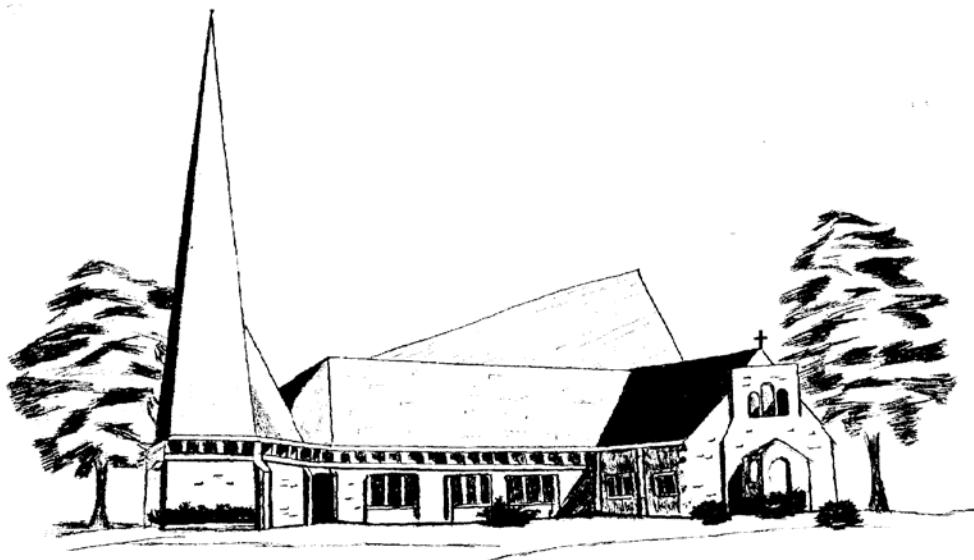


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Our Vision:
**We are a Jesus-centered,
Spirit-filled community of
diverse followers working to
transform the world.**

Our Mission:
**To know Christ.
To make Christ known.
To serve others in Christ's name.**

**May 24, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Concerning the Celebration

The rite presented here is of The Order of Holy Communion according to the practices of the Diocese of Masvingo, Anglican Church of Zimbabwe, Companion Diocese of the Diocese of Fond du Lac.

Approval for use on Companion Diocese Sunday, being the Seventh Sunday after Easter, has been made by the Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac for the congregations of the diocese. When this liturgy is used in the local setting, it is expected the local customs will be followed, as much as possible, when the liturgy does not specify words or rubric.

The Masvingo liturgy is quite like the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer because both Churches are part of the Anglican Communion. The similarity comes from having the same roots as part of the Communion. Books of prayer of the various churches of the Anglican Communion have been altered, abridged, enlarged, and amended as seemed most convenient for the edification of the people, according to the various exigency of times and occasions. Even so, while there are different worship forms and usages, the substance of the Faith is kept. Those wanting to know more about this may refer to the Preface of the Book Common Prayer, page 9.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ RITE II

PRELUDE

"Patriotic Medley"

Kevin G. Pace

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph" Hymnal #215

**1 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;
see the King in royal state,
riding on the clouds, his chariot,
to his heavenly palace gate!
Hark! the choirs of angel voices
joyful alleluias sing,
and the portals high are lifted
to receive their heavenly King.**

**2 He who on the cross did suffer,
he who from the grave arose,
he has vanquished sin and Satan;
he by death has spoiled his foes.
While he lifts his hands in blessing,
he is parted from his friends;
while their eager eyes behold him,
he upon the clouds ascends.**

**3 Thou has raised our human nature
on the clouds to God's right hand;
there we sit in heavenly places,
there with thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne;
mighty Lord, in thine ascension
we by faith behold our own.**

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Music: In Babilone

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

Celebrant/People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory,
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by the ever-widening circles of fellowship, thru our companion relationship with the Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and the Diocese of Fond du Lac in Wisconsin, USA. Help us to learn about each other to grow in love for each other. And show us your presence in those who differ most from us, and allow us to learn from each other with open hearts and minds; through Christ our lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the

Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;**
as the wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;**
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 **God gives the solitary a home and**
brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,**
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 **Your people found their home in it;**
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 **He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;**
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

**36 How wonderful is God in his holy places!
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND READING 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 17:1-11

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

People **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "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.

