**May 28th, 2023 Day of Pentecost – Email/At Home Missal**

**ZOOM INFORMATION FOR SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023-THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

**The ZOOM link for today’s service, which opens at 9.30 am on May 28th, 2023, can be found here:**

**Sunday Worship May 28th, 2023 09:30 am ZOOM room opens; service begins at 10 am.**

**Join Zoom Meeting click here:**[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85929098103?pwd=QlJFNUV1Slg3MHhOeGVEalJMdXMvZz09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85929098103?pwd=QlJFNUV1Slg3MHhOeGVEalJMdXMvZz09)

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023:**

**Here is the YouTube link for the service from last Sunday, May 21st, 2023:** [**https://youtu.be/GkxlqSfCGQw**](https://youtu.be/GkxlqSfCGQw)

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**PASTORAL VISITS: Pastor Laura Sauder is available for safe visits with social distancing requirements in place, and also for telephone visits. Please reach out to her by calling the church office at 519-653-4721 to arrange a visit.**

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**Bible Study will be in the Art Room on Mondays at 3:00PM.**

**Please join us – all are welcome!**

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You can order your own Maple Syrup from St. Peter’s, Preston. Our partner is a 5th generation Woolwich Township farm that has been producing maple syrup for over 100 years. They adhere to the production guidelines issued by the Ontario Maple Syrup Association, which state the number of taps per tree (max. of 2) for best forest management practices. Handling of the sap and syrup is minimized to reduce the chance of contamination. Their syrup is pure with nothing added, only the water has been removed. As of 2018 their maple syrup is certified organic.

**1 litre Mason Jars of maple syrup are $23.00.**

**Send an email to or** **alexblack@sympatico.ca** **or call the church office at 519-653-4721 to order your own locally produced fresh 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, 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 519.653.7494 for a **BigYellowBag** of soil using the **code SPLCC23** you will save $5.00, and the church will receive $10.00.

Spread the word, and the soil!​

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**Bridges VBS 2023 Knights of North Castle** - Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God’s power! Application Forms are located in the narthex or by calling the church office at 519-653-4721. Dates: July 10-14, 2023, 9:00am – 4:00 pm Children who are between the ages of 5 and 11 (as of December 31, 2023). Registration fee of $125/participant (including lunch & snacks) is due upon registration. Please make cheques payable to Bridges VBS (please note child’s name on cheque, post-dated cheques will not be accepted). As this camp is running at cost, tax receipts will not be issued and registration fees are non-refundable. Registration closes June 1st, or when spaces are filled. Location: St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church (317 Franklin St. N, Kitchener). We are extremely grateful to St. Luke's for hosting us and can't wait to be in this great space. This week long VBS is run solely by volunteers, both youth and adult. There are many volunteer opportunities that cover a wide range of skill, as well as a variety of time commitments. [bridgesvbs.weebly.com](http://bridgesvbs.weebly.com/)

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**Yard Sale - Tentative dates are July 7 and 8, 2023.** We’re looking for good, gently used, clean items of all kinds, and clothing. Please – no very large mirrors, no complete dining room suites, no large old television sets. If you’re unsure of whether what you have is suitable or not, leave a message at the church office. So – start your spring clear out and think of St. Peter’s. We’d love to re-purpose your goods and make a new owner happy. Items may be dropped off at church; just let us know when we can meet with you.

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**May Worship Series**

**Overview:**

One of the foundations of Christian justice is the recognition that God has abundantly provided for creation. Stated more simply, there’s enough to go around! But the idea of abundance is radical in a culture that constantly asks if there is enough for everyone. The St Peter’s Ministry of Vision in Mission invites you to join us each Sunday in May as we explore the theme of abundance in our worship together.

**Week 4 Abundance of Hope**:

Some days hope can feel hard to find. The challenges seem so great and we feel so worn out. How can our faith and the promises of Scripture offer an abundance of hope? Join to find out!

