



**MUSIC SUNDAY**  
**MAY 12, 2024**

*Music Sunday 2024 is dedicated to all the Saints we have lost  
during 2023*

*Dan Gracey, Steven Kiesel, Nancy Elias,  
Joan Parker, Eve Smith*

*And to all those wonderful Mother's!*

**HAPPY** ☀️  
**MOTHER'S**  
**Day!** 🌻



*Music Sunday*

*May 12, 2024*

*Thank you to all the instrumentalists and vocalists who participated today.*

*Conductor – Michael Brinkworth, Minister of Music*

*Festival Choir*

*Soprano: Pat Ross, Lynne Larson, Janice Baugher, Carol Hankel, Jenn Shaw*

*Alto: Louise Woods, Ruth DiEva, Sue Giesecke, Christine Brinkworth, Carolyn Cutilli*

*Tenor/Bass: Marcie Diuver, Eileen Imre, Alan Diuver, Darren Shaw, Jan Shaw*

*Bell Choir*

*Cathy Bart, Karen Evans, Pat Ross, Michelle Pisanick, Alan Diuver, Janet Lorenzo, Marcie Diuver, Carolyn Cutilli, Janice Baugher*

*Guest Musician: Eric Schnitzer – Piano, Michael Franchetti - Trumpet*

*Monday Night Band*

*Jenn Shaw, Darren Shaw, Jan Shaw, Robert Evans, Bo Bannister, Olivia McCammon*

*A/V: Robert Muller, Sean Bobbie, Jim Yankowski*





## Seventh Sunday after Easter May 12, 2024

*The Good News for Today: In Christ, all shall  
be well.*

*Thank you for worshiping with us at St. John's,  
where we are building a loving, accepting  
community centered on growing in Christ, and  
giving people a place to belong at any stage of their  
journey with God.*

*Please fill out your yellow attendance card and place it in the offering  
plate when we collect the offering later in the service.*

**Prelude: If I Got Jesus** (*Fuller*) – Presented by the Monday Night Band  
*Stand*

**Hymn: O God beyond All Praising** (*ELW 880 – Red Book*)

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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## Welcome & Greeting

Welcome to St. John's, where we are building a loving, accepting community centered on growing in Christ, and giving people a place to belong at any stage of their journey with God.

May 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.**

## 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. 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

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.**

SIT

## The Readings

### First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “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—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 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.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 1: 1-6 (Read Responsively)

Happy 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!

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**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

If we receive human testimony; the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those 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. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I 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.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## 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.

## Gospel of John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the seventeenth chapter:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] “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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for 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. I 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.<sup>1</sup>And 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. While 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. But 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. I 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. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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*(Presented by The Monday Night Band)*

Song: In the Light (*Peacock*)

Song: Oceans (*Cracker*)

*(Presented by the Bell Choir)*

Song: All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name (*Holden*)

Song: Jesus Loves Me (*Lavenske*)

Song: Doxology (*Watson*)

*(Presented by The Choir)*

Song: Great Things (*Wickham*)

Song: The Earth is Yours (*Gunger*)

Song: Gratitude (*Lake*)

Song: House of the Lord (*Wickham*)

STAND

## The Nicene Creed

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**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.**

# Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another

**SIT**

## Announcements

## Offering

In thanksgiving for all God's benefits and for the strengthening of the work of God's church in the world, we receive your gifts.

## Offertory: I will Be Here (Andrews) – Presented by the Monday Night Band

STAND

### Offertory Hymn: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (ELW 885 / Red Book)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

## Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

## Hymn: This is My Song (*ELW 887 / Red Book*)

- 1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
  
- 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
  
- 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,  
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912-1993, sts. 1-2; Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, st. 3  
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## Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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# Announcements

*We would love for you to join us for our weekly Coffee Hour after today's service in our Fellowship Hall. When leaving the sanctuary, follow the hallway to the left, and Fellowship Hall is down the ramp that will be on your right.*

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The candles for the Month of May are given to the Glory of God.

The altar flowers are given in honor of all Mothers both here and those we miss in Heaven, from Pat and Cappy Adduci.

