

preparing for the ascension



The Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 5th, 2024 11:00 AM

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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

May 5, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able The Opening Hymn

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

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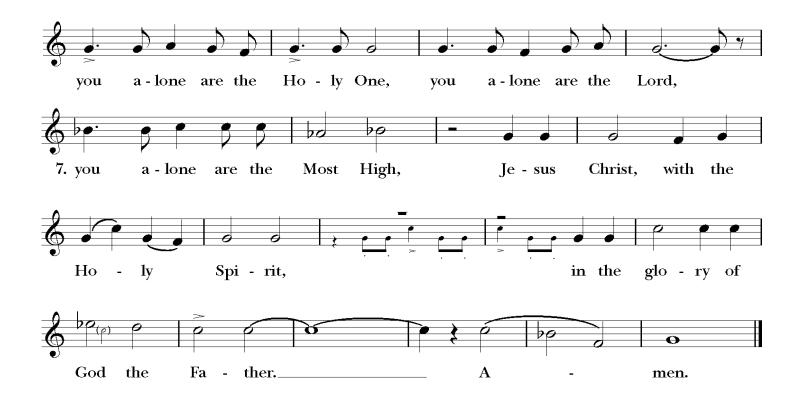
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.PeopleThe Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.





The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Астѕ 10:44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM



- A 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- B 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- A 3 The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- B 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- A 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- B 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- A 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- B 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- A 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- B 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE

People

A reading from the first letter of John.

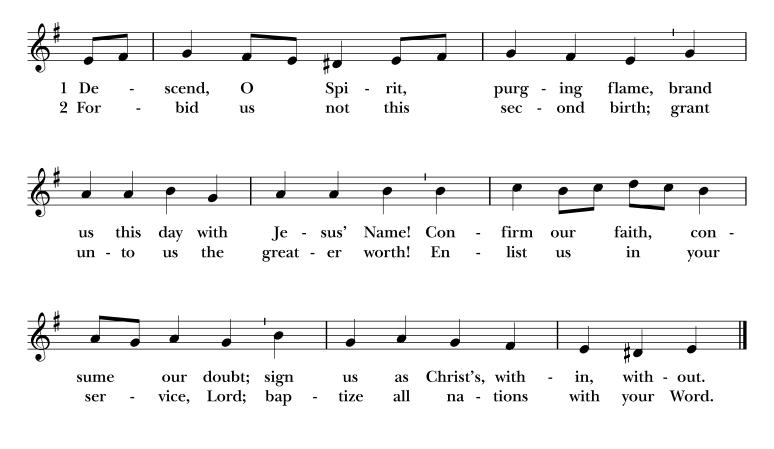
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

1 JOHN 5:1-6

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The Gospel

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ

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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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

The Prayers of the People

God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!

God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to the work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory. **We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!**

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them.

We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!

God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty. **We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!**

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence. We praise you, Almighty God! Alleluia! Amen!

Commissioning of a Stephen minister

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over int our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation, if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray

Almighty and loving God, thank you for this class of Stephen Ministers, for their love, their commitment, and their compassion. You have gifted them in many ways, and now they offer their gifts back to you. Use them to carry your good news of healing, freedom and renewal to a hurting world. Hear our prayer and have mercy on us.

Leader:	Gracious God, we pray for this group of individuals who have heard your call to service
Leauer.	and responded.
	Lord in your mercy
People:	hear our prayer.
Leader:	Bless this group as they look to commit to serving you, the congregation and the greater
	community, Grant them patience, joy, wisdom, and strength. May they know your
	constant and abounding love. May they experience the power of your Spirit. Lord in your mercy
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People:	hear our prayer.
Leader:	We ask you blessings on our care receivers, whoever they may be. Strengthen and
	comfort them during their times of sadness and crisis. Use us to bring your love and hope
	to them.
	Lord in your mercy
People:	hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray that you would accept our offering of commitment. Bless each of us as we continue to look to you, the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Lord in your mercy

People: hear our prayer. Amen

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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Post Peace Song

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

The congregation may be seated.

The Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir

Hail the day that sees him rise!

Dan Forrest

If God be for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His only Son, but gave Him up for all, Shall He not with Him freely give us all things? Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia! To His throne beyond the sins, Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia! Enters now the highest heaven, Alleluia! Circled round the angel powers, Alleluia! Their triumphant Lord and ours, Alleluia! Christ has conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of Glory in, Alleluia!



