



May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Comforter

Welcome! We're glad you're here. Parents: The nurseries for infants and toddlers are located on the lower level.

At the Procession

All creatures of our God and King

Standing



- 1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
*2 Great rush-ing winds and breez-es soft, you cloudsthat ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our



- 1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing
2 loft, O—praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Fair ris-ing
3 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Fire, so in -
4 wav. O—praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and



- 1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re-joice, stars night-ly shin-ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce-ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ has risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

Glory be to the Father

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third system.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the lessons.

Introduction to the Lesson

Relating a vision he received, Peter explains that God's mercy now extends to all people, and Jews and Gentiles alike now constitute God's people.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

*The Psalm will be said responsively by whole verse,
alternating each verse with the Lector who reads first*

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21: 1-6

Introduction to the Lesson

John is given a vision of God's ultimate glory, when all things will be reconciled to God and death will be overthrown forever.

A reading from the Revelation to John:

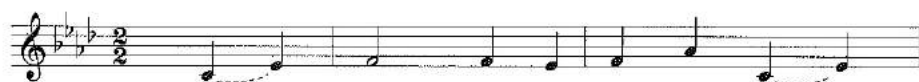
I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then 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 water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Gospel Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Sing verses 1—2 before the Gospel and verses 3-4 after the Gospel.

Gospel Hymn

They'll know we are Christians



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



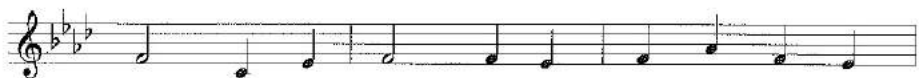
one in the Lord, We are one in the
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
work side by side, We will work with each
whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored;
land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our
pride:
one:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love.

Introduction to the Lesson

At supper on the night before he dies, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment. They are to love one another with the same sacrificial love he himself has shown.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Courtney Alvarado

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 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 worshipped 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

Prayers of the People

Our Lord lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy church, proclaim the resurrection, saying, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we thank you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. We especially give thanks for (*Intercessions of thanksgiving offered here*). On this day, give us hope, for Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us. We especially pray for those in need of healing (*Intercessions of healing offered here*) For Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears (*Intercessions for the departed offered here*). For Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world. For Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Celebrant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

(The Confession is omitted during the Easter season.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

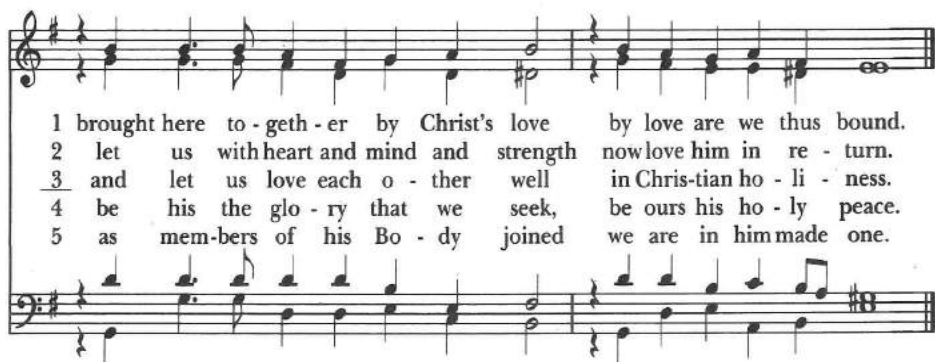
Offertory Sentence Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn

Where charity and love prevail

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
4 Let strife a-mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
5 Let us re-call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



Words: Latin; tr. J. Clifford Evers (b. 1916)

Music: *Cheshire*, melody and bass from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592, alt.;
harm. *Hymns III*, 1979

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An Acclamation of Thanksgiving for God's Gifts

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord

People: *And of your own have we given you.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A *Also found on page 361 in The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

