**April 14, 2024 – Third Sunday in Easter Email/At Home Missal**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14th, 2024-APRIL 21st, 2024**

**Our guest speaker from last Sunday, Deborah McCracken from The Olive Branch for Children didn’t speak from a prepared text, but you can watch her message at the following YouTube link,** [**https://youtu.be/WFi01l1wUIQ**](https://youtu.be/WFi01l1wUIQ) **and you are invited to check out their website for more information about the mission and ministry of The Olive Branch for Children.** [**https://www.theolivebranchforchildren.org/**](https://www.theolivebranchforchildren.org/)

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**Announcements: Coming Events** *(save these dates)* ***bold print - events being held here at St. Peter’s***

Apr. 16 Public Lecture*(see below for further details)*

1. Apr. 21 Recital*(see below for further details)*
2. Apr. 28 Taize Service*(see below for further details)*

June 21 Spirituality and Aging Seminar *(see below for further details)*

1. June 22 Taize Service*(see below for further details)*

Aug. 11-23 Ontario Mennonite Music Camp *(see below for further details)*

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of April 14 – April 21, 2024**

1. **Monday**  **10:00 am Vision in Mission *(Parlour)***
2. **1:00 pm Ministry of Facilities, Risk Management & Property *(Scout Room)***
3. 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*
4. Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*
5. **Wednesday 10:30 am Weekly Bible Study *(Art Room)***
6. **7:00 pm Praying the Catechism *(via zoom)***
7. **Thursday**
8. Friday
9. Saturday
10. **Sunday**   **10:00 am Worship Service** – A passage from **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** *(Paul’s message of*

*thanks to the church at Thessalonica).*

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**Pastoral Visit: Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653-4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get to know Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.**

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1. **Prayer List: Bill, Don, Tammy, Alice, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Jeff, Aaron, MacKenzie, Rhett, Jan Ken, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne, Sherri, Carol, Avery.**

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1. **Weekly Bible Study** **- Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Art Room. Everyone is welcome!**

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1. **“Praying the Catechism” – A season of intentional prayer for Lent & Easter - Wednesdays at 7PM on Zoom from February 21 to May 15. Join Pastor Laura on zoom each Wednesday for prayer, conversation and mutual support as we work our way through “Praying the Catechism” this Lenten and Easter seasons.**

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1. **It's Maple Syrup Time at St. Peter's. The Maple Syrup we supply is from a local 5th generation farm, producing Maple Syrup for over 100 years. Since 2018 all of our Maple Syrup is "Certified Organic."**
2. **"It's truly the best Maple Syrup I have ever tasted." Pastor Monika 1 litre Mason Jars are $24.00.**
3. **Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office to order Maple Syrup.**

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**GREENHORIZONS BIGYELLOWBAG - GIVE & GROW PROGRAM - This fundraiser is open to all and enables each one of us to raise funds for St. Peters.  If you don’t have a lawn or garden, not a problem, you can still help by spreading the word to your neighbours, friends and relatives.  Each time that an order is placed at Greenhorizons Sod at 855-424-4224 for a BigYellowBag of soil using the code STPETERS24, you will save $5.00, and the church will receive $10.00. Spread the word, and the soil!**

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1. We need you to help feed our neighbourhood!The freedom Centre has joined with Cambridge Community Table to offer a meal to our community twice a month on Tuesday night. We need volunteers: Food Preparation, set up, take down, meet and Greet. Every hour you can give once or twice a month. Call for information 519-591-6518 or email [rosemary@freedomcentre.ca](mailto:rosemary@freedomcentre.ca).

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1. Move with Robert(Free Exercise Class Mondays 1 – 2 pm, YMCA Certified Fitness Instructor – Wear exercise shoes/bringwater/no registration required/ arrive by 12:45 pm – Trillium United Church, Cambridge)

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Inshallah - Spring Sing Out, Sunday April 7, 2024 Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo at 3 pm. **……………………………………….**

1. April 16, 2024 Public Lecture – The Gospel of Peace (John Dear – Priest/Peace Activist/Author; Nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. – No Charge (donations welcome); copies of ‘The Gospel of Peace’ will be available $25 (cash). All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, 210 Silvercreek Parkway N. Guelph.

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1. Gregory Stroh, Judy Douglas and Bradley Moggach are in a recital at the Wellington County Museum on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 2 pm.