THE PRESENTATION HYMN (Please stand as you are able.)

New songs of celebration render Hymn #413 0 of New cel - e - bra - tion ren der him who 1 songs to -2 Iov ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound ing, let ev - ery -3 Riv seas and tor - rents roar hon the ers and ing, or Θ ders done; his his has great won awed by love in - stru - ment and voice peal the praise of out Lord with wild ac claim; moun tains and stones look Θ foes sur - ren - der and fall be - fore the Might - y One. grace a - bound - ing, call ing the whole world to re - joice. find voice praise his Name. up a - dor - ing and a to 0 He has made known his great sal - va tion which Trum pets and or gans set in mo tion such eous, rious, Right com - mand ing, ev er glo prais θ 6 his friends with all joy con fess; he has re - vealed to sounds as make the hea vens ring: all things that live in his that God, whose es be nev er cease; just is our Θ na - tion his ev - er - last - ing right - eous - ness. ev - ery for your might - y earth and make mu - sic 0 cean, King. the world in peace. truth vic - tor - ious tab - lish - es es -

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

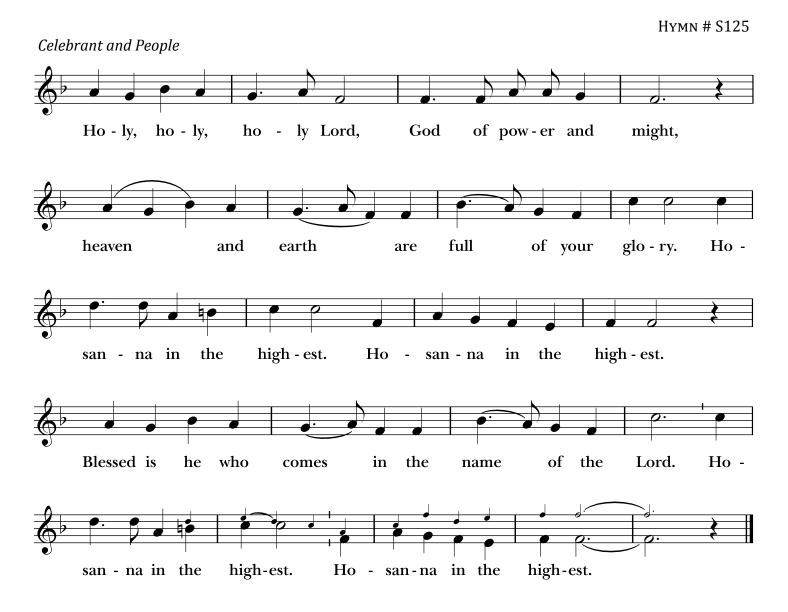
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

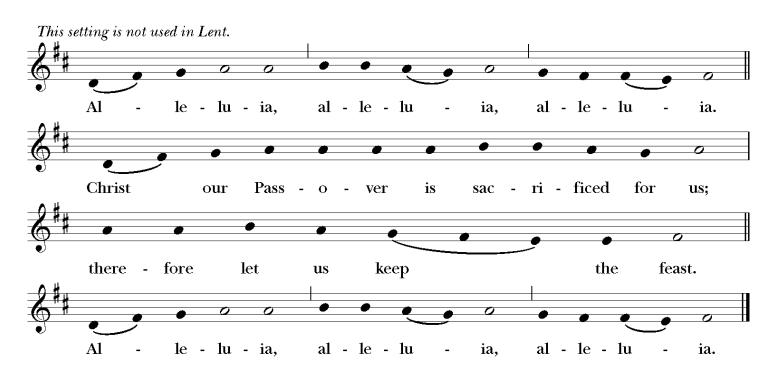
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Fraction Anthem



