**May 14th, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter – Email/At Home Missal**

**ZOOM INFORMATION FOR SUNDAY MAY 14, 2023-THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**The ZOOM link for today’s service, which opens at 9.30 am on May 14th, 2023, can be found here:**

**Sunday Worship May 14th, 2023 09:30 am ZOOM room opens; service begins at 10:00 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 14, 2023:**

**Here is the YouTube link for the service from last Sunday, May 7th, 2023:**

[**https://youtu.be/pFdPJex8Mn4**](https://youtu.be/pFdPJex8Mn4)

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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 2 – Abundance of Grace**:

The Bible speaks of the promise of abundant grace for all, and yet we sometimes struggle to share the gift of grace as freely as God does. Opening ourselves to the promise of abundant grace for all, we will give thanks and pray for our St Peter’s Prayer Shawl ministry.

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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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**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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**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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1. **Presiding Pastor: Rev. Laura Sauder**
2. **Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**
3. **Assisting Minister: Kim Strassburger**
4. **Reader: Barbara Berg**

**Land Acknowledgement:**

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.

**Gathering Hymn: ACS # 993 ‘God Is Here Today’**

 God is here today;

 as certain as the air I breathe,

 as certain as the morning sun that rises,

 as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

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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***:*

Almighty and ever living God, you shower us each day with your abundant grace. You love us not for anything we do or anything we have, but simply because this is who you are and what you do. You are Love, unending and undying, and for this, we give you thanks. As we worship this morning renew our spirits and fill us with your grace, so that we may leave here refreshed and ready to share your gift of grace with the world. Amen.

**Lesson Introduction *(Pastor Laura)*Romans 5:6-11**

Grace is a word we use a lot in the church, but what are we talking about when we talk about grace? In these verses from Paul’s letter to the Romans we get a glimpse of what Paul thinks it is.

“Paul writes that we have a God who…loves us so much that, even when we were (and are) weak; even while we were (and are) sinners; even when we were (and are) enemies of God, and each other, God sent God’s son. We have a faithful God who was and is willing to go to any length to reconcile us.”1

Put most simply, grace is God’s love for us. Grace is God always and ever reaching out to us and drawing us in.

This beautiful promise of grace is at the heart of our Christian faith. It’s also a challenging promise. It’s comforting to hear that this promise is for us. It’s perhaps not as easy to get our heads around the fact that this promise is for everyone – including those we find hard to love; including those whose sins seem too great, or even unforgivable.

God’s grace pushes us to expand our idea of who is lovable. Paul himself tells us earlier in this same letter, “all have sinned and fall short of God’s glory.” Which means, of course, that this gift of grace is truly for all. Let us listen to the word…

**The Reading: Romans 5:6-11**

While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. It isn’t often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person.But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God’s wrath through him. If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God. *(CEB)*

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

**Message for All Ages *(Pastor Laura)***

**Gospel Acclamation: ACSSetting 12 *(page 33)***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.\*

**The Holy Gospel according to John 4:5-30**

***C: Glory to you, O Lord.***

He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

The Samaritan woman asked, “Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” Jews and Samaritans didn’t associate with each other.

Jesus responded, “If you recognized God’s gift and who is saying to you, ‘Give me some water to drink,’ you would be asking him and he would give you living water.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you don’t have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren’t greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!”

Jesus said to her, “Go, get your husband, and come back here.”

The woman replied, “I don’t have a husband.”

“You are right to say, ‘I don’t have a husband,’” Jesus answered. “You’ve had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn’t your husband. You’ve spoken the truth.”

The woman said, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and your people worship what you don’t know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.”

The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us.”

Jesus said to her, “I Am—the one who speaks with you.”

Just then, Jesus’ disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who has told me everything I’ve done! Could this man be the Christ?” They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus. *(CEB)*

The Gospel of the Lord.***C: Praise to you, O Christ***

**Sermon**

**“Abundance of Grace” (John 4:5-30)**

A lot has been assumed about the Samaritan woman by Christians over the years. When we hear that she has had five husbands (and that the one she has now is not her husband) we have a tendency to pass judgment on her. Traditionally she’s been seen as a woman of questionable morals with a shady past.