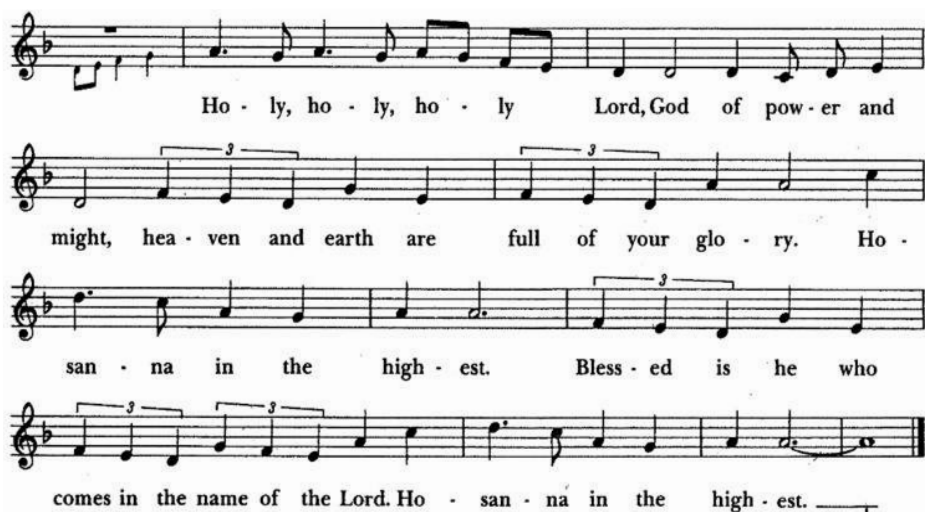
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us the everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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, Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: *Christ has died.*
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son,

the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion: All are welcome at God's table. We are offering both bread and wine. If you would like to receive the wine by common cup, go to the right. If you would like to receive by intinction, go to the left.

Gluten Free Communion Bread: If you have a dietary restrictions and need gluten free communion bread, just ask the server for gluten free bread when you come to receive.

Prayer Team: If you would like a member of the Prayer Team to pray with you for any need in body, mind, or spirit, go to the back of the church after receiving communion and members of the Prayer Team will pray with you. The Congregation is invited to sing the following during communion.

Communion Hymn

You satisfy the hungry heart



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat; come



give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share the
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; then



know and heed his voice; so when you call your
 praise and grat - i - tude, that you should count us
 blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell: whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, to serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell,
 in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Communion Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I



un - to me and rest; Lay down, O wear - y
hold, I free - ly give light; The liv - ing wa - ter;
am this dark world's light; Look un - to me, your



one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I
thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I
morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, So
came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
looked to Je - sus, and I found In



wea - ry, worn, and sad; I found in him a
that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst in was quenched, my
him my star, my sun; And in that light of



rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand and remain standing through the closing hymn

Celebrant and People: *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing and the Dismissal

Celebrant: Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind.

Now go forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you, because it doesn't. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

(The dismissal is said after the closing hymn)

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Recessional

The church's one foundation

The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

Serve God, Serve Others

Recessional

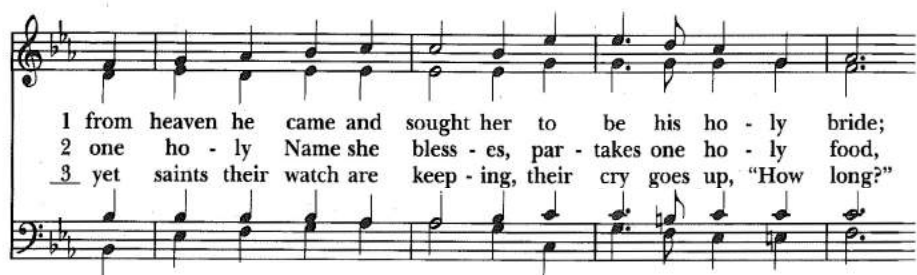
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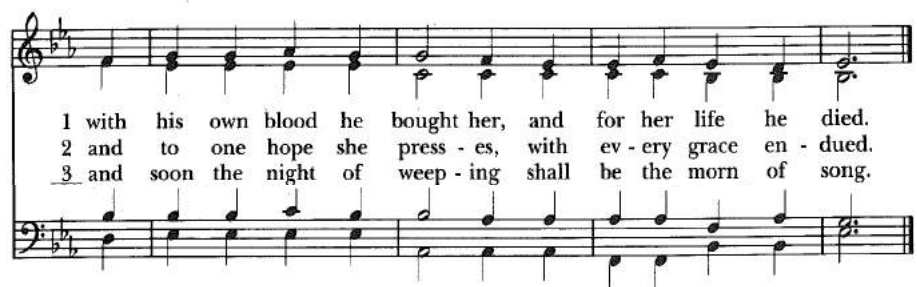
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see, her sore op - pressed,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.