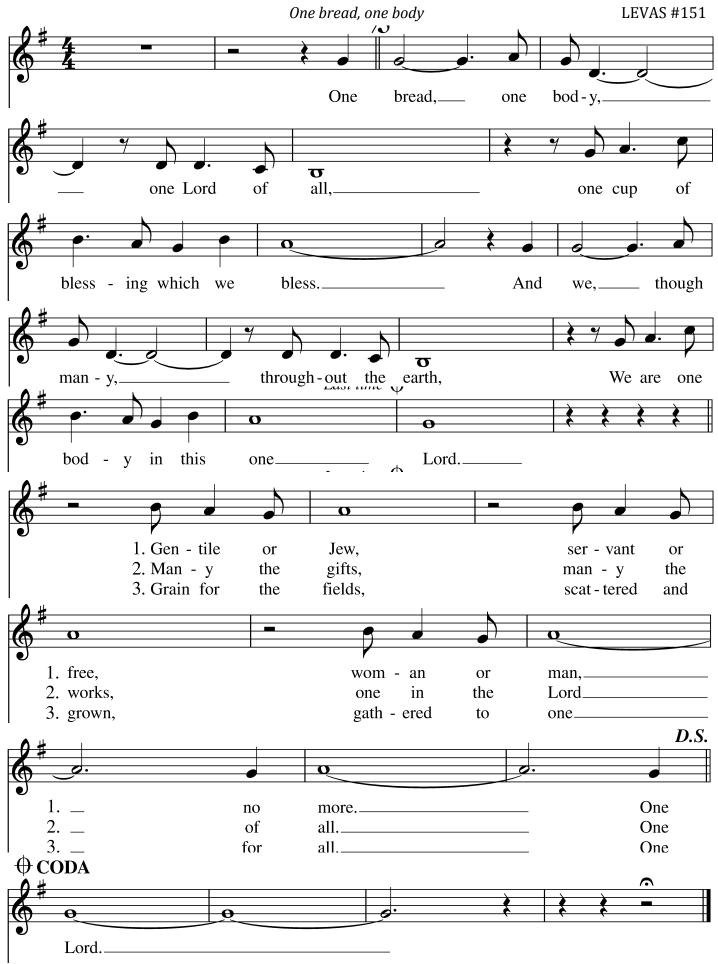
THE INVITATION

If you feel called to this table of mercy and grace, know there is a place set for you. There are two different stations that function two distinct ways.

At the Thanksgiving or Side Altar, This is a Gluten Free station with intinction only. At this station you may intinct (or dip) the bread into the holy wine yourself. If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming. At the altar rails, you will receive the holy bread in your hands. You may choose to sip from the chalice or to intinct (or dip) the holy bread into the holy wine yourself. If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming. The response after receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, is "Amen." Those not communing may come forward for a

blessing, keeping your hands folded across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMNS

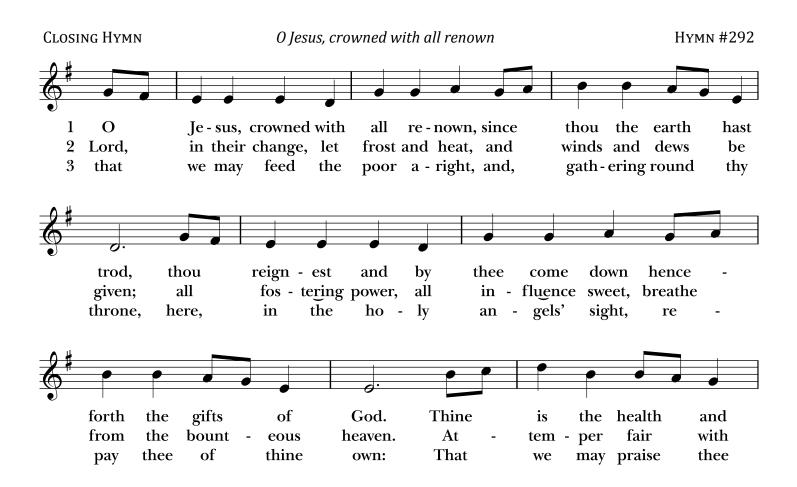


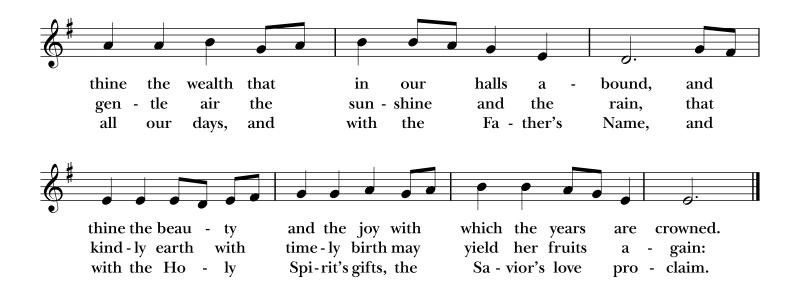
Post communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.