Celebrant This is the Gospel of Christ. *People* **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

CHILDREN SERMON

THE SERMON

Fr. Aran Walter

THE 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 men and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Please stand or kneel*)

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen our Bishops, and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Bless and guide the Presidents of our countries and all in authority in this land, and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that men may honour one another and seek the common good.

Lord in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Give grace to us, our families and friends and to all our neighbours; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Lord in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit _____; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ _____; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Lord in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Merciful Father.

People **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OFFERTORY *“Melodie from Album for the Young, Op.68 No. 1”* Robert Schumann

Celebrant Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People **His Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born as man and to die on the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your Holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

And now we give you thanks because you have highly exalted him, and given him the name which is above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying

Celebrant/People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel

Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Through him accept our sacrifice of praise; and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood, who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks, he gave it to them saying, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Celebrant **Christ has died,**

and People **Christ is risen,**

Christ will come again.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, having in remembrance his death once for all upon the cross, his resurrection from the dead and his ascension into heaven, and looking for the coming of his kingdom, we make with this bread and this cup the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him this offering of our duty and service and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, fill us with your grace and heavenly blessing nourish us with the body and blood of your Son, that we may grow into his likeness and made one by your Spirit, become a living temple of your glory.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, from all who stand before you in earth and heaven, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught, so we pray,

Celebrant **Our Father in heaven,**
and People **hallowed be your name,**
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
 and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Celebrant/People

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

Celebrant/People

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us, Amen.

Celebrant Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

THE INVITATION

Celebrant Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

INVITATION TO VISUAL COMMUNION

see end of bulletin

COMMUNION *“Volksliedchen from Album for the Young, Op. 68 No. 9”*

Robert Schumann

Please stand or kneel

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant/People

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our Souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always, **Amen.**

Please stand

RECESSIONAL HYMN *“God of Our Fathers”*

Hymnal #718

¹ **God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

² **Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

³ **From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase,
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

⁴ **Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907)
Music: George William Warren (1828-1902)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *“My Country, Tis of Thee with Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Pam Turner

INVITATION TO VISUAL COMMUNION - In the medieval western church, a common practice was “ocular communion” or communing visually with Jesus in the Sacrament. This was done, for a variety of reasons, most of the congregation would reverence the Sacrament in place of physically receiving it. It is similar to what we do when we do Adoration and Benediction at the Eucharistic Festival or the Vigil before the Sacrament many of us keep Maundy Thursday. During this time of physical distancing when we are not able to gather in community to share in the Eucharist we invite you to visually contemplate and commune with Jesus in the Sacramental Bread. Here are a couple of prayers to assist you.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

(Alphonse Liguori)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

(Prayer Book for the Armed Services)

The following anniversaries of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 TO SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020

BIRTHDAYS

24 Brett Krull
Joan Paterson
Lori Gasper
25 Shirley Gray
Andy Keating
26 Alaina Williams
27 Sally Mentzel
29 Dee Bierl
Garrett Lindholm
30 Oscar Zaborski

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

24 Tim and Anne Peterson
Dave and Sherry Morton
Brad and Barbara Lauderdale (40)
25 Jim and Joyce Binning (56)
27 Gordon and Claudie Stillings
29 Walter and Lynn Scott (61)
Paul and Jessica Fagan
30 Scott and Jennifer Stielow

WITH SYMPATHY

Our prayers go out to the Bodway family on the death of Norm. He died on Monday, May 18th.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

26 Cecelia Rogers
28 David Siedlecki
29 Jacob Herrbold
Ruth Bandelin
30 Karen Graves Whiting
Merle Whiting

MISSION PARTNER LINKS

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/
St. Patrick's Church
Betsy Hake - Honduras
The Revs. Allen/Rachel Hill
Mothers' Mercy Home - Kenya