Welcome to Holy Comforter—We're Glad You're Here!

Our first joy is to welcome our guests and newcomers. An usher can assist you with any questions. Like to be on our mailing list? Please sign our guest register.

Do you want to be part of Holy Comforter? Call the parish office (706-210-1133) and we'll be glad to help you. *Also, please make sure that we have your e-mail address to receive our weekly E-News*

Pentecost T-Shirts: Last Day to Order

Last day to pre-order your Holy Comforter T-shirt! The t-shirts may be TIE DYED by kids of all ages at our Pentecost Party on June 5th. Be sure and order your family a shirt this Sunday by meeting Jenny Frey in the foyer. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Kids shirts are \$10, adult shirts are \$12 and sizes 2X-3X are an additional \$2.

If anyone would like to give the gift of a t-shirt to a youth or teen, this would be very appreciated. When you fill out the order form in the foyer, write "gift".

The custom t-shirts will be available for pick up Sunday, June 5th. Call Jenny at 724-984-1092 with any questions.

Pentecost Celebration

We celebrate our Church Feast Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 5. Pentecost is the celebration of the gift of God's Holy Spirit upon God's people and is considered the birthday of the Christian church. Help us celebrate by throwing the church a birthday party following the service!



If you're interested in volunteering or helping in any way please contact Mallory Halterman: mallory.halterman@gmail.com.

***We will have a planning meeting** following the church service on **today**.

****We are also looking for volunteers** to donate cakes and tailgating tents. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

We will offer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. If you are an adult or have a child you wish to be baptized, contact the church office at 706-210-1133.

Threads of Comfort

The next meeting of the Threads of Comfort ministry is this Wednesday, May 18, at 10:00am and 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Drop off any completed items, pick up any new projects, spend an hour or so completing your project or help with other items. See you then!

Send any questions to Linda Barger on at lhbarger on@gmail.com or Gail Jarrell at gjarrell4@comcast.net.

The Men's Group

The Men's Group is starting back up again and has scheduled an initial planning and discussion meeting:

Lunch Meeting at Pizza Central
526 N Belair Rd (shopping center in Evans with Home Depot)
Thursday, May 19th at 11:00am

RSVP Robert Barger on at barger onr@gmail.com or call/text him at (706)373-1967.

Looking for Greeters

Wanted: New, smiling faces to be pre-service greeters on Sunday mornings. Ms. Jeannie needs our help!

Pre-service greeters are among the first people you see when you come into worship on Sunday morning. The pre-worship greeters do just what their name says—they welcome you into our service and, if you are new, help make sure that you are introduced to others, shown around and feel comfortable in the service.

We always need people with a heart of welcome for this ministry. Please contact Tab Carter to see how you can join this re-vamped ministry - tcarter@augusta.edu.

Celtic Worship Service



On Trinity Sunday, June 12th Holy Comforter will celebrate the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the mutual indwelling of Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer, with a Celtic Worship Service. Come celebrate God's presence and eternal belonging for all creation and all peoples.

The Rector's Forum

The Rector's Forum will meet at 9:15am to discuss Kate Bowler's book, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*. We meet the following Sundays: May 22nd, and June 5th, 12th. A nursery is provided.

Children's Church

The last Sunday of Children's Church for this school year is Sunday, May 22. Watch for exciting news about children's ministry starting in August with the new school year!

Please note: The nursery is available during the worship service for infants through age 5.

The Master's Table

The Master's Table at 702 Fenwick Street, downtown, Augusta, was created to be a place of comfort and support for people who struggle in downtown Augusta. The soup kitchen serves a hot lunch to more than 325 community members every day, 365 days per year.

