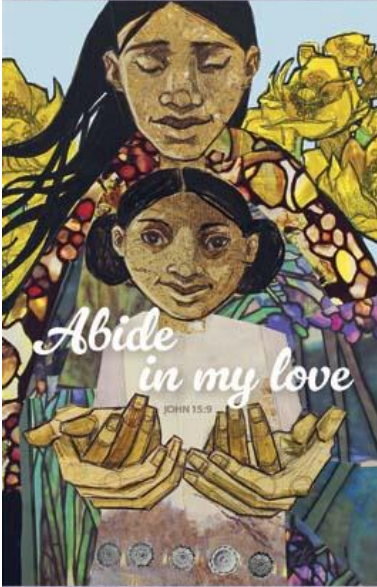


**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
127 YORK STREET
HANOVER, PA**



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

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INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C **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.

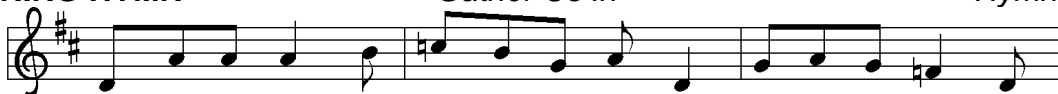
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***OPENING HYMN**

"Gather Us In

Hymn 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

*GREETING

P 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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE


verse



We are called (we are called) We are claimed (we are claimed) We are loved
We are here (we are here) To pro - claim (to pro - claim) God is here



(we are loved) by the ho - ly name We are healed (we are healed) We are whole
(God is here) Calls us each by name We are here (we are here) To give praise



(we are whole) the Sav - ior ran - somed our souls — and we're singing
(to give praise) The love of God will not change — and we're singing

chorus



Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a



Oh — Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

L The First Reading according to Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So 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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 98

read responsively

A ¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C ²**O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

L The Second Reading according to 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This 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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

D DM7
Help us O Lord to hear your word

D7 G
O - pen our hearts to feel your word

Em7 G/D A
Give us the strength to live your word each day

*GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

P The Holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17

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

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

ELW 708

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



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|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Kneels at the feet of his friends, | si - lent - ly wash - es their feet, |
| 2 | Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, | var - ied in col - or and race, |
| 3 | These are the ones we will serve, | these are the ones we will love; |
| 4 | Kneel at the feet of our friends, | si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet: |



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

*NICENE CREED

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

C **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 THE PEOPLE

A Let us pray,

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.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. (*We pray especially for . . .*) God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Quiet Reflection"
Handbell Choir

Jason Krug

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(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give>. If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray,
Risen One,

C **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.**

*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

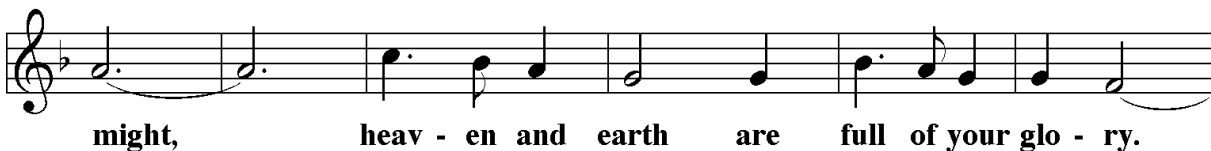
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

*SANCTUS



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P** Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
 Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
 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.
 With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C** **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
 O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.
 Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C **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.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know.
Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

*AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION "Communion Medley"

arr. Jason Krug

Handbell Choir

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"Remembering the Promise"

sing 3 times

A B E A B

We are re - mem - ber - ing the pro - mise of God's love___

A B E A B

Oh_ We are re - mem - ber - ing the Sav - ior's dy - ing love___

A B E A B

Oh_ We are re - mem - ber - ing the pro - mise of God's love and we know

A B E E

that we will ne - ver be al - one

Through the years and through
Through the fear and through
Through the word and through

B A B E

the won - der
the si - lence
the wat - er

we will nev - er be a - lone
we will nev - er be a - lone
we will nev - er be a - lone

Through the tears and through
Through the life and through
Through the cross and the ris -

B A B

the laugh - ter God is here with us
 the dy - ing God is here with us
 en Sav - ior God is here with us

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

***BLESSING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C 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.



***SENDING HYMN**

"O God beyond All Praising"

ELW 880



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown-
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

***DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

* Stand if you are able

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	<u>May 5</u>	<u>May 12</u>
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Communion Distributors	Suzanne Butler	Janet Haack
	Peg Sennett	Sherry Cracium-Bolin
Ushers:	Michael Kelly	Michael Kelly
	Sharon Kelly	Sharon Kelly
Altar:	Becki Davis	Becki Davis
	Norma Lucabaugh	Norma Lucabaugh
	Janet Haack (Linens)	Janet Haack (Linens)

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Clark Barrick's birthday on May 8th, by Elaine, Joan and Brenda.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Rosalind Adams by Karen McDermitt and family.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE and ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the glory of God and in in honor of the 55th wedding anniversary of David and Norma Lucabaugh, and also in honor of the 50th anniversary of Brian and Ruth Baer.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today, May 5th, immediately following **Worship to approve recommendations from the Building Renovation Task Force.**

MANDATORY GATHERING PARENT MEETING will be held today following the Congregational Meeting. We'll meet in the THEATER.

COFFEE HOUR will be held in Fellowship Hall today, May 5th, and immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service and the Congregational Meeting. Join us for a time of fellowship.

CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR KATRINA - Please join us following worship and the Congregational Meeting today, May 5th as we continue our Congregation Conversation with Pastor Katrina in the fellowship hall. We will meet again on Sunday, May 19th after worship. Your input is extremely important during this time in our congregation's faith journey. As we look toward our next chapter of ministry, we are reflecting, sharing and exploring our identity and purpose as a congregation. Reflecting on where we have been and where God may lead us in the future will lead to the best fit in our upcoming call.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at finance@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers- May 26, June 2 & 16 (2 vases at \$20 each) June 9 & 23 (1 vase at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine- May 12, 19, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- May 5, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY will continue to follow Max Lucado as he delves into the Gospel of John. **Join us in the Lounge, Mon. evenings at 7:00pm.**

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY-The Gospel of Mark, A beginner's guide to the Good News-Instructor, Linda Zellers—Tues. at 10:00 am in the Theater on the 2nd floor.

IN 10 WEEKS OUR GATHERING KREWE WILL BE HEADED TO NEW ORLEANS.

Each week till then, we'll share what we're doing and learning. Thank you for joining us on this journey! We are "Created to be **BRAVE**"! The people of New Orleans are brave. The city is surrounded by 3 large bodies of water which has always affected life in NOLA and particularly devastated the area during Hurricane Katrina. We will hear stories of those who stayed after the disaster. WE have been brave! Saying yes to attending the Gathering and traveling to NOLA is brave. For some of us this will be the first time traveling out of state, traveling without family, or traveling on a train. Please continue to pray for us as we look forward to the Gathering!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Christian Ed. Committee is looking for volunteers to facilitate a 20 min. activity for kids ages 3-grade 5 during worship this summer. We'll provide the ready-made materials for you! See Bill Sowers or contact the church office to volunteer.

THANK YOU to all who supported our Yard Sale (and subsequent left-over food sale!) last weekend. Look for a pretzel sandwich sale coming soon!! ~The Gathering Krewe

HELP REQUESTED FOR GARDEN CARE - Spring has arrived, bringing on the season of flower bed care. Maintaining our church flower beds gives the entire campus a welcoming and neat appearance, but it is certainly time-consuming for Mike Buckley, our Maintenance Technician. When parishioners volunteer to help Mike with these chores, it takes the burden off him plus saves payroll dollars. Would you like to help? Any time until late Fall? You can bring your equipment or use the church's equipment. If so, please contact Mike via email to make arrangements, mtechstpauls@gmail.com, or call the church office and ask for Mike.

FAMILY CAMP IS OPEN TO ALL!! Camp is not just for our youth and families...it's for EVERYONE!!! A group of us is planning on attending Family Camp **Aug. 4-7**, and we wanted to invite everyone in our church family! Congregation Council has agreed to pay for each member to attend a week of camp, so your lodging, food, and programming will be free to you if you have not already gone to a week of camp over the summer. You are welcome to stay for the entire week, but please know some of us will only be staying for the first half of the week. This could be the start of a great St. Paul's tradition! All camp registration forms should be given to Carmen in the church office. Contact Laura Silver, our Camp Person, for registration questions at silverkw@hotmail.com or Bill or Deb Sowers with program questions.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE! Our kids have been learning about "Jesus Feeding the 5000" this month. We have talked about how we can all help Jesus, no matter what age we are and were introduced to "freerice.com" where we can help feed people in other parts of the world. We learned that Jesus offers us huge volumes of love and calculated volumes of paper clips leading to talking about the volume of fish that fed 5000 people!. And we got to act in a play! We pretended we were seagulls and retold the Bible story from a bird's perspective. Finally, we shared the Lords' Prayer in ASL with the congregation last Sunday as a review of some of what we learned about prayer last month. Looking forward to learning about Lydia for the month of May!

SUMMER BOOK STUDY: *BLUE LIKE JAZZ* by Donald Miller. While *Blue Like Jazz* is driven by topics such as God, Sin, Belief, Faith, Redemption, Jesus and so on, the book is entirely narrative, told as one Christian's personal faith story. *Blue Like Jazz* speaks of what it feels like to have a relationship with God, and what the nature of sin and desire to be forgiven feel like, without complicated theological jargon.

Join us Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Theater Room. The book study will run from **May 28 - August 6** (skipping July 2). We will discuss two chapters each session. Since each chapter of the book can stand alone, you don't need to attend every discussion. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office. Please sign up or call the church office by May 19th so we can order your book!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A LECTOR, USHER, ASSISTING MINISTER OR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTOR and are not currently on our volunteer list, please contact either Carmen at the church office or Suzanne Butler. We are only using the list that we got at our meeting at the beginning of the year, but there may be others who are interested.

SUN., MAY 5	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 6 th Sunday of Easter
	10:30 am	Congregational Meeting
	10:30 am	Faith Formation – 2 nd floor
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
	Immediately following	Youth Choir rehearsal – sanctuary
	10:45	Conversations with Pastor Katrina-Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Meeting for Parent(s)' of the Gathering – Youth Room
MON., MAY 6	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups Closing Ceremony–Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Something's Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
TUES., MAY 7	10:00 am	The Gospel of Mark Bible Study/Theater Room
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting
WED., MAY 8	7:00 pm	Church Council meeting – Conference Room
THUR., MAY 9	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 102–Youth Room & gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal–sanctuary
FRI., MAY 10		P.A.L. Team #2
	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
SAT., MAY 11	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Boy Scout Troop 102)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., MAY 12	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 7 th Sunday of Easter
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in the lounge
	Immediately following	Youth Choir rehearsal – sanctuary
	10:30 am	Faith Formation – 2 nd floor