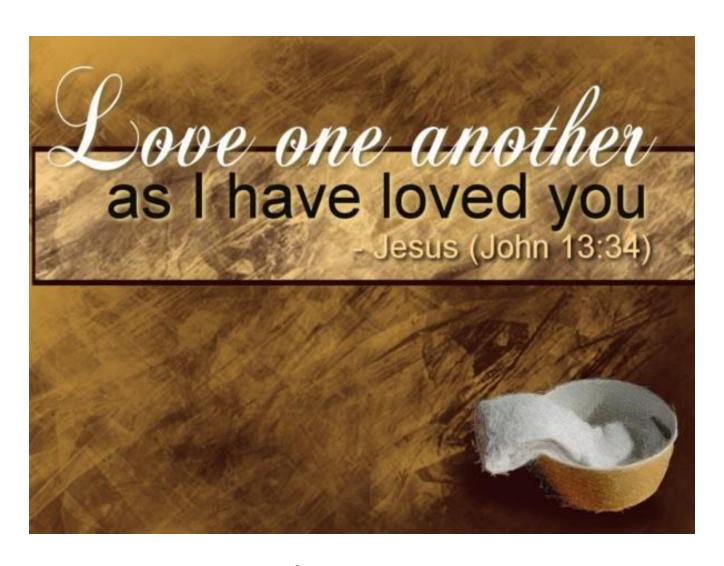
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May 18, 2025 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

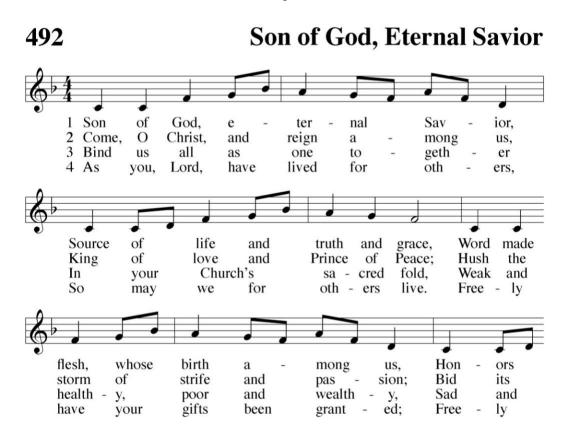
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

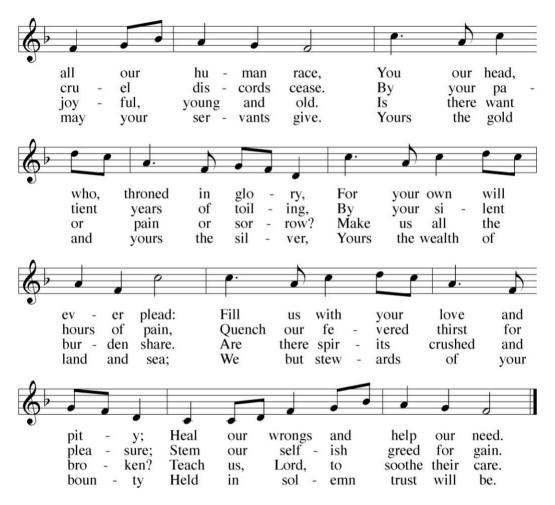
Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #492 "Son of God, Eternal Savior" setting:

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STAND

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



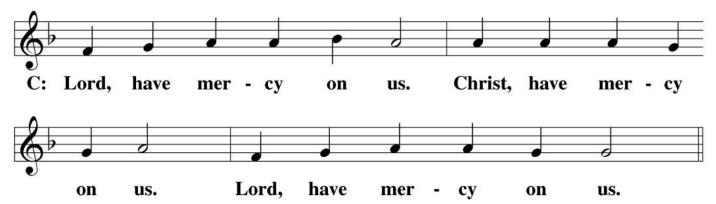
CONFESSION OF SINS

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.



BE SEATED

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of Beckett Tyler Kaske Son of Tyler and Chelsea Kaske

The baptismal party gathers at the font.

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

C: Amen.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The Apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

For the baptism of infants and young children

M: In bringing *this child* to Baptism, you are doing what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the

kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

The minister marks the sign of the cross on each of those present for Baptism, saying:

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on *Beckett* through this water of Baptism, drown in *him* all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil *he* may do. Set *him* apart from the unbelieving world and hold *him* safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep *him* always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that *he* may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the

promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which this child will be baptized, the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.

The minister says to the parents of each child presented for baptism:

M: Do you desire to have your child baptized into this Christian faith?

R: Yes.

The minister applies water to the one being baptized as he says:

M: Beckett Tyler Kaske, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister, laying his hand on the one baptized, says:

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life.

Peace (+) be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you:

Do you sincerely intend to bring up *Beckett* in the way of the Lord and to instruct *him* in the truths of God's saving Word so that *he* may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in *his* baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and *we* ask God to help *us*.