Father Glenn is looking for others to join him in serving a hot lunch to God's people at The Master's Table on Saturday June 4th from 10:30am - 12:30pm and/or Saturday July 9th from 10:30am - 12:30pm. To volunteer, speak to Father Glenn or email him at rector@holyccomforterchurch.org.

Parenting When It Hurts

Parenting isn't easy on the best of days. However, there are some instances where parenting really hurts. At Holy Comforter, there is a group for those parents who are in need of support and prayers as they parent their children (of any age). This group meets regularly and for purposes of confidentiality, we meet in homes. The purpose of this group is to support the parents as they walk the path of parenthood with their children. This is not a group to teach parenting skills or give advice on how to raise children. We will leave that up to the experts.

If you feel the need for such a group, call the church office at 706-210-1133 and ask to be put on the list to be contacted for the next gathering.

Altar Bread

At Holy Comforter we make our own altar bread for communion. This is something that families as well as individuals can do. The recipe is simple.



If you would like to help with altar bread, contact Linda Barger on at lhbarger@gmail.com.

April Financial Report

Actual Revenue as of April 30, 2022	\$84,428.05
Actual Expenses as of April 30, 2022	<u>\$101,435.40</u>
Surplus/Deficit as of April 30, 2022	-\$17,007.35

Kairos Cookies Needed

The Kairos team that serves the Augusta State Medical Prison locally is holding a Kairos weekend May 19 - 22. They have asked if we could help them with their cookies for the weekend. This is their first weekend inside since the pandemic. Their cookie restrictions are the same as those we have to follow for Leath Correctional Facility for Women in Greenwood.

1. Cookies cannot contain any nuts, raisins, craisins or any fruit. Toppings such as powdered sugar, icing, & sprinkles are NOT allowed. They can contain chocolate chips, M&Ms, chocolate kisses, or Reese's cups.
2. Of course, home baked cookies are preferred but bought cookies can also be brought. Sandwich cookies (such as Oreos) are always welcomed. Individually wrapped rice crispy treats are a favorite. These are sold in the cookie section of most grocery stores.
3. Cookies will be packaged in sandwich bags (6 to a bag) for delivery. If you are so inclined, please feel free to bring yours in the sandwich bags. If this is not possible, just bring them in a throw away container and the team will place them in the sandwich bags for you.
4. Please pray over the cookies as you bake them. Pray for the Kairos program, the volunteers, the participants inside, the staff and the administration of the facility.
5. Drop off your cookies at Holy Comforter on Tuesday, May 17 from 10:00am to 11:00am. If this time does not work for you, please contact me and I'll be happy to pick them up from you.

These weekends bring about wonderful changes in the participants as well as the staff. Your prayers for the weekend will be appreciated.

Thank you for helping with this project and for being a part of the Kairos Prison Ministry International volunteer team. You will be visiting the prisoner through the cookies and prayers that you send.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Linda Barger, 706-267-8668, lhbarger@gmail.com.

Update on Kairos weekends at Leath Correctional for Women

We have not been able to hold a weekend or monthly reunion in over 2 years due to the pandemic and staff shortages. We are hoping and praying that Leath will soon allow volunteers back into the facility and that we can resume our Kairos weekends. During the pandemic, we have been sending the ladies cookies, Easter candy, toiletries for personal hygiene, and greeting cards. We don't want the ladies to think that they have been forgotten.

Prayers of the People

Persons remain on the list for two weeks; those with chronic needs continue to be prayed for by our Prayer Chain. You may add prayer requests at the lectern in the foyer.

For those in need of healing: Jack Simon, Wendell Dodson, Jo Farmer, and Blanca Perez

For those celebrating birthdays: Beth Goolsby

Thanksgiving for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School, The Claiborne, and Kairos Prison Ministry.

For those who are homebound: Donna Garvey and Loren Waldo

For the safety of Steve Recupero and all those who serve abroad.

Missions and Prayer

Prayer Shawl Ministries: Make them at home or come to church every Tuesday at 10:30am to make shawls which are given to anyone with a prayer need.

Food Bank: Please place non-perishable items in the red wagon by the front door. The food collected goes to Columbia County Cares. Our goal each month is to give away 500 pounds of food!

Serving Today

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