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Service Notes

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

Notes on the festival: The feast day of Philip, along with that of James the Less, was traditionally observed on 1 May, the anniversary of the dedication of the church dedicated to them in Rome (now called the Church of the Twelve Apostles).

James, son of Alphaeus is often identified with James the Less, who is only mentioned four times in the Bible, each time in connection with his mother (another Mary). Since there was already another James (James, son of Zebedee) among the twelve apostles, equating James son of Alphaeus with "James the Less" made sense.

The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) list Philip as one of the apostles. Of the four Gospels, Philip figures most prominently in the Gospel of John. Jesus asks Philip how to feed the 5,000 people. Later he appears as a link to the Greek community. Philip bore a Greek name, may have spoken Greek, and may have been known to the Greek pilgrims in Jerusalem. He advises Andrew that certain Greeks wish to meet Jesus, and together they inform Jesus of this (John 12:21). During the Last Supper, when Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, he provides Jesus the opportunity to teach his disciples about the unity of the Father and the Son.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #549 "Around the Throne, a Glorious Band" Text: Rowland Hill (1744-1833)



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Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (LM) Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, London, 1778, adapt.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ, revealed himself to the apostles Philip and James as the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that we also may know that truth and find in him the way that leads to eternal life; for he lives and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 30:18-21

¹⁸ Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice;

blessed are all those who wait for him.

¹⁹ For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you. ²⁰ And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹ And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 119b The congregation will sing **Hymn #462** "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); Tune: William H. Havergal (1793-1870)

462 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways



Tune: EVAN (CM) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870, adapt.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

4 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light

shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY (spoken by the pastor)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: John 14:8-14

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, 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, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.



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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #552 "By All Your Saints Still Striving" Verses 1, 10, 3.

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Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

SERMON STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FESTIVAL OF ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES, APOSTLES

M: Merciful Father, through the Gospel of Your Son, You drew Saint Philip and Saint James to Christ and sent them into the world as ambassadors of reconciliation. By the same Gospel, You also have reconciled us to Yourself and committed the Word of reconciliation to us. Having made us ambassadors for Christ, let the Word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts and upon our lips. Draw to You those who do not yet know You, that Your salvation may give them joy. Bring back to the one, true, and holy Faith those who have wandered away, that You and Your reconciling love may again live vibrantly in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Everlasting Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You sent Your Son into the world to suffer, die, and rise again for our salvation, and He sends His ministers into the world to proclaim peace with You. Bless all pastors in Christ that they may bring Christ's living word to us, that they may be diligent in their study and prayer, faithful in preaching and teaching, upright in their daily lives, and compassionate in their service. Grant to Your faithful people, the flock of Christ's redemption, that they may honor and respect the pastors You give them, and hear and receive the blessed Word and Sacraments of Christ in peace, joy, faithfulness, and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Almighty God, Governor of all things in heaven and on earth, You establish civil government as Your instrument of order and justice, and install in office those who lead our land and communities. Aid and direct the President, the judicial system, and the Congress of our nation; the governor and legislature of our state; and our local public officials, that they may perform the work You have given them according to Your will, that our citizens may be served in justice and equity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Compassionate Lord Jesus, in the days of Your earthly ministry, You healed many who suffered from various illnesses and infirmities. Give Your merciful aid to all who suffer from bodily afflictions, remembering both those who have requested our prayers, and those whose needs and

ailments are known only to You. Support them in their present trial, increase their faith and trust in You under their crosses, and grant them healing and health, or release from their suffering, according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Almighty God, our gracious Father in heaven, You promise to provide us with all we need in body and soul. Grant Your blessing upon the fertile earth as farmers till and plant their crops, that the soil may produce its fruits and grains abundantly. Guide those who tend farms, orchards, vineyards, and livestock that they may be faithful stewards of these gifts. Grant favorable weather that fields may be sown at the proper time, that crops may flourish, and that the expected harvest may be gathered in. Bless us, that we who enjoy these gifts may receive them with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Gracious Lord, by Your great humility You endured the bitter pangs of the Cross and thereby won forgiveness, life, and salvation for us all: Grant us Your aid, that all false pride of life and exaltation of self may be lifted from us and that we may be filled with true humility after Your likeness, that we may be glad to receive Your gifts of grace, that we may bear our crosses with patience, that we may serve our neighbor in meekness, and that we may be gently led in the way that leads to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

M: Into Your hands, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your crucified and risen Son, our gracious Lord and Savior, who gave Himself for us that we may live in Him, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

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Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

THE SACRAMENT



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.





BE SEATED DISTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: "Where My Father Lives"

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Refrain: Where my Father lives there is room for all and a place for you will be waiting there. I will bring you home.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (Refrain

Have faith in God, have faith in me. Know wherever I am, you will also be. (Refrain)

If you love me and keep my commands, I will not leave you orphaned; I will return. (Refrain)

Peace I leave, my peace I give. God's own Spirit will guide you throughout your life. (Refrain)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #550 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in

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Behold a Host, Arrayed in White





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 Tune: GREAT WHITE HOST (PM) Norwegian folk tune, 17th century.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

SONG OF SIMEON (Nunc Dimittis)



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

| Today | - 9:30 AM Divine Service |
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| | -10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |
| Tuesday | - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Trustees and |
| | Education/Stewardship |
| | - 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class |
| Thursday | - 7:00 PM Senior Choir practice |
| Sunday | - 9:30 AM Divine Service |
| - | -10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Chris Ward; Ushering – Team 1

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