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**Menno Singers has a new date for our postponed Spring Concert**: Monday, June 5 at 7:30pm at St Jacobs Mennonite Church (1310 King St. N, St Jacobs). **‘a light exists in spring’** will include music for spring, seasonal congregational hymns, door prizes and refreshments to follow. $25 Adults. $5 Children/Students. Previous physical tickets honoured, or purchase new tickets online or at the door (cash or credit) [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)

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**Grand River Ministry Area – 4th Annual Church Picnic**

**Sunday, June 11th – Gathering Time at 10:00 am, Worship Service at 10:30 am (including Communion)**

**St. Luke’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 317 Franklin Street North, Kitchener.** Games, Music, Activities for adults and children. Lunch will be served after Worship Service. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and an umbrella for the sun. Seating will include paved parking lot and grassed area.

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**Community Wellness Project - Personal Care Clinic, Foot care, Haircuts *(pay as you can)***Thursday, May 25: 8:45 to Noon
Trillium United Church, 450 King Street East, Cambridge
By appointment only
519-653-6601 ext. 4

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**Community of Faith Gathering**

**All ages are welcome to this mid-week**

**plug-in and power-up your faith event.**

**What happens at a “Power-Up” evening?**

**\*Fellowship, \*Fun, \*Faith, \*Food (and Free)**

We will begin the evening with a Bible story told through storytelling, a play, or puppetry, and sing some songs.

We will eat together with food provided by the hosting Church.

We will conclude the evening with crafts and activities.

**When: June 7, 5:30pm-7:30pm**

**Where: St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 810 King St. E., Cambridge**

Contact: **Rev. Laura Sauder** (pastor at St. Peter’s) pastor@st-peters-cambridge.org

Or Heather Margerison (children and youth pastor at Trillium) heathermargerisontrillium@gmail.com

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**The Ministry of Vision and Mission is hosting an hour of "meaningful conversation" on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

**We are excited to invite you to join the conversation and gather your thoughts and ideas to further St. Peter's connection and contribution to God's community.**

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**The flowers on the altar, and at the base of the baptismal font have been placed by Jessica Cook and Clayton Heimbecker in celebration of their wedding which will take place this afternoon here at the church. St. Peter’s wishes them God’s richest blessings!**

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2. **Presiding Pastor: Rev. Laura Sauder**
3. **Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Barb Burden**

**Reader: Barb Jones**

**Land Acknowledgement:**

***C: Here at St. Peter's in Cambridge, we acknowledge that we are on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron, or Neutrals, the Anishinaabe, and the Haudenosaunee Peoples. Before the arrival of European settlers, these First Peoples had agreements between them represented by wampum belts from which they understood how to use the resources sustainably. One of these wampum belts is called the ‘Dish With One Spoon’ Belt. This wampum agreement represents the abundant land and water in what is now known as the Great Lakes Region with a dish, or bowl. Each tribe was to use the one spoon to remove only those resources they needed to live sustainably and then pass the dish onto others so that the abundance was shared. We are grateful for this example of using our abundance sustainably so that our resources are never depleted but shared equally for the benefit of all and continuing to the next seven generations.***

**Call to Worship**

A:   When the day of Pentecost had come,

       they were all together in one place.

        And suddenly from heaven there came a sound

        like the rush of a violent wind,

        and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

        Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,

        and a tongue rested on each of them.

        All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4a)

***C:    Come Holy Spirit,***

***fill the hearts of your faithful people;***

***and kindle in us the fire of your love.***

*Source: David Beswick - https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/06/pentecost-sunday-call-to-worship.html*

**Gathering Hymn: ELW # 622 ‘Neither Death nor Life’**

***Refrain***

***Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,***

***nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,***

***neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation***

***can ever separate us from the love of God***

***poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.***

1. Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;

though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise

through the Spirit who brings you to life. ***Refrain***

2. All who are led by the Spirit shall live

as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,

God's adopted and chosen and loved. ***Refrain***

3. All of the suff'ring we now must endure

is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed

when creation itself is set free. ***Refrain***

4. All of creation awaits the new birth,

the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,

and so we wait in patience and hope. ***Refrain***

5. Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,

or nakedness or peril or sword? ***Refrain***

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**Greeting**:

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

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

**Prayer of the Day***:*

God of abundance, on this day you sent your Spirit to open the hearts of your faithful people. As we gather in worship on this Day of Pentecost, send your Spirit among us now to renew our spirits, and to empower us for your work of justice and peace. Amen.