MISSION PRAYER LINKS

African Medical Mission
Boy Scouts Troop 3
Cub Scouts Pak 3003
Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC - Chicago
Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry
Bishop Todd and The Rev. Patsy McGregor - Madagascar
Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery - (SAMS)
Wisconsin Kairos Prison Ministry

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Auston Allen - Air Force
Kyle Cooper - Army National Guard
Mary Danner-Jones - Air Force
Claire Kopczynski - Army National Guard
James Kopczynski - Army National Guard
Bruce McRae - Army Reserve
Tim Paterson - Army Reserve
Don Patrick - Army Reserve
Humberto Puga - Navy
Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army
Matthew Verich - Navy

DEPLOYED

Johnny Kromenaker - Peace Corp
Clint Kupari - Army
Andrew Shaffer - Army
Foreign Diplomats:
Steve Hendrix

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In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world: For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops; For members of the Anglican Consultative Council; For the Secretary General, The Most Rev. Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon; For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the people and ministries of Intercession, Stevens Point; St. Peter's Mission District, Masvingo. In the St. Thomas cycle of prayer we pray for Ministries involving Youth including Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, AWANA, Nursery, Sunday School, VBS, and Boy Scouts.

Announcements

Office Hours – For now, the office is still open Monday – Friday from 9:30-1:30 p.m.



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You can now give to St. Thomas online! During this time of physical distancing and sheltering in place, we are not gathering as a community during regular in-person Sunday services. Thus, there is not the usual Sunday offering that is a main source of income to St. Thomas.

For those of you who are able, we hope you will continue to give, either by mailing your donation to the church or by **giving online through the church website:** stthomaswi.com/give - Simply click on the gold 'Give Online' button on the Give page and fill out the pop-up form. The pop up form is actually on the Tithe.ly website and is very secure, even though it looks like you are still on the St. Thomas website. Your gift can be a one time or recurring donation. You may give by using a credit card or your bank account. You can also cover the fees for your donation by clicking that box. Covering fees helps to reduce the cost to St. Thomas (a \$50 donation has a \$.81 fee) and the fee amount is a part of your tax-deductible donation. You can find step by step instructions on the church website under Important Information. We thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in supporting St. Thomas through this time.

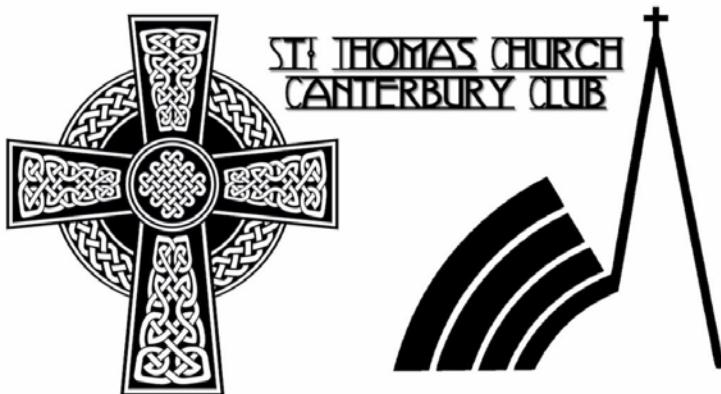
We also know that for some of you, your income may have changed drastically. If you need help, please contact the church or Fr. Ralph. Double Portion is serving take-out meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and the food pantry is open.

Faithful Innovation – A few members of St. Thomas as well as other Parishioners from our Diocese are participating in a process called Faithful Innovation. We will be meeting three times over the next few months to participate in a learning Community. (A learning community is a group of congregations who commit to one another in a nine month learning experience. Through prayer, skill-building, action and reflection they address pressing questions about the future.)

One of our first assignments is called “Dwelling in the Word.” Dwelling in the word is an ancient way of reading scripture. It’s a way of “spiritually submitting to the text” as one way God speaks to us.