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1. **Taize Service - Sunday, April 28th, 2024 at Sterling Avenue Mennonite Church (57 Sterling Ave North) at**
2. **7 PM.**

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1. Ontario Mennonite Music Camp is a place where youth in grade 6-12 develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Hosted at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, August 11 to 23, 2024. Register by April 12 for early-bird camp fees. [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc)

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The Annual Spirituality and Aging Seminar will take place on Friday, June 21st in-person and virtually at Conrad Grebel University College. Rev. Dr. Mark Roberts presents “From Problems to Possibilities: Faith Communities enabling those in the third third of life to flourish.” This seminar challenges the narratives about elders in communities, churches, and society at large; exploring the role churches can play in empowering older adults. Visit [grebel.ca/spirituality](http://grebel.ca/spirituality) for registration information. Professionals, practitioners, and all interested are welcome.

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1. **Taize Service - Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Lincoln Road Chapel (145 Lincoln Road, Waterloo) at 7 PM.**

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**Presiding Pastor: Rev. Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Helga Morrison**

**Reader: Kim Strassburger**

**Welcome remarks**

**Call to Worship:**

P: Come, it is the time for worship —

***C: the time we come together in praise and prayer.***

P: Celebrating resurrection, still singing our Hallelujahs,

***C: we come together in praise and prayer.***

P: With joy and with sadness,

carrying all the experiences of life,

***C: we come together in praise and prayer.***

P: In the middle of everything going on in our lives and in the world,

this is the time we pause to look intently toward the living God,

***C: coming together in praise and prayer.***

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**Gathering Hymn: ACS # 985 ‘Let Us Enter In’**

1 Let us enter in to the song of thanksgiving and freedom.

Let us enter in to the long line of people in need.

Let us enter in to the strong mind that God is still living.

Healing, forgiving—Let us enter in.

2 Let us enter in to the place where our God has preceded.

Let us enter in to the face of the fear and the pain.

Let us enter in to the grace of the love when it's needed.

Death is defeated! Let us enter in.

3 Let us enter in to the heart of a world that is broken.

Let us enter in to the start of a hope we can share.

Let us enter in to the part where we call one another

sister and brother. Let us enter in.

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**Land Acknowledgement:**

A: As we gather this morning in praise of you, we pause to give thanks for the land over which your Spirit broods and breathes new life. We give thanks for our forbears and neighbours, the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Neutral peoples who have inhabited the land for generations. In this season of resurrection, raise us up to live in renewed relationship with the land and our indigenous neighbours. Help us to walk with humility and care.

**Greeting**:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: All our power to do good comes from you,

Source of all being, breath of life.

All our power to praise and to pray comes from you,

in your grace and mercy.

The very gift of life, and of resurrection life, comes from you,

Holy One.

Take us by the hand today,

raise us up to stand in your presence

and fill us with wonder and amazement,

in the name of Jesus Christ whom you raised from the dead.

**Amen.**

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**Installation of Church Council**

P: [Dave, Jennie, Heide, Alex, Lorre, Donna, Lynda, Barb, and Helga], you have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for your willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that you will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

*A reading from First Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. *(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

As ones who have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation:

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices

to which you have been *elected*? If so, please respond saying, “I will, and I ask God to help me.”

*Response:*

I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your *elected* leaders,

and will you share in the mutual ministry

that Christ has given to all who are baptized? If so, please respond saying, “We will, and we ask God to help us.”

***C: We will, and we ask God to help us.***

I now declare you installed as *council members* of this congregation.

Receive this prayer of blessing:

Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called these servants to serve on congregational council. Grant them joy and a spirit of bold trust, that their work may stir up each of us to a life of faithful service.

Amen

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,

that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

**Scripture Song: ELW # 510 ‘Word of God, Come Down on Earth’ *(verse 3)***

*3* Word that speaks God's tender love,

one with God beyond all telling,

Word that sends us from above

God the Spirit, with us dwelling,

Word of truth, to all truth lead us;

Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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**Reader: Acts 3:1-10**

*May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbours, all people, and all God’s creation.*

Peter and John were going up to the temple at three o’clock in the afternoon, the established prayer time. Meanwhile, a man crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day, people would place him at the temple gate known as the Beautiful Gate so he could ask for money from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he began to ask them for a gift. Peter and John stared at him. Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gazed at them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, “I don’t have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk!” Then he grasped the man’s right hand and raised him up. At once his feet and ankles became strong. Jumping up, he began to walk around. He entered the temple with them, walking, leaping, and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God. They recognized him as the same one who used to sit at the temple’s Beautiful Gate asking for money. They were filled with amazement and surprise at what had happened to him. *(CEB)*

God’s story, our story. ***C: Thanks be to God.***

**Engaging with the Story**

**Acts 3:1-10**

As we follow the story of the early church as it’s recorded in Scripture, once again the Narrative Lectionary has skipped us over a very important story in order to keep things matched up with the church year. Acts 2 tells the story of Pentecost – of the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles – which we’ll jump back to hear in a few weeks’ time on Pentecost Sunday.