**Scripture Song: ACS # 973 ‘The Word Who Sang the Light into Creation’ *(verses 1-3)***

1 The Word who sang the light into creation,

 who spoke to all through prophet voices bold

 the warning cry, the promise of salvation,

 shines ever as of old.

2 The Word is like the bush forever burning;

 the Word pours down like showers on the land;

 the Word is like the sun, our faces warming:

 God's power till the end.

3 The Word came down to earth when all was ready,

 made our time, made our space a dwelling place.

 The Word who sheltered near the heart of Mary

 brings us to birth in grace.

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**Introduction to the readings *(Pastor Laura)***

**Psalm 146 & Revelation 21:1-4**

Our scripture readings for today bring our focus back to creation, which was our theme for the first week of this series. And in particular, they draw our attention to God’s hope and desire for creation. From the very beginning to the very end, we see that God is concerned not only with the beauty of the earth, but also with the beauty of justice.

Psalm 146 reminds us that God is our Creator, and that God’s intention for this good creation is justice and peace. That God desires a world where no one goes without and everyone can know safety and wellness.

And Revelation 21 gives us a vision of what justice will look like at the end. This is a beautiful promise that in spite of how bad things are right now; in spite of how much we humans have – and continue to – mess things up; at the end, God will set everything right. Let us listen to the word…

**The First Reading: Psalm 146**

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Word of God, Word of Life*.* ***C: Thanks be to God.****\**

**The Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-4**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. God will dwell with them, and they will be God’s peoples. God will be with them as their God, and will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” *(CEB)*

Word of God, Word of Life*.* ***C: Thanks be to God.\****

**Message for All Ages** – “God puts the pieces back together” (Acts 2:1-21, 37, 39)

*from ‘Read, Wonder, Listen’ by Laura Alary. Published by Wood Lake Books, 2018.*

**Hymn: ACS # 973 ‘The Word Who Sang the Light into Creation’ *(verses 4 & 5)***

4 The Word of God is not an empty shadow,

 but flesh and blood, like us, in us to live,

 to laugh and weep with us in joy and sorrow,

 to know us, yet forgive.

5 O Word, you are the "Yes" of all God's promise:

 "Amen!" we shout; in you our faith is sure.

 Oh, lead us to the light of God's own presence,

 to life forevermore.

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1. **Sermon**

Abundance of Hope (Acts 2:1-21)

Fifty days have passed since the disciples had their first encounter with the risen Christ. Fifty days since his tomb was found empty by Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple. Fifty days since Jesus appeared to the disciples who were locked away in the upper room, afraid that they might yet get caught up in the same violence that took Jesus’ life.

Fifty days have passed, and a lot has happened in those fifty days. The resurrected Jesus had appeared to them many more times, continuing to speak to them about God’s kingdom. He has instructed them to stay in Jerusalem, even though this was not the safest place for them to be. And just ten days ago, they watched as Jesus was lifted into the clouds, gone to be with God; although he had promised that he would return again soon.

And so they wait. They wait for the promised arrival of this Holy Spirit Jesus kept talking about. But it must have been hard to hold on to hope as the crowds descend on Jerusalem to celebrate yet another religious festival.

Reminded of all the terrible things that happened the last time, the disciples shut themselves away in a house. Worried about the crowds, uncertain about their future, all they can do is wait, and trust, and hope, and pray.

In many ways it feels like not a lot has changed in some 2000 years. Here in the church, this community of disciples, it can feel some days that hope is hard to find.

