**April 7, 2024 – Second Sunday in Easter Email/At Home Missal**

**ZOOM INFORMATION FOR SUNDAY APRIL 7TH, 2024-THE SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER**

**The ZOOM link for today’s service, which opens at 09.30 am on April 7, 2024, can be found here:**

**Worship April 7, 2024 09:30 am ZOOM room opens; service begins at 10:00 am.**

**Join Zoom Meeting click here:**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31st, 2024 –APRIL 7th, 2024:**

**You will find the videos for the Holy Week & Easter Services at the following links:**

**Maundy Thursday:** [**https://youtu.be/kzEW1qyfe9s**](https://youtu.be/kzEW1qyfe9s)

**Good Friday:** [**https://youtu.be/zVEBjVubv64**](https://youtu.be/zVEBjVubv64)

**Easter Sunday:** [**https://youtu.be/wxiYFPAV-yY**](https://youtu.be/wxiYFPAV-yY)

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

1. Apr. 7 Inshallah Spring Sing Out*(see below for further details)*
2. **Apr. 10 Praying the Catechism** *(see below for further details)*

**Apr. 11 Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth** *(see below for further details)*

April 13 Youthful Exuberance – Cambridge Symphony Orchestra *(see below for further details)*

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

1. Apr. 21 Recital*(see below for further details)*

June 21 Spirituality and Aging Seminar *(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 7 – April 14, 2024**

1. **Monday** 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*
2. **7:00 pm Church Council Meeting *(Parlour)***
3. Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*
4. **Wednesday 7:00 pm Praying the Catechism *(via zoom)***
5. **Thursday 7:00 pm Community Event - “Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth” *(Fellowship Hall)***
6. Friday 7:30 pm Dress Rehearsal for Cambridge Symphony Orchestra (Sanctuary)
7. Saturday 7:00 pm Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Concert

**Sunday**   **10:00 am Worship Service** – A passage from **Acts 3:1-10** *(Healing at the Beautiful Gate; “I*

 *have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you, in the name of Jesus rise and walk.’)*

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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** **– Cancelled on April 10, 2024.**

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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.

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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. **……………………………………….**

**Community Event - “Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth” - Thursday, April 11 7:00-8:30PM at St Peter’s (810 King St E). Praying with the labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation. Join us to learn more about this practice from a Christian perspective. The evening will include:**

* **A short teaching**
* **The opportunity to walk a labyrinth using your feet or finger**
* **Make and take your own finger labyrinth**

**There is no cost to attend this workshop but we appreciate pre-registration if possible to ensure we have enough supplies. Call 519-653-4721. All are welcome! Please note, we are semi-accessible (chair lift).**

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1. **April 13, 2024 at 7 pm – Cambridge Symphony Orchestra – Youthful Exuberance – Featuring: Laurier Concerto Competition Winners Lydia Lei, playing the Guzheng, and enchanting Chinese stringed instrument and Sam Domzella on violin, performing Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue’. Our own Youth Orchestra will also perform. The CSO will conclude the concert with Tchaikovsky’s dramatic Fourth Symphony!**

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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. 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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**A special welcome to Deborah McCracken who is our guest speaker today from The Olive Branch for Children.**

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**Presiding Pastor: Rev. Laura Sauder**

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

**Guest Speaker: Deborah McCracken**

**Assisting Minister: Kim Strassburger**

**Reader: Barb Jones**

**Welcome Remarks**

**Call to Worship:**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen —

***C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

P: So what now?

***C: Remember what he told us.***

 ***Remember what he did.***

 ***Remember that he died…***

***And remember, that wasn’t the end of the story!***

**P:** He has appeared to Simon!

 He has appeared at the table!

 He has appeared alongside us!

***C:*** ***And he has both gifts and work still to give.***

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen —

***C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

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**Gathering Hymn: ELW # 377 ‘Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!’**

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

 Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

 Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

***Refrain***

 ***Jesus is risen and we shall arise.***

 ***Give God the glory! Alleluia!***

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center

 telling the story to open our eyes;

 breaking our bread, giving us glory:

 Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. ***Refrain***

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;

 life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

 heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

 gift of the future now flowing to me. ***Refrain***

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:

 death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

 Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!

 Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. ***Refrain***

5 City of God, Easter forever,

 golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

 river of life, saints and archangels,

 sing with creation to God the I AM! ***Refrain***

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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.**

**Glory to God: ACS Setting 12: (page 31) (verses 1 &2)**

**1**

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;**

**yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.**

**Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;**

**ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.**

**Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;**

**yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

**2**

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;**

**yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.**

**Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;**

**ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.**

**Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;**

**yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

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**Theme Time**

**Prayer of the Day:**

Together as your people, O God,

we watch and pray,

bringing our full attention to you in this time together.

What else can we do,

but look to you?

It’s so tempting to rush ahead, or to give in to the distractions,

but here, side by side with your people,

we devote ourselves, body, mind, and spirit,

to your will.

We seek your presence,

we listen for your word through the silence and the noise,

we wait for your Spirit to create in us a conduit of your compassion, grace and love.