R: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that all who are baptized may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

BAPTISMAL GARMENT

M: This white garment shows that Christ has taken away your sin and put on you his perfect robe of righteousness.

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A baptismal candle is lit from the paschal candle and is given to the baptized (or to the parent or sponsor of a child) by the minister who says:

M: Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Receive this burning light. Live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for his coming, that you may meet him with joy and enter with him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which shall have no end.

Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for *Beckett* through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites *him* with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

M: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on *Beckett* that *he* may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized, so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The minister dismisses the baptismal party, saying:

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

11 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ "You went to uncircumcised mean and ate with them." ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill

and eat.' 8 But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' 10 This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. 11 And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. 12 And the Spirit told me to with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household' 15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" 18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 145 "I Will Exalt You" John Eggert ©2006 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved.

Congregation: Sing *Refrain* as noted. Choir: Sings the rest.

I Will Exalt You

Psalm 145 John Eggert

Choir: I will exalt You, O God my King. I will exalt You, O God my King.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is loving to everyone and His compassion is over all His works.

REFRAIN



Choir: The Lord is faithful in all His word and merciful in all His deeds.
The Lord is righteous in all His ways and loving in all His works.

REFRAIN

All Your works praise You, O Lord, and Your faithful servants bless You. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; Your dominion endures throughout all ages.

REFRAIN

Everyday will I bless You and praise Your name forever. I will ponder the glorious splendor of Your majesty and all of Your marvelous works. **REFRAIN**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from

the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Choir)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! "I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. "Alleluia!"

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at

once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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BE SEATED

GOSPEL RESPONSE: "Without Love we Have Nothing" Music:

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- 1. If we speak with the tongues of angels, and have not love, we have nothing. If we gain all the world and its knowledge, and have not love, we have nothing. If our faith is strong to move the mountains, and if we give all we have to the poor, and if we offer ourselves, yet we have not God's love we have nothing, without love, without love, without love, we have nothing.
- 2. Love is patient and kind; love isn't selfish or boastful. Love doesn't seek out its own way but rejoices in the truth, in the truth.

Repeat v. 1

HYMN OF THE DAY: #141 "At the Lamb's High Feast We

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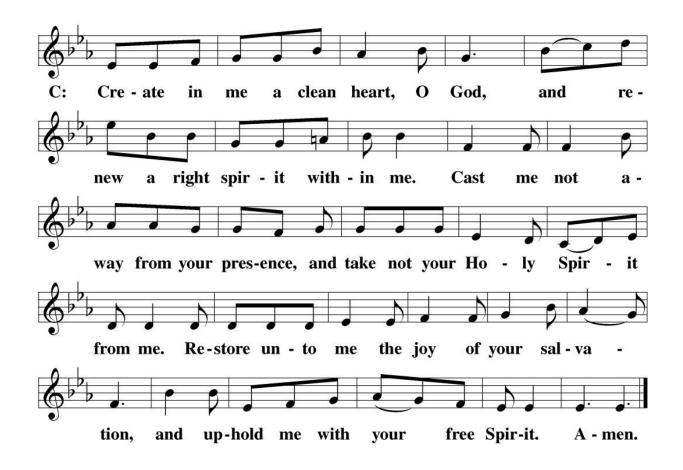




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SERMON

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - EASTER SEASON (p. 126)

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M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.

BE SEATED

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.

STAND



PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

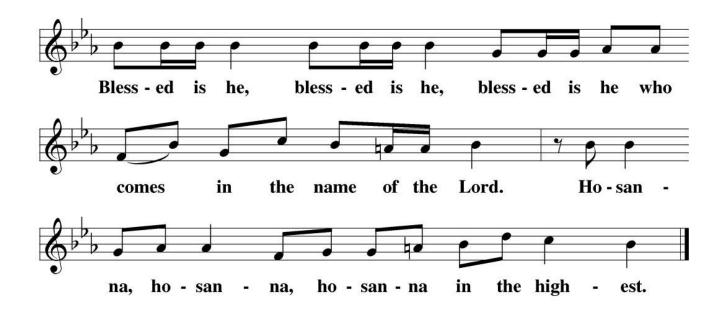
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, **HOLY** (Sanctus)





