)

Ruth Elaine Schram

Chapel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON [Sunday]

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas' treachery and death.

A reading from Acts.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Brothers and sisters, 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... So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning 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." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "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." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

A reading from 1 John.

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. Those 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. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I 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.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Repeat alleluia

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' with a fermata over the final 'ia'. The second staff continues with 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line. The third staff is a repeat of the first two measures of the first staff, indicated by the instruction 'Repeat alleluia'.

I will not leave you orphaned, | says the Lord.*

I am com| ing to you.

GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for 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. I 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And 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. While 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. But 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. I 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. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

SERMON

Stand as you are able for the Hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 657

Rise, O Son of Righteousness

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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,
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 INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. 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 presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

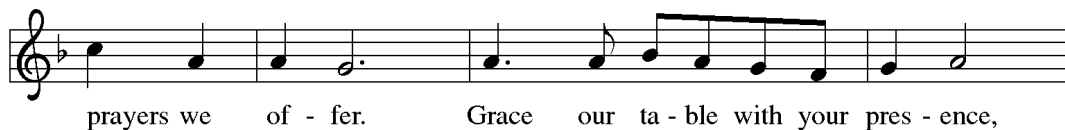
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

MEAL

OFFERTORY #181

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

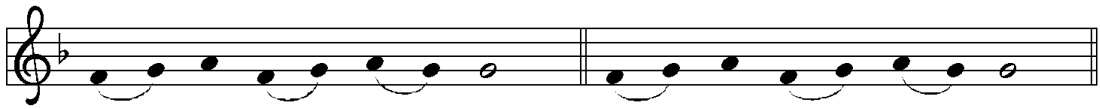
Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister unveils the paten and chalice and prepares for the communion.



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.

The presiding minister continues with the Proper Preface for the day, ending "we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life:...Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us...burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Break the bread.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Come and receive the bread of heaven.

The bread is broken for the communion and the assembly is seated. Online worshipers receive the word The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

We invite you to come forward to stand on the floor at the predella step. The communion ministers will move around the predella step counterclockwise communing you in turn. The person seated closest to the ambo comes to the first place by the ambo, and those behind and to their right follow in turn by taking the next open position, filling the predella step around the table. We progress from that seat section counterclockwise through each seat section in turn to the choir, who communes last. When you have communed, return to your seat, and the next person can take that position. Remain seated to sing the hymns while you wait your turn.

Take an empty glass from the tray to be filled with wine from the pouring chalice. Prefilled glasses of juice are available for those who cannot or prefer not to receive wine.

We invite all Baptized Christians and those who commune in their own churches to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children and those not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please inform an usher or neighbor of your desire to commune so they can inform the communion ministers, and they will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SENDING PRAYER

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Jeffrey Blersch

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SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter: Don Kretchmer

Acolyte: Ava Brezovsky

Assisting Minister: Frank Mariano

Lector: Gail Ide

Saturday Altar Set Up: Cookie Fetterman

Sunday Altar: Martha Kush

Communion Bread: Cookie Fetterman

Minister of Technology: Marissa Miller

**ON THIS MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND
BLANKETS HAVE BEEN DONATED
IN MEMORY OF:**

Mary Reese and Ellen Reese, by Ellen Babuscak
Alice Baer, by "The Smith's"
Our Mothers, Audrey & Libby, by The Cyphers Family
Barbara Kessler, by Dr. & Mrs. Frank O'Brien and Son
Our Mothers, by Bill & Dianna Smith
Julia Hardaker and Alice Mancke, by Ray & Marianne Mancke
Frank & Loved Ones, by Marjorie Fritzingler
Darles Berger, Carrie Evans and Violet Fetterman, by Cookie & John Fetterman
My Mom, by Fran Dierolf
Loved Ones, by Joan Williams
Evelyn M. Daley, by Mary Lou Daley-Button
Loved Ones, by Geri Williams
Catherine Grieshaber, by Cathy Policare
Daughter, Leeann and Husband, Michael, by Martha Kush
Our Mothers, by Brad & Ruth Ide
My Mom and My Mother-In-Law, by Pat Kowalek
Anna Covert, by Robert & Nancy Kline
Cleo Eneboe, by Her Children

IN HONOR OF:

My Daughters-In-Law, by Fran Dierolf
Carrie, Lisa, Jennifer, Lily and Brooks, by Cookie & John Fetterman
My Family, by Marjorie Fritzingler
Michelle Waschek and Pearl Evangelista, by Ray & Marianne Mancke
Peg O'Brien-Yadon, by Dr. & Mrs. Frank O'Brien and Son
Our Daughter-In-Law, by The Cyphers Family
Kara Babuscak, by Ellen Babuscak



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God, in memory of Nelson Williams by Geri Williams. **BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God, in honor of Marge Fritzing by Ed Fritzing.