But if we look at the story closely – it’s hard to back up these conclusions. It doesn’t actually say that she’s sinful. Jesus doesn’t call on her to repent or ask for forgiveness. In fact, sin isn’t mentioned at all in their conversation.

In Jesus’ time, the fact that she’s had five husbands isn’t necessarily something scandalous. It’s entirely possible that she was widowed, divorced or abandoned 5 times. Five broken relationship is tragic, even unlucky, but not necessarily scandalous.

If we are going to make any assumptions about the Samaritan woman and her situation, the only thing we can somewhat safely assume is that she’s a woman who’s suffered a lot of loss in her life. With five former husbands, she had indeed had more than her fair share of broken relationships.

And so as she meets Jesus at Jacob’s well, she is very likely carrying a heavy burden in her heart. No wonder her ears perk up when this stranger mentions he can give a kind of water that bubbles up into eternal life.

Jesus’ request for a drink leads to an extended theological conversation with this woman. And when it’s interrupted by the return of the disciples and the woman returns home, the very first thing she does is tell her neighbours all about this man she met at the well.

Jesus’ knowledge about the painful truth of her life, combined with his care and acceptance of her, moved her enough, inspired her enough, to tell anyone who would listen that she thinks she may have met the Christ, the Messiah.

It’s clear that at the well, this woman did indeed receive the gift of living water that couldn’t help but bubble up within her and spill out, sharing this good news of grace with her neighbours.

Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well is a beautiful example of the kind of abundant grace we’re reflecting on today.

Grace is the promise that you are loved.

It’s the promise that I am loved.

It’s the promise that everyone is loved by God (including those whom we may find hard to love).

It’s the promise that no one is beyond God’s love. There is nothing that we can do; nothing that can happen to us; that can exclude us from God’s love.

In our worship each week we are blessed with reminders of this abundant grace. At the baptismal font, we are bathed in this grace and made members of God’s household. At the communion table, we are gathered and fed by this grace. At the table, each Sunday, we again receive that promise of God’s love and forgiveness and mercy for us.

And at the end of worship, each week, renewed and refreshed by this grace, this love, we are sent out into the world. This gift of grace goes with us when we leave this place, so that it might also bring blessing and hope to everyone we meet.

And the amazing thing about God’s grace is that it never runs out! There is no limit to God’s grace. It can never be exhausted or used up. Jesus promises us, as he promised the Samaritan woman, “whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again.”

And this love, this grace, is not something that can be hoarded or contained. Like living water, it bubbles up and spills over to bring life to all whose hands are open to receive it. Or, it pours into our lives when we least expect it, and most need it.

We are promised that every time we celebrate a baptism and every time we gather around the Lord’s Table, God’s grace meets us there. But there are not the only places where God’s grace is made known.

I’m sure that each one of you can think of someone in your life who has taught you about God’s grace. Someone whose care and concern and acceptance of you, flaws and all, helped you to know in a deeper way, God’s unconditional love for you.

Today we are lifting up our prayer shawl ministry. And all we have to do is look to this poster board filled with thank yous, to see how these prayer shawls been a tangible sign of God’s love and grace for so many.

I had my first experience of just how powerful this ministry is as I journeyed with Elsa Schauber through her final weeks earlier this year. Within a couple of days of finding out she was in hospital, Bonnie had a prayer shawl delivered to their home. And between two hospitals and three hospital rooms, every time I visited Elsa, that prayer shawl was on her bed. And I know there are countless others who’ve been equally blessed by this ministry.

Here at St Peter’s, we have an abundance of prayer shawls. Most of these have already been blessed, but there’s no such thing as too much blessing, so in the spirit of abundant grace, a little later in our worship we will bless these shawls again.