And that feels especially so on this side of a global pandemic that turned life as we know it completely upside down. And while it seems as though we’re on the other side of the worst of it, the impact of this moment in history continues to ripple out.

We’re really feeling the economic impacts in particular as inflation and the cost of living has skyrocketed. But the long periods of isolation have taken a toll as well – it’s taken time to feel safe being around other human beings again. And for some, the risk of COVID infection remains high, and the isolation continues.

While we have so much to be grateful for – and the pandemic helped remind us what really matters and what we do have; it’s hard when we look around and see how the pandemic has seemed to accelerate the trends that were already happening in the church – declining participation, declining contributions.

And at the beginning we all hoped that the pandemic might provide that wake-up call our society needed. Do you remember the memes going around that said something like – before rushing back to normal, let’s take some time to consider which parts of ‘normal’ are worth rushing back to?

The pandemic has been a lesson in just how hard it is for us humans to change; to live life differently. If a global pandemic can’t stop us from exploiting the earth, living beyond our means, and failing to care for the most vulnerable among us, it’s hard to imagine what will.

If you weren’t already finding hope hard to find, how are you doing now?

I can’t help but feel an affinity from our time and place to those disciples gathering in a house on that day of Pentecost some 2000 years ago. Waiting, wondering, hoping, praying for what? They didn’t exactly know.

But that was when a sound like the howling of the wind filled the room, flames danced above their heads, and words came tumbling from their mouths. In an instant hope was renewed.

The power of the Holy Spirit flowed in them and through them, attracting people from around the city who just had to come and see what was going on.

Some thought these men were just drunk, but many were inspired and moved by this witness. As the story goes, about 3000 people were brought into the new Christian community that day.

And this is the story of how the church came to be. A story of waiting, watching, hoping and praying, and then the Spirit stepping in, bringing new life, transformation, and renewal.

And it’s a story that has repeated itself again and again in the church through the ages. As we know, it wasn’t smooth sailing for the early church – many an apostle was martyred for their faith. And yet, they persevered, watching, waiting, hoping, and trusting in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to see them through.

And the gift of the Spirit is a promise for us too. We are in a time as a congregation of wondering what God is up to in our midst. Of discerning where God is calling us next. Like those disciples waiting in that house on Pentecost, we too are in a liminal time. An in-between time. Of letting go of the past that was, and stepping with faith into the future God has in store for us.

Can we trust that the Holy Spirit will show up in our midst? In ways that we might never expect or imagine? In ways that will stretch us beyond our comfort zones? Can we trust that God is not finished with us yet, here at St Peter’s?

Pentecost is the promise that God has not and will not abandon us. And not only will God not abandon us, but God has a vision for our future that is grounded in peace and justice and beauty.

When the world around us gives us no reason to hope, the promises in Scripture do.

We are promised that in spite of how it looks like or feels like some days, God has other things in store for us and for this whole creation, which God cares for so deeply.

We have an abundance of hope not because of our own doing, but because of the Spirit that moves among us, bringing transformation and breathing new life.

We have an abundance of hope because God, who is faithful, has promised to lead us into a future of goodness and peace.

And so watch and we wait,

we plant seeds and knit prayer shawls,

we love our neighbours and one another,

as we pray, ‘Come, Holy Spirit.’

Enliven us, transform us, and show us the way. AMEN.

**Hymn of the Day: ELW # 723 ‘Canticle of the Turning’**

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout

 that the God of my heart is great,

 and my spirit sings of the wondrous things

 that you bring to the ones who wait.

 You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,

 and my weakness you did not spurn,

 so from east to west shall my name be blest.

 Could the world be about to turn?

***Refrain***

 ***My heart shall sing of the day you bring.***

 ***Let the fires of your justice burn.***

 ***Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,***

 ***and the world is about to turn.***

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,

 you work great things in me,

 and your mercy will last from the depths of the past

 to the end of the age to be.