Please join us in reading, and re-reading Acts 16:6-15: Which tells the story of the apostle Paul being redirected by the Holy Spirit to move from one direction of ministry to another; and with the added bonus of learning the results of that new ministry. You can pick up a copy of the reading at the front or back of the church or read it on your own. More will follow as we embark on this journey together.

Your Faithful Innovation team: Fr. Ralph, Fr. Aran, Lisa Ueda, Anne Peterson, Jeanna Werbeckes, David Morton, Rob Prehn and Mike Land



Calling All 18 – 25 (ish)

Year Olds Go figure! We have two amazing gatherings of young adults and COVID-19 comes along and ruins everything ☹ But that doesn’t mean we’re not gonna get together...we’ll just be gathering remotely using Zoom. More details are coming but it’ll be on the last

Sunday of the month. If you’re interested, contact Aran Walter aranwalter@gmail.com or Shannon Walter shannonwalter@gmail.com

Upcoming St. Thomas Events - Mark Your Calendars

Parish Picnic – Parish Picnic has been postponed. We will keep you posted on when the new date will be.

Changes to Fr. Aran’s 2020 Sabbatical – Due to the uncertainty of All Things due to COVID-19, Aran has let the vestry know he will be deferring 5 weeks of his 2020 sabbatical into 2021. Details will be printed up for the next Vestry Meeting and in the next issue of the Lamplighter.



The SPRING INGATHERING of the UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO) will be held Sunday, June 14th. Because of the current “Shelter in Place” COVID-19 situation we will celebrate our prayers and giving in a different way. The method of collecting our contributions to this worthwhile program will be for your financial contribution to be delivered/mailed to St. Thomas Church, 226 Washington Street, Menasha, WI 54952 by **June 20th**. Please put **UTO** in the memo line of your check. 100% of the funds collected will be used for diocesan and community programs which impact the current pandemic. Another way of contributing is to do so online by diofdl.org/uto. Be sure to list St. Thomas Church Diocese of Fond du Lac in the memo line so that we can be acknowledged at the Eucharistic Festival on June 27th. The UTO has been an active thanksgiving program of the Anglican Communion since 1889.

Come camp with us in Door County! - Several St. Thomas folks will be biking, visiting, swimming, eating, shopping and relaxing the second week-end of August. We would love to have you join us. Contact Cindy Osborne for more details or to let her know you will be joining, 729-0904.

When: August 7th-9th (Some are camping Thursday, Aug. 6th through Monday, Aug 10th)



Where: Rustic Timbers Door County Camping (Egg Harbor)

Call the campground at 920 868-3151 and ask for a space with the St Thomas group. We have some sites set aside. There are also cabins available.

Youth Ministry (WWW.STYG.COM)

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (6-12 gr.) – Hello friends . . . grace and peace! Well, obviously things like Medieval Knight and our monthly service projects and other events are cancelled/postponed. Once this whole COVID-19 crisis has passed, we will let you all know when things will start back up. But, this doesn’t mean we’re not getting together... (*keep reading*)

D-Groups Are For Us – D-Groups are NOT cancelled!!! For real.

Just because we can’t get together in person, doesn’t mean we aren’t getting together! D-Groups will CONTINUE to gather together every Wednesday (and maybe more often). We’ll be using Zoom so if you’re in 7th – 12th grades, join us! If you don’t have the Zoom link/invite that Aran sent out, text him at (920) 379-6629 or snap him at @aranwalter www.styg.com/d-groups





Camp @ Home Is Almost Here

Senior Camp (completed 9th-12th)

June 7-13

Middler Camp (completed 6th-8th)

June 14-19

Junior Camp (completed 2nd-5th)

June 14-19

Kinder Camp (ages 4-7 with adult)

June 19-21

www.diofdl.org/camp



Chicago 2020 Mission Trip – We are sad to announce that, due to COVID-19, our Summer Love Journey to Chicago has been cancelled. Please be in prayer for the 20 people pictured here as we are each grieving this loss. If you'd like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Aran Walter at aranwalter@gmail.com or (920) 379-6229.

