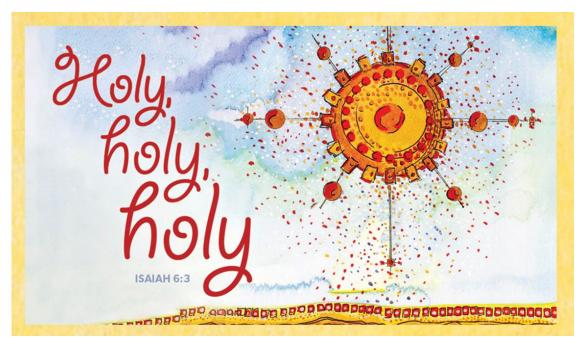


Sunday, May 26, 2024

Welcome to





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This morning, we welcome John Sides as our pianist

> and Sydney Elise Parman as our cantor.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and celebration of Ella Kate's graduation, Benny and Megan's wedding anniversary, and Megan's 50th birthday.

The processional cross represents Christ coming into the midst of his people. As the procession begins in the back of the nave, please turn and face the cross as it is carried forward.

9:00 AM Assisting Minister: Chris Wise Acolyte/Crucifer: Choir Member Lector: Chris Wise Communion Assistant: Ann Rita Ditmore Ushers: Debbie Sweany Dave Sweany AlV: Ryan Tate

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> Altar Guild: Before: Clarke Hinkle Between: Linda Welch Jeff Welch After: Alice Garrison

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP THEME

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

(Please stand.) PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 413

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C: Amen
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

(Please kneel. Silence is for reflection and self-examination.)

- P: God, our provider,
- C: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways

of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world.

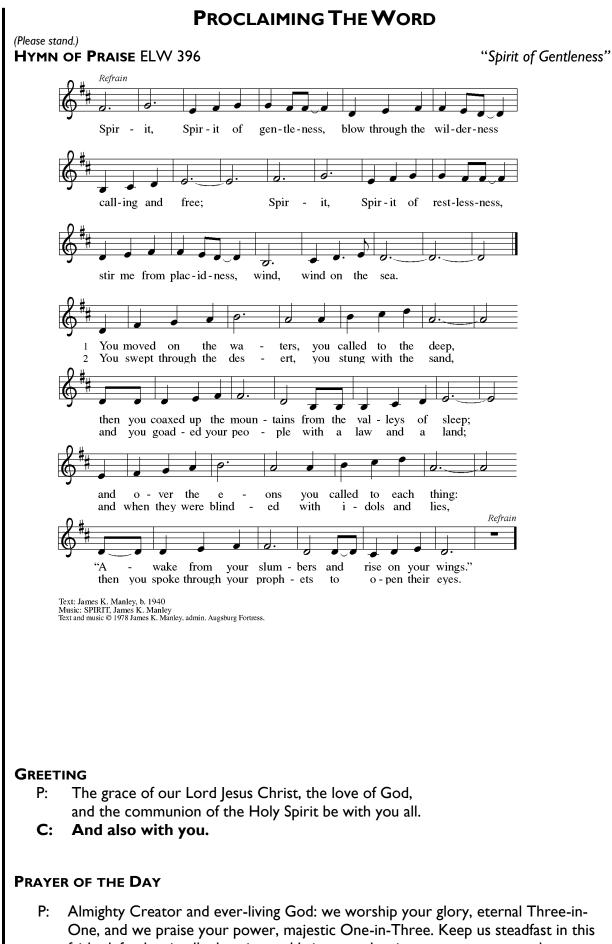
Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, I the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.





This prayer concerns the theme of the day and prepares us for hearing the readings from scripture.

- faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

In the first lesson: This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

In the second lesson: In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

(Please be seated.) FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

C: Thanks be to God.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND LESSON

P:

ROMANS 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

P: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

	GOD'S INVITATION: "Let the Children Come"	Matthew 19:14
We will prayerfully reflect on the Gospel Verse, recorded by Pastor John. In the weeks to come, we will sing it together.		"In the Beauty of Holiness (Psalm 96)
	Text: P. D. (Psalm 96), Adapt. by John Tirro Tune: John Tirro ©2016 Mondo Zen Music. Used by permission.	
We stand while the Gospel is read and speak acclamations after the reading because we believe Christ is present to us in the reading. In the Gospel lesson: Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.	HOLY GOSPEL JOINT 3.1.17 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above." ⁶ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? I'''Yery truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not understand these things? I'''Yery truly, I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifed up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. P'' The Gospel of the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. P'' The Gospel of the Lort' C: Thanks be to God .	

The meditation interprets the meaning of God's word for our lives today.

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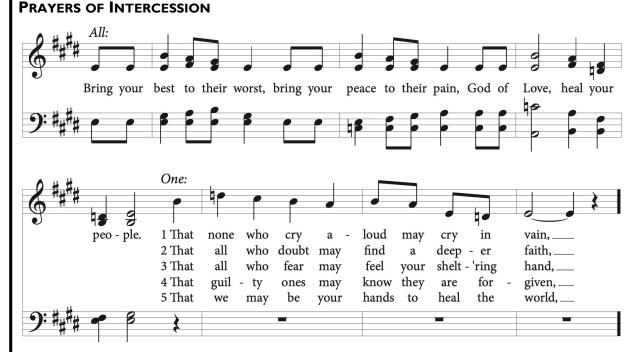
MEDITATION



We respond to God's almighty acts as we confess our faith in the Words of the Creed.

(Please kneel.)

With this prayer, we express our concern for the whole Church, for the nations of the world, for people in their various needs, and for our own congregation.

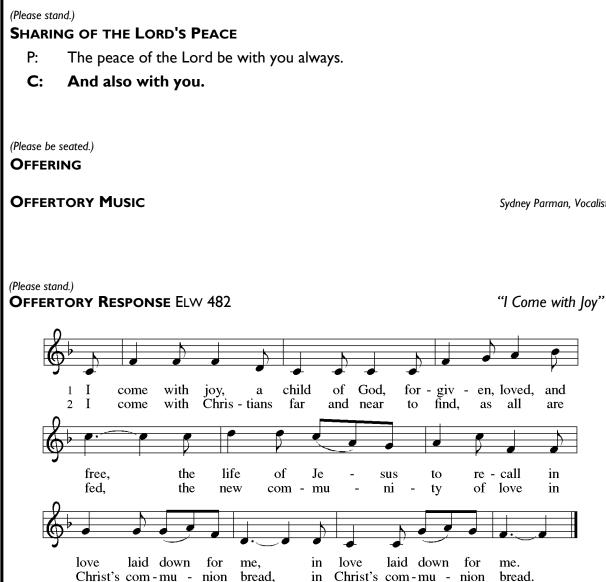


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Those Remembered in Prayer:

Michael Adams, Renee Busse, David & Linda Cash, Pat & Charlsie Counts, Hugh Denton, Laura Domitz, Al Gill, Sharon Graves, Michael Holtz, Jean Keener, Dick & Pat Krogmann, Annie Lefler, Don McWilliams, Nancy O'Callaghan, Don Ray, Pam Shealy, Rebecca Vath, Tom Wainner, Dave & Brenda Wayland, Maxine Whistler, Kay Williams, Bill Wing, Ron & Jeanette Woodward, our seminarians: Jordan Baker, Caitlynne Fox, and Joe Ley, the students, staff, & mentors at Christenberry Elementary school, and those affected by political unrest, especially our partners in Guatemala



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SHARING THE EUCHARIST

We respond to God's Word by giving our offerings for God's work

in the world. In our offerings to God, we give all that we are and have: ourselves, our abilities, and our possessions.

Sydney Parman, Vocalist

OFFERTORY PRAYER

The offertory prayer
reminds us that God is
the source of all gifts.P:Jesus, Bread of life,
C:C:you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Presiding minister

The words Jesus used in instituting the Lord's Supper remind us of God's wonderful works, invite us to receive the sacrament, and ask for the Holy Spirit to bless us. C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



sed on LORD'S PRAYER

C:

This prayer is based on Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:24.