DISMISSAL

Deacon	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING

Today is a joyous occasion here at St Catherine's, as 2 members from our congregation are being commissioned into a special ministry of care and concern for others as Stephen Ministers. They are, Min Hwa Kupfer and Dennis Young. Min and Dennis have received 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving and join a team of 10 active Stephen Ministers serving our congregation and community.

After the commissioning, Min and Dennis will be assigned to provide care to those in our congregation and community going through difficulties in life. We thank God for their gifts and ask that you keep them in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to those who need it. Pray also for the ongoing ministry of our current Stephen Ministers.

If you have any questions about becoming a Stephen Minister or would like more information about receiving care from a Stephen Minister, please speak to one of the Stephen Minister Leaders or Father Trey.

MAY 5, 2024

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Beau Paris 5/5; Bill Selby 5/5; Bettye Harris 5/6; Marlene Stuart 5/6; Timothy Seibert 5/7; Wesley Boutilier 5/8; Elo Buruty 5/8; Godwin Okwo 5/8; Stella Pierce 5/8; June Leigh Shaw 5/9; Jim Voyles 5/10

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

FOR OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Steve & Mary Erickson; The Ettel Family; The Fahy Family; Scott & Sandy Fantz; Carol & Alan Fey

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Carol & Wayne Dickson; Terry DeGan; Ruth Hepler; Tom Hepler; Wendy; Lynn Barton; Elizabeth Boyce; Esther & David Bosher; Carsyn Rice; Bill Selby; Jorge Tagtachian; Lee & Liz Durham; Dean Armbrust; Shelia

FOR MEMBERS EXPECTING A CHILD

James & Gabby Martin

FOR THOSE WHO DIED:

Serving St. Catherine's

Lector Intercessor	Terri Gabrielson Mary Ellen Layden	Flower Guild	Karen Manno, Linda Scott
LEMs	Dennis Young Linda Scott Jan Potter Terri Gabrielson	Altar Guild	Susan Jenkins, Helen Slaven, Pam Phillips, Tinka ivy
Ushers	Sybil Coote Nelson Gale		
Streaming	Frances Bowden Bill ivey		
Vpod	Victoria Lennon		

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Wheeler High School Band is collecting shoes (gently used) of all sizes, styles and gender, to send to developing countries for use in Micro-Enterprises. A labeled bin will be located under the Youth House covered porch for drop off.

ST CAT'S IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL TO RESTOCK FOOD PANTRY

How can you help? Donate food and plastic or paper bags through the month of May.

What do they need?

- Bags of rice and beans 1-2 lbs bags
- Canned vegetables, soup, chili or meals (like SpaghettiOs)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned meat
- Fruit snacks
- Snacks like peanut butter crackers, chips, crackers, etc.
- Cereal
- Ramen noodles

Delivery:

Food collection barrels outside of the parlor will be redirected for this food drive and can be dropped off anytime on Sundays and anytime the church office is open.

We hope to have an amazon wishlist link to share soon if that is more convenient.

* They would also like to increase the amount of perishable foods they can donate - if anyone has a fridge or freezer to donate, please contact Lisa Spessard at Lnspessard@yahoo.com

DURING SARAH'S SABBATICAL SHARE YOUR "THOUGHTS WITH SARAH"

While Sarah is away on Sabbatical, we would like to collect your thoughts for her. In the foyer, you can find sheets to share...

Great things that happened. Hard things you're going through. Times you wish Sarah had been a part of.

We will keep these sheets available to you throughout the summer and collect them at the end of July to create something special to share upon Sarah's return.

When you are finished with your note to Mother Sarah, you can place it in the Private Drop Box located to the right of the Narthex entry doors.

Please know your thoughts to Sarah will be kept private.

ACSENSION DAY | HOSTED AT ST. CAT'S | THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024—6:30 PM

St. Cat's and St. Benedict's are joining together to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension and we want you to come!

Together we'll fly kites, walk the Stations of the Resurrection with Eucharist (outside), and enjoy fellowship with cotton candy! CLERGY STAFF The Rev. Sarah K. Fisher Rector Email: sarah@stcatherines.org

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The Vestry 2024

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