Focus us, O God,

that as we watch and pray together now,

we may be expanded to hold your vision and empowered to witness to your kingdom.

Amen.

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**Scripture Song: ELW # 510 ‘Word of God, Come Down on Earth’ *(verse 1)***

1 Word of God, come down on earth,

 living rain from heav'n descending;

 touch our hearts and bring to birth

 faith and hope and love unending.

 Word almighty, we revere you;

 Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

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**Reader: Acts 1: 1-14**

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

Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God’s kingdom. While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, “This is what you heard from me: John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, “Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?”

Jesus replied, “It isn’t for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. Rather, 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 end of the earth.”

After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. They said, “Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day’s journey away. When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus’ son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James’ son— all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.  *(CEB)*

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

**Guest Speaker: Deborah McCracken – The Olive Branch for Children**

***(Deborah doesn’t speak from a prepared text, so there is no sermon to share this week. 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/) ***)***

**Hymn of the Day: ELW # 364 ‘Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia’**

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.

 Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

 For our redeemer burst from the tomb,

 even from death, dispelling its gloom.

***Refrain***

 ***Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.***

 ***Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.***

 ***Our sin forgiving, alleluia!***

 ***Jesus is living, alleluia!***

2 For three long days the grave did its worst

 until its strength by God was dispersed.

 He who gives life did death undergo,

 and in its conquest his might did show. ***Refrain***

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.

 You look for Jesus who is not here.

 See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.

 Only the graveclothes are lying there." ***Refrain***

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.

 He has arisen this world to save.

 Jesus' redeeming labors are done.

 Even the battle with sin is won." ***Refrain***

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.

 Alleluia, to him praises be.

 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;

 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. ***Refrain***

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**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**.\*

Your vision is for the whole world, O God —for love and justice, for community coming together; for peace that passes all understanding. And so we join our hearts to yours, longing for your vision to come to fullness.

We lift our prayers this day for people and situations close to us — for family and friends, for this neighborhood where we live and work and play, for the place where you have planted us. We ask your blessing on the everyday life lived here, in the office and the store, the school and the park, wherever your people find themselves on a Tuesday morning or a Friday night, as well as on your church gathered today. By the power of the Spirit … **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer**.\*

We ask your comfort for those who are grieving, your healing for those who are ill, your strength for those who are struggling, and your joy for all. We pray especially for Ruth, each beloved child on our prayer list, and those we lift before you now aloud or silently in our hearts… We ask you to make us witnesses to your goodness right here in our own place, in our own town, our own work, our own community. By the power of the Spirit … **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer**.\*

We lift our prayers this day for people and places and situations across our nation. We ask your blessing of courage for those in leadership, that they may stand up for what is right and seek the good of all. We ask your guidance for those who seek positions of leadership and influence, that they may do so for the right reasons. We ask your hope for our neighbors across the land, that together we may build a society that cares for all. By the power of the Spirit … **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer**.\*

We lift our prayers this day for the world beyond our borders, for the global community, and the creation you have placed in our care. We ask your blessing of peace founded on justice to become a tangible reality everywhere. May those who hunger and thirst be filled, may those who live amidst violence be granted peace, may those who are exploited be liberated, may those who wonder at the silence of their global neighbors be supported. We lift before you now, out loud and silently in our hearts, those communities and countries in need of your peace and justice… When we are overwhelmed by the needs of the world, remind us to start small and work outward, that small seeds can grow to great trees. By the power of the Spirit … **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer**.\*

Breathe your power in us once again, O God,

and set us as your witnesses,

sharing your vision

and sharing the labor as your Body,

loving, serving, and caring for your world.

We ask these and all things in the name of the One who rose from the grave

to bring abundant life to all,

Jesus the Christ.

**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 # 481 ‘Come to the Table’**

Come to the table of mercy,

prepared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hungry and thirsty,

come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation;

receive from his nail-scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of salvation;

drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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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 fed and none go hungry. 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 Setting 12: ‘Be Known to Us’ *(page 40) &***

 **ACS # 1047 ‘What Is the World Like’**

**ELW Setting 12: ‘Be Known to Us’ *(page 40)***

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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**ACS # 1047 ‘What Is the World Like’**

1 What is the world like when God's will is done?

 Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:

 roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.

 This is how God moves us each to believe.

2 What is the world like when God's will is done?

 Witness the wandering child coming home;

 watch as the parent breaks into a run.

 This is how God longs for us when we roam.

3 What is the world like when God's will is done?

 No more is neighbor just ally or friend;

 peace thrives in places where once there was none.

 This is how God works when rivalries end.

4 What is the world like when God's will is done?

 Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,

 tending our lamps till the new day's begun.

 This is how God readies us for the light.

5 These are the stories that Jesus imparts,

 filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.

 Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,

 this is a new world where God's will is done.

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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 from this time of worship

with the blessing of God,

devoting yourself to the work the risen Christ has given us to do:

to be witnesses in this community,

and in every place, even to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

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**Sending Hymn: ELW # 388 ‘Be Not Afraid’**

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

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**Dismissal:**

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

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

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