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.

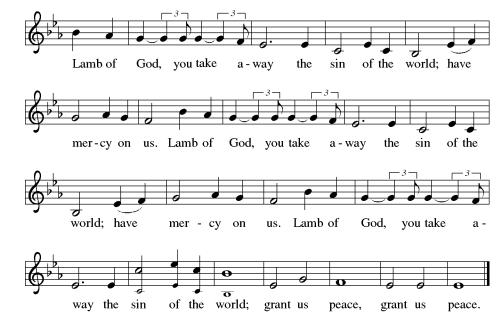
(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION

Regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all those who are baptized and profess Jesus Christ as Lord are encouraged to commune. For those who need gluten free wafers, they are available at the baptismal font, in the silver pyx. Those who prefer, may receive only the wafer. Additionally, there are individual communion sets in a basket on both front pews. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, alert an usher. Those who do not yet commune

may come forward to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD





The blessing prepares us to continue our mission as Christian people in the world. The Sign of the Cross may be made by all as a reminder of Christ in whose name we are baptized and live.

(Please stand.)

BLESSING

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

SENDING HYMN ELW 414

As the cross is carried out into the world, we visually and spiritually follow the cross as we are led to love and serve the Lord.



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After each service, we encourage visitors and members to greet the pastors and each other in the Welcome Center.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH MAY -JUNE 2024



A BIG THANK YOU FROM BOBO!

Please accept our gratitude for the tremendous showing at Open Streets 2024 ... here are few highlights:

- Twelve tours of the sanctuary
- Bottles and bottles of water shared
- Lots of cotton candy consumed
- Plinko prizes passed out
- Faces painted
- Neighborhood connections made



The church office will be closed as we honor those who have died in service to our country!



B.E.E.R. MAY 28

B.E.E.R. (Brothers Engaged in Enriching Relationships) will return to our former hang-out at Schulz Brau Bier Garden 126 Bernard Ave. on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00. Free first pint to any newcomers! So come and grab a brat, a brew, and share some stories. Schul Brau also serves non-alcoholic beverages so there should be something for everyone.

If you have questions, contact Garry Menendez at <u>menendez@utk.edu</u> or Matt Whitehead at <u>mattdwhitehead@gmail.com</u>. Hope to see you there!

CHURCH EVENTS

May 26	Holy Trinity Sunday *Nursery *Children Music, Lesson, Snack, Craft *Youth Games and Spiritual Gains *Parents Coffee and Conversation *Adults Galatians Study
May 27	Memorial Day The church office will be closed. APATT Feeding Ministry
May 30	Highways ByWays Feeding Ministry
May 31- June 2	Southeastern Synod Assembly in Columbus, GA
une 2	Second Sunday of Pentecost *Nursery *Children Music, Lesson, Snack, Craft *Youth Games and Spiritual Gains *Parents Coffee and Conversation *Adults Galatians Study
une 3-7	Lutheridge Day Camp



TODAY, we'll continue our discussion of Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. We'll continue

considering the passage we read last week. Those who have booklets can review Chapter Three (pp. 35-46), and we'll continue to look at Galatians chapter 3, starting with verse 6. Thanks to Lee Ley, who will be our facilitator. Join us for conversation and coffee!!



ST. JOHN'S MISSION STATEMENT (who we are now): Growing God's servants; Serving God's people

ST. JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT (who God is calling us to be): To foster a grace-filled relationship with God and neighbor, we love inclusively, grow spiritually, and serve faithfully.

SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD The Southeastern Synod will gather 2024 Assembly for Assembly in Columbus, GA, at



the Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center, May 31 - June 2. For our keynote speakers, we are welcoming: Mr. Bryan Stevenson, founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative; Deacon Ross Murray, GLAAD Media and

author of several works on Advocacy; and Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer, Rector and Dean of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. We will also welcome Rev. Amy Reuman, ELCA Director for Advocacy as our Churchwide Representative.

Please prayerfully support our delegates Pastor John, Pastor Amy, and Jim and Nancy Friedrich.



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