COUNCIL UPDATE: At its May 7 meeting Pastor Grube reported the joint Easter services with Prince of Peace Episcopal Church were well received; he and the Prince of Peace clergy discussed sharing quarterly healing services and holding joint Holy Week services again next year. The Mission District Assembly meeting, held at St. Paul's on April 27 went well although only 12 representatives attended, reflecting the fact that there are fewer congregations in our district and several of them share a pastor. About 56 people attended the monthly congregational dinners held during 2023-24; the last dinner was held in April. **Worship and Music committee:** The committee will look into the possibility of holding an outdoor worship at Frances Slocum State Park sometime this summer (if a pavilion is available). **Evangelism Committee:** A class for instruction in using the church's AED machine, as well as CPR training, will be held on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. This class is for St. Paul's members only; all those interested in taking the class should contact Gail Ide. The class is free but there will be a \$10 fee for the CPR certification card. **Long Range Planning Committee:** The committee discussed the attendance of the recent Back Mountain Railroad Club lecture and will consider the possibility of offering other lectures for the public at St. Paul's. **Finance/Property Committee:** Some recent expenses were discussed such as \$195 repair to the kitchen oven, repair to the bell at \$450, replacement of broken classroom window at \$635, installation of three security cameras with monitor and DVD recorder, \$4,592. Projected projects include repair to the flat roof area over Narthex and part of Sanctuary, Social Hall and Administration area at a cost upwards of \$75,000, and the Predella handrail at a cost still to be determined; payment for these projects need to be covered by donations from the Building Improvement envelopes. Our insurance policies are being rewritten through Erie Insurance (Worker's Compensation, Property & Liability, and Umbrella) with a premium savings of \$2,200. The committee is continuing to work on the building and installation of a handrail on the predella. **Council** gave approval for Head Start to use of a spare classroom from May 28-June 16 for 16 children and staff. Approval was also given to a Lake Lehman High School student to hold a three day Summer Day Camp in July for her senior graduation project.

NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST (the color is red) and the red geraniums which will decorate the Sanctuary, are a reminder that the Holy Spirit is always with us.

BLANKET PROJECT – Work will continue on making Fleece Blankets and if you can spare a little time to help cut material and tie knots, please consider coming at 10 am, May 13, 15, 20 or 22. The blankets are for children attending Grieff Camp at Hillside Farm this summer.

PLEASE JOIN US this Wednesday, May 15, for our monthly Labyrinth Walk. Our indoor labyrinth will be open and available to all church members and the public from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Narthex. The walk is free! Gail Ide will be on hand to offer suggestions about walking the labyrinth. We hope to see you there.

CPR & AED TRAINING CLASS – St. Paul's Health Ministry Committee's training session for use of our AED equipment and how to perform CPR has been rescheduled and will now be held on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm. If you have questions, you may contact Gail Ide at gdirnnpn@epix.net.

100th ANNIVERSARY "FUN FACT" – In 1924, a group of volunteers including R.J.W. Templin began canvassing the Back Mountain Community to see if there were enough families to support a Lutheran Church. Of 524 families scattered throughout rural Shavertown, Dallas, and Trucksville, 38 families would support a new Lutheran church. It was enough to begin. (To Be Continued!)

ROAST BEEF DINNER HELPERS – Please take note of the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the next scheduled Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, May 18 and indicate where you would like to help. Several of our regular volunteers are unable to help with this dinner, so we're asking for early sign-ups to make certain we have enough people to cover what needs to be accomplished. This dinner will be a dine-in event with take-outs available. Cost is \$15.00 per person; take-outs will begin at 3:30 pm and seating for dinner starts from 4:00 pm.

SUBMISSIONS FOR the weekly bulletins are due in the church office by Noon on Thursdays; the deadline for the June newsletter is Sunday, May 19.

THE BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following types of items: flour, sugar, all types of soups, jelly/peanut butter, canned fruits & vegetables, pancake mix/syrup, cereal and all types of snacks. These items represent an ongoing need at the pantry. Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the hallway and thank you for your support!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Today: 8:30 am Chime Practice
9:30 am Worship; 10:45 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Cub Scouts; 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Monday: 10:00-11:30 am Fleece Blanket Project

Tuesday: 10:30 am Bible study
7:00 pm Dorcas Meeting

Wednesday: 10:00-11:30 am Fleece Blanket Project
3:00-6:00 pm Labyrinth Walk

Friday: Time TBA Setup for Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday: 4:00-6:30 pm Sit-down Roast Beef Dinner (takeouts begin at 3:30 pm)
5:30 pm Worship

Next Sunday: 8:30 am Chime Practice
9:30 am Worship; Pentecost and Confirmation
10:45 am Sunday School (last day of 2023-24 school year)
5:00 pm Cub Scouts; 6:30 am Boy Scouts

PRAYER LIST - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregation of Holy Trinity, Kingston.**

Pray for those suffering illness: *Members:* Linda Ash, Hope Beisel, Annie & Marty Bisher, Mary Lou Bowman, Mary Lou Button, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Marge Fritzinger, Lois Hardisky, Ruth Ide, Robert Kline, Marge McCarty, Rachele Pryor, Ann Sabol, Betty Schray, Bill Smith, Justin Yost.

Please note: Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or stpaul@epix.net if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

Family & Friends: Dick Armbrust, Hank Banaszek, Robert Binger, Kathy Boston, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Paul Davis, Paul Davis, Jr., Janice DeFebo, Pamela Donnas, Gene Eyerman, Jeff Farley, Candyce Fike, Sally Harris, George Hrubowchak, Christine Ide, Michael Kaminski, Bradley Kessler, Lloyd L., Audrey Mace, Carol Marker, Ernie McCarty, Dwight McKee, Rob Merritt, Baby Miles, Andrea Nielsen, Tim Nulton, Zoey Olson, Alice O'Neil, Nancy Ott, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Febe Quintanar, Donna Reistetter, Judy Roeder, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Edward Sabol, Bob Schooley, Judi Shaver, Nancy Shymanski, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold & Jean Thompson, Karen Wise, Peg Wyda, Alice, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Cindy, Paul, Kim, Josh, Bruce, Patty N., Mary Z., Chloe, Nancy, Diane, Paul, and Diane B. (no last names given).