What’s important to know for today’s story (and in the coming weeks) is that the Holy Spirit has already come – as Jesus said she would – and is already moving among the apostles, enlivening the ministry of the early church, which – as today’s story shows – includes carrying on Jesus’ ministry of healing.

Peter and John meet a crippled man panhandling at the temple gate. They don’t have any money to give him. Instead, Peter offers a different gift. He raises the man up to walk. And to be clear that this healing comes not by his own power but by the power of Jesus, as he raises the man up, Peter invokes the name of Jesus Christ.

It’s hard sometimes to know what to do with these stories of miraculous healing. Especially when our own prayers for healing – for ourselves and for our loved ones – have not been answered in the way we hoped for. And yet, if healing is supposed to be a part of the church’s ministry, it’s important to think about what this means for us and our ministry.

One helpful starting place is to talk about the difference between curing and healing. Curing is when an illness or injury or impairment is eliminated. Healing, on the other hand, is about coming to a place of integrity or wholeness in response to an injury or disease. What this means is that it’s possible to be healed, even without a cure. And it’s possible to be cured of a condition without ever experiencing healing.

The way it helps me to think about it, is a cure is just about the body. Healing is about what happens in the heart, mind, and soul, and sometimes also the body. A cure is a one-time event; healing is a process.

In his ministry, Jesus’ healing often involved curing, but it was also always about restoring people to wholeness. And this is a really important distinction to make because it helps us remember that disabled people are already whole people. There are disabled folks who do long to be cured, and there are those who are content just as they are. Who know that they are not the ones in need of healing, but ableist attitudes and structures that need to be healed.

When we expand healing to be about more than physical conditions, we soon realize that we are all in need of healing. Each one of us need the gift of wholeness that only Jesus can offer because it’s impossible to go through this life without experiencing hurt or harm; without experiencing pain or suffering. Which is why our service today will include the order for healing. In just a moment you will be invited to come forward and receive a blessing and anointing.

As the intro in our hymnal states, the order for healing is not a replacement of the gifts of God that come through the scientific community, nor does it promise a cure. Rather, it’s a remembrance and celebration of “God’s presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God’s promise of wholeness and peace, and God’s love embodied in the community of faith.”1

I want to offer this for our community today because as we live into our vision statement of “realizing a healthier world through Jesus,” we too must recognize our own need for Jesus’ healing power.

Wholeness is a gift that is offered to us, so that in turn we can offer this gift to others. So like Peter, we can join in that ministry of raising people up. By using the resources we’ve been entrusted with to help our neighbours. By using our voices to advocate for equality and justice. By using our bodies to be present with people in pain – listening, encouraging, accompanying. And as we have received, to offer others the assurance of God’s presence in time of suffering, God’s promise of wholeness and peace, and God’s love embodied in the community of faith.

Whether you have a particular desire/request, or simply recognise a need within yourself for the healing power of the Spirit, you are invited to come.

*Service continues with the order for healing (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 276).*

1 Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 276.

**Order for Healing:**

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Siblings in Christ, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*Those who wish to receive prayer and anointing are invited to come forward*

*Name*, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,

be strengthened and filled with God’s grace,

that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

Amen.

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**Hymn of the Day: ELW # 614 ‘There Is A Balm in Gilead’**

***Refrain***

***There is a balm in Gilead***

***to make the wounded whole;***

***there is a balm in Gilead***

***to heal the sin-sick soul.***

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged

and think my work's in vain,

but then the Holy Spirit

revives my soul again. ***Refrain***

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,

if you cannot pray like Paul,

you can tell the love of Jesus

and say, "He died for all." ***Refrain***

3 Don't ever be discouraged,

for Jesus is your friend;

and if you lack for knowledge

he'll ne'er refuse to lend. ***Refrain***

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**Blessing**

P: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***C: Amen.***

**Prayers of Intercession:**

*(Each petition will end with* By the power of the Spirit*…’, and the*

*Congregation will sing – Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer*.\*

Living God, we bring before you now our prayers for the church, the world, and the whole of creation. *(brief silence)*