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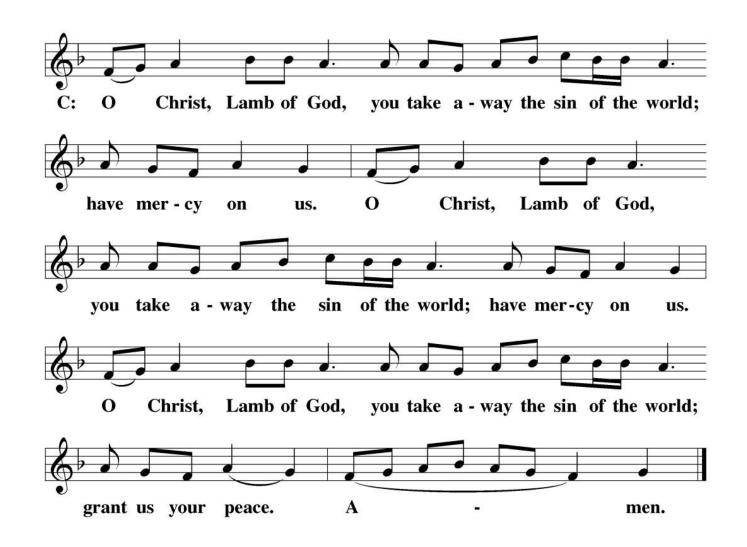
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



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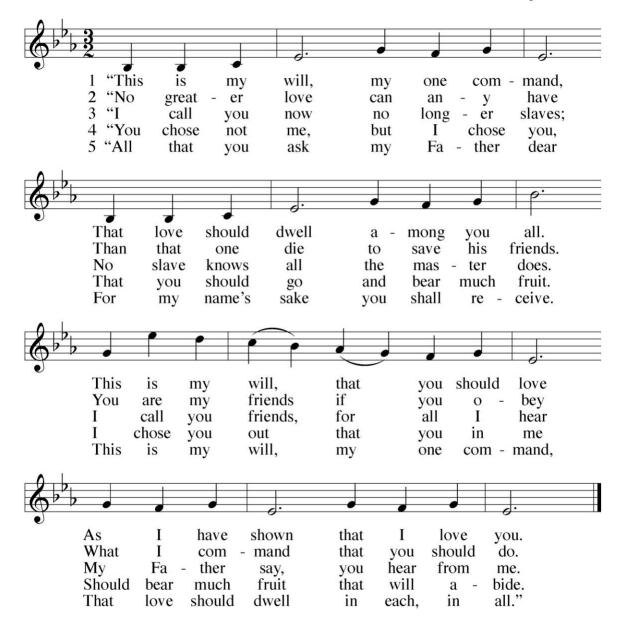
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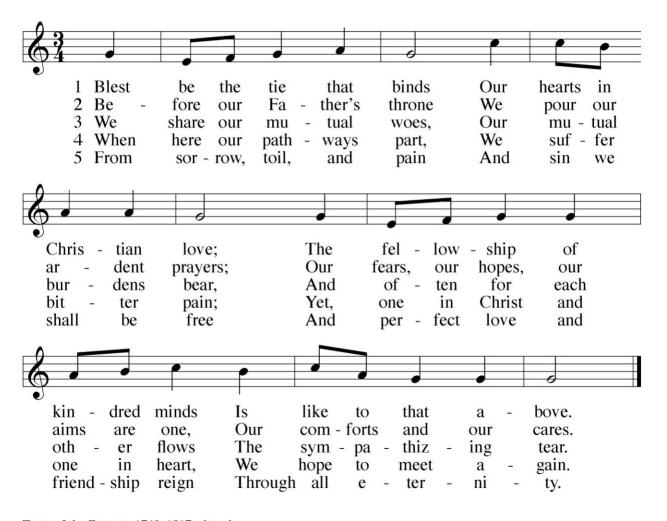
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#494 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Text: John Fawcett (1740-1817); Tune: Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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Blest Be the Tie that Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, abr., alt.

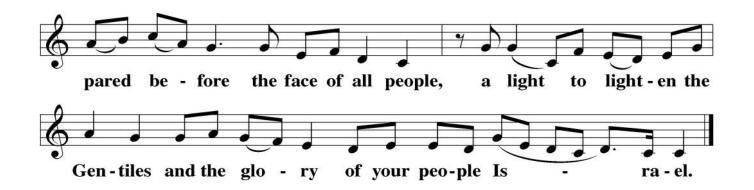
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THANKSGIVING (page 24)

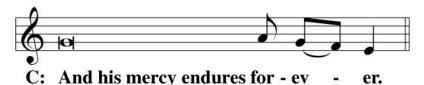
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SONG OF SIMEON (Nunc Dimittis)





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

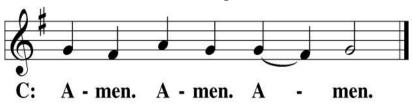


M:O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we 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.



OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Paul Schaefer Communion Assistant: Ron Bude; Keys: Julie Webber; Choir: Senior

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Sunday School

-10:45 AM Divine Call Meeting followed by Bible Class

Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving May 25: Altar Guild: Diane Wendland; Ushers: #2

May 29 (Ascension): Altar: Joy Schaefer; Ushers: #3

CALENDAR NOTES:

Today: Pastoral Divine Call Meeting, then Adult Bible Class

May 25: Lemonade on the Lawn Starts

May 29(Thursday): Festival of the Ascension Divine Service

June 9: Monday Night Divine Service Starts (Summer schedule)

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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