Today's reader is Alan Divver

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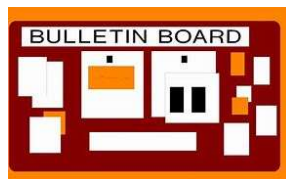
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## **St. John's Community Bulletin Board:**

**To dedicate flowers or candles**, please complete a form that is on the table in the Narthex along with \$20 and place in an envelope and place either in the offering plate or the Office mailbox in the Church Library. Make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. **Please take the flowers with you after the service.**

**March Financial Update** - We have closed out the first quarter of 2024 and are still tracking for a \$47,000 deficit this year. Attendance was up slightly in March largely due to Easter occurring in March instead of April as it did last year. General income was

down \$3500 due to the Easter holiday collections being posted in April. Our year to date deficit increased to \$17,716 which was less than budgeted only because we have not paid the \$8500 due for the audit. Had that charge been paid we would have been at budget for the deficit for the first quarter. The minor adjustments we have made to reduce expenses were offset by an additional \$2000 in roof repairs. We will continue to review all of our contracts and look for opportunities to reduce expenses but additional income is the primary avenue to reduce the deficit.

**Roof Fund** – Earlier this year we replaced the roof over the church office and library, and we are working to raise the \$53,590.77 needed. Our final count for the month of May is \$46,644.85. With the match from our anonymous donor, it added over \$15,000 to our Roof Fund. We appreciate everyone who donated in March, and everyone who will continue to donate to get us to our goal. This leaves us with a **Balance of \$6,945.92!** To give, please mark “Roof Fund” on your physical offering, or select “Roof Campaign” when giving electronically. We are SO close. Thanks to all who have given to this Campaign.

***Remember! Prayer squares are available on the Hospitality Table. Give one to anyone in need. Prayer shawls are also in bags in the Narthex.***

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## Health Concerns

Ben Bannister, Dan Bramble, Christine Brinkworth, June Crippen, Lillian Dube, Wilson Heath, Dolores Herwig, Joyce Husband, Stephen Imre, Carolyn Kircher, Jeff Kyack, Ellen Mertz-Yoesron, Rosemarie Mueller, Natalie Notarianni, Joan Nubbemeyer, Carole Pfeiffer, Schree Schumacher, Barb Sheppard, Emilie Sloan, Nancy Walbert, Mary Anne Whitehead, Maureen Wolf, Ashley Yankowski

## Prayers

Jessica Bonkoski (*added by Louise Mattern*), Jessica Campbell (*added by Nancy Schlauer*), Brad Crampton (*added by Carol Holon*), Edward Dowling (*added by Kate Kiesel*), Bill Harle (*added by Michele Muller*), Susan Herwig (*added by Dolores Herwig*), Michael Hopkins (*added by Shannon O'Neill*), Nancy Huxhold (*added by Carol Holon*), Jon Kummery (*added by Alan Eickhoff*), Gerry Lattuca (*added by Alan Eickhoff*), Nancy MacMillan (*added by Ellen Link*), Susan O'Shea (*added by Marcie Divver*), Eileen Pieper (*added by Sue Cern*), Ginny Purta (*added by Carol Wolf*), Linda Riese (*added by Carol Holon*), Ginny Schofield (*added by Carol Wolf*), Richard Scott (*added by Lynne Larson*), Troy Terry (*added by Karen Kearns*), Randy Wiser (*added by Sue, Curt, and Katie LaPlaunt*).

## Prayers for Our Homebound

Richard Betz, Doris Hamilton, Wilson Heath, Joyce Husband, Tracey Kyack, Wendy Larson, Elma Lester, Mary Lou McNickel, Ellen Mertz-Yoesron, Bob Michel, Joan Nubbemeyer, Kenneth & Judith Oliver, Lisa Schroeder-Savory, Isabel Werner.

## Prayers for Those Who Are Actively Serving Our Country

A1C Gavin W. Briggs, LCpl Justin Bupp, CDR Dan DeAngelo, LT Matthew Fritz, Matthew Hilliard, Captain Josh Hunt, Sam Keller, Connor McNamee, Ssgt Aidan Orth, SGT Richard Webekind, Jr.

## Prayers for Other Churches in the Lower Bucks Conference

This week we pray for Immanuel, Somerton, in their interim time.



County Choraliers Spring Concert – May 18 7:30 p.m.

Faith Explorers – May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 p.m.