 Your very name puts the proud to shame,

 and to those who would for you yearn,

 you will show your might, put the strong to flight,

 for the world is about to turn. ***Refrain***

3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,

 not a stone will be left on stone.

 Let the king beware for your justice tears

 ev'ry tyrant from his throne.

 The hungry poor shall weep no more,

 for the food they can never earn;

 there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,

 for the world is about to turn. ***Refrain***

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,

 we remember who holds us fast:

 God's mercy must deliver us

 from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

 This saving word that our forebears heard

 is the promise which holds us bound,

 till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,

 who is turning the world around. ***Refrain***

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**Prayers of Intercession:**

A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news through our words and our actions to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort (especially we pray for Bill, Don, Tammy, Alice, Don, Lynn, Bryan, Nansea, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Creena, Shirley, Clara, Carol, Jeff, Aaron, Mackenzie, Rhett, Linda, Jan, Ken, Lena, Brian, John, Anne, Pastor Neil, Robin, Lee, Jeff, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts…..). Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Fill us with your hope and renew us by your Spirit, to work for peace and justice in our world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.\***

**Share the peace of Christ:**

Angels said it to startled shepherds,

Jesus said it to frightened followers,

And now these words which come from heaven

are shared to make us whole and make us one.

Peace be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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**Hymn: ACS # 1029 ‘In the Peace of God Find Rest’**

In the peace of God find rest;

in the pow'r of God find strength;

in the love of God find grace;

in God's peace find rest.

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P: Out of God’s abundance, we share our resources, as we are able, for the work of our common ministry.

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn: ELW # 465 ‘As the Grains of Wheat’**

***Refrain***

 ***As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill***

 ***were gathered into one to become our bread;***

 ***so may all your people from all the ends of earth***

 ***be gathered into one in you.***

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,

 may we share the presence of your love. ***Refrain***

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come

 when all creation shares this feast with you. ***Refrain***

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**Offering Prayer:**

A:Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord. **Amen.\***

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) (sung)***

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…’**

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,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,

you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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 died,

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. All are welcome here to receive God’s abundant gifts of love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

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 # 649 ‘Behold, How Pleasant’ *(Miren qué bueno)***

***Refrain***

 ***Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!***

 ***Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!***

1 How pleasant and harmonious

 when God's people are together:

 fragrant as precious oil when running

 fresh on Aaron's beard. ***Refrain***

2 How pleasant and harmonious

 when God's people are together:

 refreshing as the dew

 upon the mountain of the Lord. ***Refrain***

3 How pleasant and harmonious

 when God's people are together:

 there the Lord God bestows a blessing

 life forevermore. ***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: Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace,

you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love

and serve the world in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

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**Blessing:**

Go out into the world,
and labour to bring forth new life.
Dream dreams, pursue visions
and speak of God’s goodness
in the words of those who would hear.

And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.
May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming, +
and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,
set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace. Amen.

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**Sending Hymn: ELW # 400 ‘God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind’**

1. God of tempest, God of whirlwind,

as on Pentecost descend!

Drive us out from sheltered comfort;

past these walls your people send!

Sweep us into costly service,

there with Christ to bear the cross,

there with Christ to bear the cross!

2. God of blazing, God of burning,

all that blocks your purpose, purge!

Through your church, Christ's living Body,

let your flaming Spirit surge!

Where deceit conceals injustice,

kindle us to speak your truth,

kindle us to speak your truth!

3. God of earthquake, God of thunder,

shake us loose from lethargy!

Break the chains of sin asunder,

for earth's healing set us free!

Crumble walls that still divide us;

make us one in Christ our Lord,

make us one in Christ our Lord!

4. God of passion, God unsleeping,

stir in us love's restlessness!

Where the people cry in anguish,

may we share your heart's distress.

Rouse us from content with evil;

claim us for your kingdom's work,

claim us for your kingdom's work!

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**Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace. Trust in the abundance of God.

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

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