And, we have a special invitation for you. If you have someone in mind – a friend, a neighbour, an acquaintance – someone who you think might appreciate a prayer shawl, please take one for them today. We have cards to go along with them – and if we run out, we’ll get some more.

But also, the invitation is for you. If you are feeling like, “gee, I could really use this kind of reminder of God’s grace in my life right now,” you are welcome to take one for yourself. No questions asked.

While we may not all have the skill and inclination to make these prayer shawls, this IS a ministry of our WHOLE congregation. Donations of wool and yarn are always welcome. And we all can participate by taking a shawl for someone who is going through a tough time. At any time, a quick call to Bonnie in the office, and she will get you set up with a shawl. And this isn’t a members only thing. These shawls are meant to be shared far and wide, like living water bubbling up, to share God’s grace with anyone who needs to know that they are seen and they are loved. ***(If you are reading this sermon after the fact and would like a prayer shawl for yourself or someone else, please call the church office at 519-653-4721)***

Today, as we celebrate the gift of God’s abundant grace, may you know in the deepest part of yourself, that this grace, this love is for you; as it is for all of us.

And may you, like the Samaritan woman, be so moved by this wondrous and beautiful grace that it flows in you and through you to bless everyone you meet. Because Lord knows, our world needs to know and experience this limitless and boundless gift of grace. AMEN

1 https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/third-sunday-in-lent/commentary-on-romans-51-11-2

**Hymn of the Day: ELW # 595 ‘Jesus Loves Me!’**

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,

 for the Bible tells me so;

 little ones to him belong,

 they are weak, but he is strong.

***Refrain***

 ***Yes, Jesus loves me,***

 ***yes, Jesus loves me,***

 ***yes, Jesus loves me,***

 ***the Bible tells me so.***

2 Jesus loves me! he who died

 heaven's gates to open wide;

 he will wash away my sin,

 let his little child come in. ***Refrain***

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay

close beside me all the way;

 when at last I come to die,

 he will take me home on high. ***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.

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send us into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love and grace. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving (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, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts….. ). Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. 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.\***

**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls:**

God of Abundant Grace, you sent your Son Jesus to heal our brokenness with your love.

We give you thanks for those inspired by that love to create these gifts of caring for those in need.
We offer these shawls, filled with the prayers and hopes of those who have made them, for our siblings who are sick or in sorrow.
We ask you to bless these shawls with your love and healing grace. May they bring comfort and healing strength to those who receive them as signs of your presence in their lives and ours.
We ask all of this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit continues to love and sustain all of us in this life and the next. 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.**

*(A Wee Worship Book – Liturgy for Holy Communion A #30810; Type: Words; First Line: Call to worship – Gather us in; Language: English (pages 80-92); Contributors: Iona community; Text: © 1999, WGRG, Iona community, GIA Publications, Inc; exclusive North American agent. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted and Streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-727610. All rights reserved.)*

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…’ *(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 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 good 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 # 670 ‘Build Us Up, Lord’**

Build us up, Lord, build us up;

set in us a strong foundation.

Lead us to do your holy will;

form and shape your new creation.

Build us up, Lord, build us up;

as we guide and teach each other,

help us to share your love with the world:

ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

***Refrain***

***Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;***

***we follow in faith what's begun!***

***Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word***

***to spread the news of your Son!***

Build us up, Lord, build us up;

let our lives reflect your glory.

Cast away all our doubts and fears;

help us tell the world your story.

Build us up, Lord, build us up;

help us bear good fruit for you,

Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.

Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. ***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:**

The God of all,

who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead,

bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit

to live in the new creation. Amen.\*

**Sending Hymn: ELW # 538 ‘The Lord Now Sends Us Forth’**

The Lord now sends us forth

with hands to serve and give,

to make of all the earth

a better place to live. Repeat

The angels are not sent

into our world of pain

to do what we were meant

to do in Jesus' name;

that falls to you and me

and all who are made free.

Help us, O Lord, we pray,

to do your will today. Repeat

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**Dismissal:**

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

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

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