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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Be Still, My Soul

James Pethel

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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

This week's schedule

Today	9 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 9 am Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	7 pm Men in Mission (Youth Room) 7 pm Trinity Circle (Smith Building)
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsals (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building) <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Sat.	9 am Men in Mission Breakfast (Double T Diner– Perry Hall)

Counting our Blessings

		2024	
Sun.	Attendance: 106	February Offering Income	\$25,380
5/5	Offering: \$ 4,939	February Other Income	\$ 6,936
	Homebound: 15	February Total Income	\$32,316
		February Expenses	\$41,541
		YTD Offering Income	\$55,715
		YTD Other Income	\$16,407
		YTD Total Income	\$72,122
		YTD Expenses	\$74,289

"The Chosen" Discipleship Series



Join us on Tuesday's through June 4 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm as we explore the first season of this acclaimed TV series focusing on the life of Jesus and the people whom he encountered! This event, sponsored by **CLAIM** (Coalition of Lutherans Advancing In Mission) and partner Lutheran churches, is not just about watching a series together. It's a chance to strengthen our bonds, discuss our faith and mission and invite friends and family to join this inspiring experience. Come early for a light meal at 5:30 pm.

Remaining dates:

May 14 & May 21 @ People's Community: 6200 Loch Raven Blvd.

May 28 & June 4 @ Christus Victor: 9833 Harford Rd.



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Linda DeFontes, Diane Carroll, Eleanor McLaughlin, Mary Jo Rother, Ginny Wehr, Mary Gude, Doris Rye, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Pat Lambert, Jonathan McLaughlin, Tim Hartman, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, William Bold, Sr., Fran Eliopoulos, Eleni Bowden, Laney Stowell, Mary Margaret Wroten, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Nancy, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Pastor John Burk, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, Donna Bobloch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Betty Creutzer, Mike McDonough

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!

ELW 526 (vv. 1-2)

(Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991; Text © 1979 Hope Publishing Company; Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this

ministry.”²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.²⁴ Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses.)*

Psalm 1

- ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**
- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on June 5th after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!



Community Yard Sale...Saturday, June 1st from 8 am—1 pm in St. John’s parking lot. Cost is \$20 for 1 space and \$30 for 2 spaces. To participate, fill out a form located on the third floor bulletin board and return it to Chris Hills or the church office.



Attention all High School and College graduates...contact the church office at office@stjohnsparkville.org with your name, school you are graduating from, college/university you will be attending in the fall, and your major/degree. We will be offering a blessing and small gift later this summer. We will also recognize you in our weekly email and newsletter.



St. John’s Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 9th after worship. We will gather on the Pastors’ lawn. Hospitality & Fellowship will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, tossed salad, iced tea and lemonade. We will be doing a potluck for sides and desserts. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.



St. John’s night at the Ironbirds game is coming up on Friday, June 28th at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$13 and checks should be made payable to St. John’s. There will be fireworks after the game. For tickets contact David Evans at ravenfan79@yahoo.com.



Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! This years program is Camp Firelight “A Summer Camp Adventure with God” and will be held July 8-12 from 9 am—12:30 pm. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email, in the newsletter and on our social media sites.



Music Camp....We are accepting registration for Music Camp. Registration forms are located on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and in the newsletter. We are looking for experienced volunteers. Contact Martha at mreuard1@gmail.com if you can help.



Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Andy Rother
Crucifer	Brody E.
Acolyte (s)	Landry E., Devon W.
Lector	Megan Czarski
Communion Assistant	Megan Czarski
Dismissal Assistant	Alec B.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, May 19th—Pentecost Sunday

- † 9 am—Handbell Choir
- † 9 am—Sunday School and Faith + Fellowship
- † 10 am—Worship in-person
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel
- † 11:30 am—Altar Guild Meeting
- † 11:30 am—Exec. Meeting



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of Mildred F. Insley by Betty Ehm and in memory of our mothers by the Jasinski family.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are June 2nd, 23rd, and 30th, July 14th, and 21st, August 4th, 18th, and 25th, September 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, October 6th, and 13th, November 3rd, 10th, and 17th, December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 24th, and 29th.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



YOUTH GROUP St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month, from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



BIBLE Study Bible Study takes place on Friday mornings at 11 am in the Smith Building. We are studying 1st Corinthians. All are welcome.

The Food for Thought Program is in need of Chef Boyardee single serving meals, tuna & chicken salad kits, and pudding cups. Monetary donations will also be accepted.



COMMUNITY DINNER Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, June 5th beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We need volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the May meal.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

(Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company)

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW 469

(Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952; Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text and music © 2002 GIA)

(Please remain seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
Jesus Christ, source of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855 (vv. 1, 4,5)

(Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4; Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "St. Denio"

Dan R. Edwards

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but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Be known to us, Lord

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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION HYMN *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* *ELW 494*

*(Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.; Music: Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nurnberg, 1631;
arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1832-1895; Text © Robert F. Jeffreys Jr.)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition God of grace.
Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *The Great Cloud* *Adult Choir*
(Words and music: Joseph M. Martin; © 2018 Hal Leonard-Milwin Music Corp)

*Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered
for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's
abundant grace and love.*

*Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on
our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or
mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville*

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN

Come to the Table

ELW 481

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

*(Text: Claire Cloninger, 1942-2019; music: Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956; Text and music © 1991
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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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,
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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *You are Holy (See insert)* **ELW 525**

*(Text and music: Per Harling, b. 1948; Text and music © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin.
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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,

for freeing your chosen people from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

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

**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,**