Summer D-Groups Are Coming Soon

Details Will Be Available In June

www.styg.com/d-groups

Pastoral Care

Specialized Pastoral Counseling at Thomas - Fr. John Peterson is available for virtual counseling at St. Thomas. It will take place by phone or video. This counseling is specialized in that it will meet the need of anyone looking to be able to clear and optimize the way their mind works. It is fast and effective with many of life's problems including anxiety, depression, grief, low self-esteem, relationship issues, substance abuse, obsessions, compulsions, anger, resentment and self-destructive behaviors.

When a person has a problem or an issue that needs to be addressed there are two ways to approach it. One way is “outward” when one aims at changing the outward circumstances. Another way is “inward” when one aims to change how one perceives the situation in their mind. It is this second way, the “renewing of the mind” that is the pathway used for this healing.

During these stressful and uncertain times, I want to offer you an audio exercise presented by Jon Connelly, my teacher and mentor in Rapid Resolution Therapy entitled “Ease Your Mind & Raise Your Immunity – Accelerate Healing & Relieve Anxiety.” E-mail me at Johnpeterson2@earthlink.net and request it. You will be blessed by it.

Outreach/Missions



Scrip Program: *Proceeds benefit the Mission Scholarship Fund (sending missionaries and bringing our mission partners here).*

We are still selling scrip. Office hours are 9:30-1:30pm. Please call the office at 920-725-5601 or email Sandie at sandieumland@gmail.com with your order. We will get your order together and put on the table, right outside the office. Please leave your payment in an envelope on the table. If you need to order certain ones that we don't have in stock, let Sandie know by Monday morning and she can order them. These special orders will be available to be picked up by Thursday of that week.

Scrip cards from the following merchants are typically in-stock for immediate pick up: Amazon, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cheddars, Chipotle Mexican Grille, Festival Foods, IHOP, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Longhorn, Meijer, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy's, P.F. Chang's, Piggly Wiggly, Roundys, Starbucks, Subway, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. In addition, **Scrip cards can also be ordered for over 500 of the country's biggest brands.** Scrip cards that are special ordered on Sunday mornings will be available to pick-up the following Sunday. Scrip cards can be purchased in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, and weekdays in the church office during normal office hours.

MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MAY 2020

REVS. ALLEN & RACHEL HILL: www.samusa.org/missionaries-frames01.html

Praise God for:

- For the joy Rachel has had in serving God among young students as she has been subbing in public schools

Prayer Requests:

- For Allen's sanity as he completes his thesis which is about 75% done
- For clear guidance as we begin to seek the Lord about what He wants us to do next
- For the Lord's provision as we face unexpected medical and other expenses as well as school fees for Allen
- For John's knee and for peace and blessing on the lives and studies of James and John

DOUBLE PORTION: www.doubleportionsoupkitchen.com

Praise God for:

- The good health of all the workers at Double Portion
- The gifts of needed food and money donations as we continue to feed others during this time of stress

Prayer Requests:

- For continued good health for our DP leaders and guests
- For peace and calm relationships in families that are under new kinds of stress

MOTHERS' MERCY HOME – DIOCESE OF MT KENYA SOUTH: www.mmhpp.org

Prayer Requests:

- For our children whose learning is totally affected by COVID 19
- For a COVID 19 cure so that people will be able to resume normal life
- For doctors and health workers who are working selflessly to save people's lives, esp. Cargo Human Care Staff
- For all our Partners that God will protect them at this difficult time
- For our student candidates who are scheduled to sit for final exams beginning in October

BETSY HAKE – JERICHO MINISTRIES IN HONDURAS: www.settingthecaptivesfree.org

Prayer Requests:

- For issues and costs associated with an accident Betsy had. No one hurt but expenses incurred for damages done
- For the 10 children who recently became a part of the Jericho family in the Villa
- For final funds to repair van damaged last year
- For the transformation of the women from the dump who are now in our sewing workshop
- For the teams coming this year and someone to lead the teams to free Betsy up
- For a publisher for Betsy's book "The Road to Jericho" that it may bring glory to God