Sunday, May 19, 2024 Pentecost Holy Communion

* stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart Frederick C. Atkinson arr. Mark Hayes

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C- Amen.

P- Look, here is water!

Look, here is water!

C- Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P- Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

C- Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P- At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

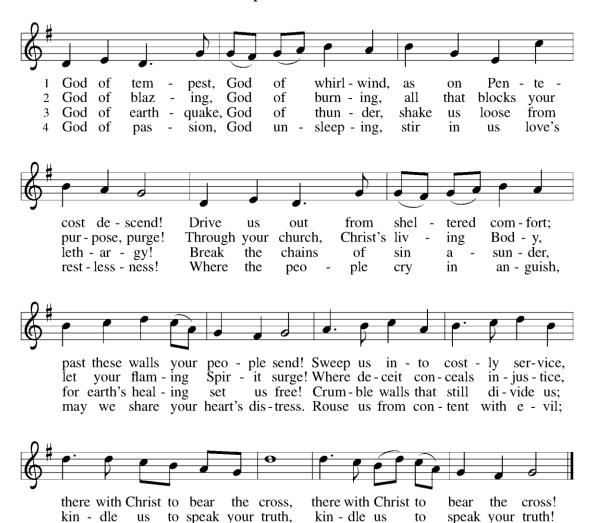
C- Amen.

P- Look, here is water!

C- Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

*GATHERING SONG God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (ELW 400)

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



make us one

claim us for

in

Christ our Lord!

your king-dom's work!

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one in Christ our Lord,

for your king-dom's work,

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*GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen!

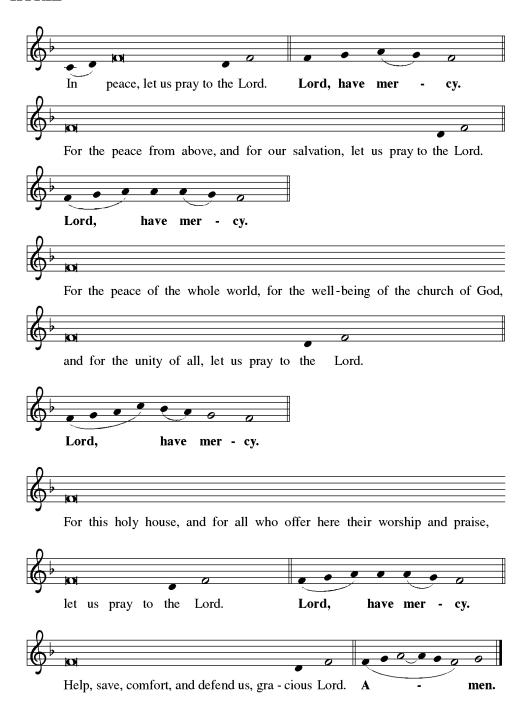
make us

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C- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C- And also with you.**

*KYRIE



*CANTICLE OF PRAISE Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)

Spirit of Gentleness



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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

P- Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C- Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what

I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

- ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.
- ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- ²⁷All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

35bBless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

The gospel is announced.

P- The holy gospel according to John, the 15th and 16th chapters.

C- Glory to you, O Lord.

P- [Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer;

¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel concludes:

P- The gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated. **SERMON**

*HYMN OF THE DAY Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading: Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema (ELW 401)

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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ALL-*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, 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.

The assembly kneels or sits.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P- Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

P- We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized (*especially*). God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way (*especially*). God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P- We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes.

P- 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. **C- Amen.**

*PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

C- 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.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

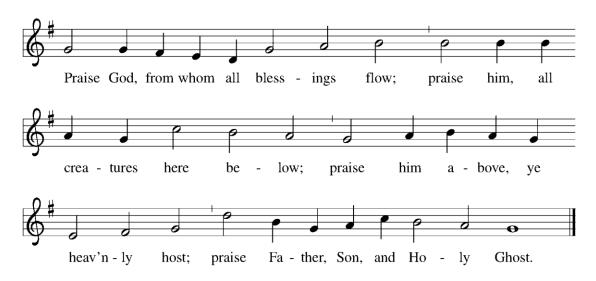
OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. You are invited to use your cellphone to text the peace of Christ to someone you missed in church today while the offering is being collected.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

*OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the following prayer.

P- Let us pray.

Risen One,

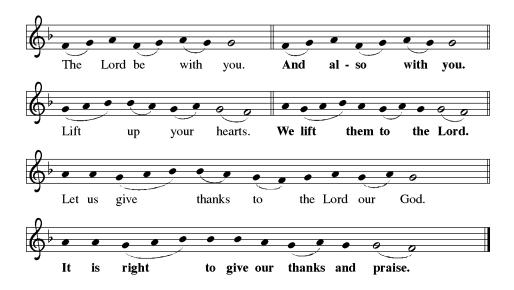
you call us to believe and bear fruit.

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.

C- Amen.

*DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

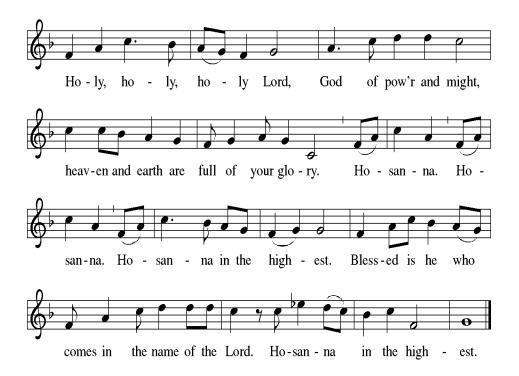
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

P- 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



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The presiding minister continues.

P- 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 people Israel 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,
and with a love stronger than death,

gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C- Amen

ALL-*LORD'S PRAYER

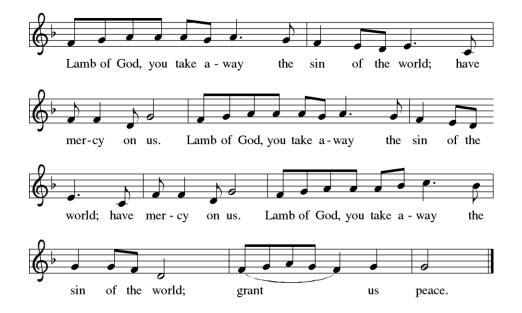
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P- The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

*COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction. Please receive the wafer from the pastor and proceed to the communion assistant holding the chalice to receive the wine

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say P- The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

*TABLE BLESSING

The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds

P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C- Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion.

P- Let us pray.

Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us

and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet

to proclaim your goodness

and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,

our redeemer and friend.

C- Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P- The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

+ bless you now and always.

C- Amen.

*SENDING SONG Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (ELW 582)

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

*DISMISSAL

The minister may send the assembly into mission.

P- Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C- Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart Frederick C. Atkinson arr. Douglass E. Wagner

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One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of the 6th year anniversary of Holly and Confey Maldonado.

Important Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

Prayer Requests – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

Pastoral Coverage –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request.

Reminder: Hospital visits -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

Attendance for May 12, 2024 39 in person, 83 views online and 2 shares as of May 13, 2024.

Sponsoring bulletins and flowers is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) **Flower prices increased to \$17.50 a vase starting April 1**st. If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. **The charts are on the bulletin board for 2024**. There are many empty spaces on the charts.

VBS will be June 17-21 from 6:00 to 8:30 at St. Paul's UCC church. This year's theme is SCUBA diving into friendship with God. Registration forms are on table in the back of the church. Please complete form and place in Christian Ed mailbox or give to Sunday School teacher. Any adults or youth willing to help with VBS are asked to contact Reba Llewellyn.

Schuylkill Haven Area High School Baccalaureate, Sunday, May 19, 6 PM, First United Methodist Church, 420 Saylor Street. All graduating seniors, their loved ones, and community members are welcome to attend.

From May 12 to June 2, the Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a collection of paper products for Servants to All, a homeless shelter in Pottsville. Items needed include paper or Styrofoam plates, cups, and bowls, plastic ware, paper towels, wipes, small packs of tissues, take out containers, and coffee cups with lids. Please place the items in the narthex.

A combined service with St. Paul's UCC Church to honor all veterans for Memorial Day will be held May 26th during the Sunday School hour at the memorial.

Summer Worship Schedule June 2 – September 1 Sunday Morning: 9:00 am Saturday (first Saturday of the month only) 5:00 PM

IMPORTANT DATES

June 1-5 pm spoken service

June 2- 9 am worship service

June 2- Deadline for paper products

June 15- Deadline for newsletter articles for July/August

June 17-21- VBS at St.Paul's UCC Church

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$30.00
Local Benevolence	\$110.00
Current	\$703.74
Plate Offering	\$26.00
Capital Building Fund	\$5.00
Total Received	<u>\$874.74</u>

"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

<u>Today:</u> 10:30 am Worship Service

Monday: 10 am Prayer Shawl

Friday: Office Closed

Next Sunday: 10:30 am Worship Service

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Tues: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Wed: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23

Thu: Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8

Fri: Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11

Sat: Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 10:30 am Helen Miller Acolyte: 10:30 am Kolton Platt Lector: 10:30 am Debbie Hummel Ushers: 10:30 am Mike Troxell

Counting Team: Jennie Raudenbush, Brian Staller

Council Greeter: 10:30 am Wendy Welsh

Communion Assistants: 10:30 am Wendy Welsh

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday

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Jr., Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Stacey Rao, John and Betty Strauch, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Brian Hunsberger, Cathy Moran, Diane Werner, Donovan Baker, Kyle Cleary. Peggy Davis, Harry Russell, Carol Beenick, Brittany & Joshua Gallagher, Shawnette Keller, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Betty Fromm Yarnell, Kermit

Snyder, Barry Webber, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.