You have created us most wonderful, O God, with bodies and minds that are knit together so beautifully, each different and yet each belonging together. You have created your Body most wonderful, too, Lord Jesus, bringing together your diverse peoples into one community. We bring our joyous praise for all the ways you work within us, through us, among us, creating and re-creating life, even now. By the power of the Spirit …***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer*.\***

We bring our prayers for those who have been excluded from community: those whose bodies do not fit what we have decided is normal; those whose minds see something different than what we see; those who have been left out, overlooked, pushed to the side. May they be seen in all their humanity, and loved by others as they are already loved by you. We also bring our prayers for those places that intentionally or unintentionally exclude, asking for your imagination and your courage that we might make changes that make room for all. By the power of the Spirit **… *Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer*.\***

We lift prayer today for those living with illness or disability, those longing for healing, and those simply longing to be accepted as whole as they are. We pray especially for Ruth, each beloved child on our prayer list, and those we name before you out loud or silently in our hearts… We also lift prayer for those who are struggling with the healthcare system, that they may be treated with dignity and compassion. For those who have given up hope of help, that they may discover new possibilities. For those who work in healthcare, that they might have the support and resources they need to serve others with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. By the power of the Spirit …***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer*.\***

We lift prayer today for restoration, O God — restoration to community, restoration to hope, restoration to life abundant. Give us the confidence to share what we have. To lift others up and give what is most needed. To dig deep and risk taking our neighbor by the hand; that together we might find your healing grace already at work. By the power of the Spirit …***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer*.\***

We lift all of these prayers to you, trusting in your power, far greater than our own and yet promised to us, bringing joy beyond what we have known, to ourselves and to others in your name. Amen.

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**Share the peace of Christ:**

P: Christ gives us the gift of peace that it might take root and grow in our homes, our communities, and all of creation. The peace of Christ be with you always.

***C: And also with you.***

P: Let us share a sign of this peace with one another, a sign of our commitment to spread Christ’s peace far and wide.

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn: ELW # 583 ‘Take My Life, That I May Be’ *(verses 2-4)***

***Refrain***

***Take my life, that I may be***

***consecrated, Lord, to thee;***

***take my moments and my days;***

***let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

2 Take my silver and my gold,

not a mite would I withhold;

take my intellect and use

ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. ***Refrain***

3 Take my voice and let me sing

always, only for my King;

take my lips and let them be

filled with messages from thee. ***Refrain***

4 Take my will and make it thine;

it shall be no longer mine;

take my heart, it is thine own;

it shall be thy royal throne. ***Refrain***

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**Offering Prayer:**

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.

Amen.\*

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**You are invited to prepare your table with bread and wine, or crackers and juice, whatever is available to you, so that you may participate in the meal.**

**Meal: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

[**https://youtu.be/ViXmTzRsfU4**](https://youtu.be/ViXmTzRsfU4)

**Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12: ‘Dialogue…’ (page 36) (spoken)**

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**ELW Setting 12: ‘Preface…’ *(Easter)***

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:

**ELW Setting 12: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy…’ *(page 36 )***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow’r and God of might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**\*

**Thanksgiving at the Table:**

On the night before he showed us the full extent of his love,

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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. **Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion:**

This is Christ’s table where all are nourished, and none go away empty. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

I invite those at home, and those in the building communing by fellowship cup, to take your bread or cracker as we say together, “The body of Christ, given for us.”

And, as we take our cup we say, “The blood of Christ, shed for us.”

**Communion Music: ELW # 674 ‘Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ’**

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,

reaching out with a shout of joy:

bread is broken, the wine is poured,

Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

***Refrain***

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,***

***pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,***

***pass the Word around: loaves abound!***

2 Christ is able to make us one,

at the table he sets the tone,

teaching people to live to bless,

love in word and in deed express. ***Refrain***

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out

bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

gives us love to tell, bread to share:

God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! ***Refrain***

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you, in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**Prayer after Communion:**

A: 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.

Amen.\*

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**Blessing:**

P: Take a deep breath…

feel the Spirit filling not only your lungs

but your whole Self…

Go forth in the power given to you by God,

with open and courageous hearts,

to look intently at the world around,

and to risk calling forth the possibility of new life in Jesus’ + name.

Amen.

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**Sending Hymn: ACS # 991 ‘Go to the World’**

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,

baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

2 Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;

the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

for I am with you till the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!"

Alleluia. Alleluia.

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**Dismissal:**

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

***C: Thanks be to God.*  *Alleluia! \****

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