



**The Ascension & Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Bath, PA**

**Flowers Presented In Celebration of the Wonderful Sunday
School Teachers**

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Mary H.
Per the A. S. L. Bequest**

**Flowers Presented In Memory of Harriet M.
By the Harriet M. Trust**

**Color Bulletins Presented by Jim G.
Remembering Our Anniversary**

**Bulletins Presented In Honor of All Mothers
by the Adult Choir**

Prelude: "Sortie for Ascension Day"

arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*C: **Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

*C: **Amen.**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

*P: Most merciful God,

*C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

The minister addresses the congregation.

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*C: **Amen**

***The 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.**

***Prayer of the Day**

***P:** Gracious and glorious God,

***C:** **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.**

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

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said,
¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning 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.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.
²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar →

by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

***Gospel Verse** (sung)

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***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia”***

***P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

***C:** (sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel: John 17:6-19**

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

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the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

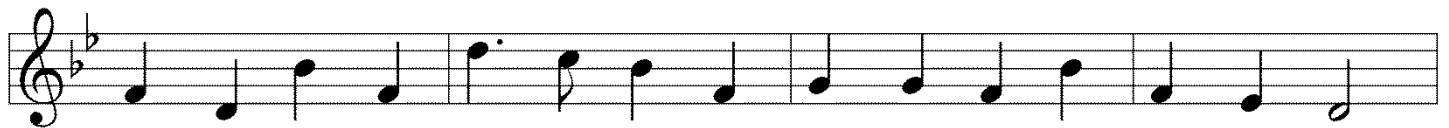
*C: (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon/Sermon

*Hymn “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

(8am vs 1-2)

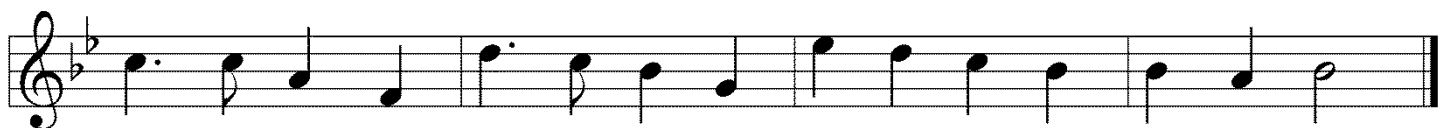
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ, our head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith-ful all the gifts they ask to gain;
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the Son,



cho - sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
come, with all your lov - ing-kind-ness, hear your peo - ple as they pray;
what they gain from you for-ev - er with the bless-ed to re - tain;
praise and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one:



ho - ly Zi - on’s help for-ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
and your full - est ben - e - dic - tion shed with-in these walls to - day.
and here-af - ter in your glo - ry ev - er-more with you to reign.
one in might and one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

***Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into
hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He
will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

***The Peace**

***P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

***C:** **And also, with you.**

The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation.

***Offering**

The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service.

*We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for
the work of God's kingdom.*

Music at the Offering:

(8:00 am) *"Be Thou My Vision"*

arr. Martha Mier

(10:15 am) *"See the Conqueror"*

arr. Robert J. Powell

***Offertory Prayer**

***P:** 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**

***Prayers of Intercession**

*P: 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.

*V: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

*V: Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who research our climate and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

*V: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

*V: Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Heal the sick. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

*V: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

*V: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

*P: 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.

*C: **Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer

*P: Lord, 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.**

*Benediction

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*C: **Amen.**

*Hymn LBW #170 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* (8am vs 1-2)

*Dismissal

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

Postlude: *"Erstanden ist der heil'ge Christ"* arr. Bach

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild - Kim M., Stephanie R.

8:00 AM - Ushers - Tegi O., Wanda F.

Lector: Volunteer - **Acolyte**: Alexis D.

10:15 AM - Ushers - Kim M., Volunteer

Lector: Kim M. - **Acolyte**: Peyton H.

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Upcoming Commemorations

Matthias, Apostle, Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars. **Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160, Saturday, May 18, 2024.** Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

Stay up to date with worship schedule changes, meeting notices, and weather cancellations by
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Welcome to St. John's!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us! We are in the midst of the Easter Season, which celebrates the presence of the Risen Christ with the disciples.

During the Easter Season we will light the Pascal Candle, the large candle located at the foot of the pulpit, which symbolizes the presence of the Resurrected Jesus with today's Christians who worship at St. John's or any other church. Our Bible readings will come from the

Book of Acts, the first letter of Peter, and the Gospel of St. John. We rejoice in proclaiming that Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

You may be new to St. John's, new to the Bath area, new to Lutheran worship, or may have never before set foot in a church. Regardless how often you have sat in church we are glad to have you join us. We invite you to listen to the service, enjoy the music, and say prayers for yourself and all who are need. Have questions? Can't find the right page? Please see Pastor Terry or ask any of the ushers.

You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.

Today's Announcements - Sunday, May 12, 2024

This Week at St. John's The Ascension & Seventh Sunday of Easter

5/12/2024 - Sun.	Worship	8:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:45 AM
5/13/2024 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM-Noon
	Food Bank Prep	9:00-11:00AM
5/14/2024 - Tues.	Food Bank Distr.	9:30-11:00AM
	Food Bank Distr.	6:00-6:30 PM
5/16/2024 -Thur.	Quiet Communion (Fellow. Hall)	1:00 PM
5/19/2024 - Sun.	Worship/Communion	8:00 AM
	Sunday School (<i>End of Year Party</i>)	9:00 -10:30 AM
	45 Min Bible Study	9:15 AM
	Worship/Communion/Confirmation	10:15 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	11:45 AM
	Organ Rededication/Recital	3:00 PM

Nursery School Enrollment 2024-2025: Do you know someone looking for a great place to enroll their child in nursery school? Look no further and share the word, we have an amazing program and teachers here at St. John's Bath. Enrollment forms are available through Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing stjohnbath@gmail.com. Classes for 2, 3, and 4-year old's.

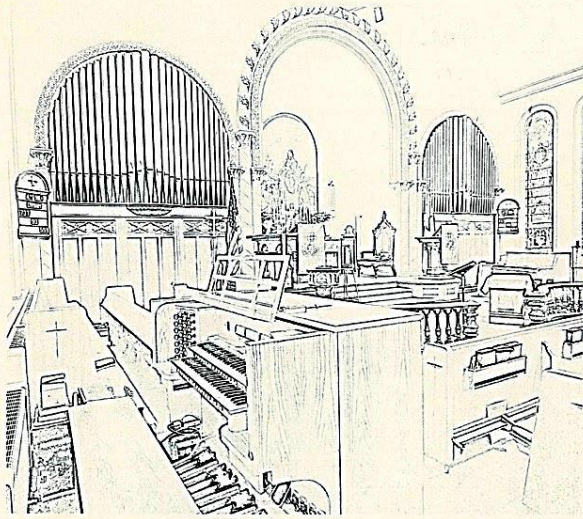
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Prayers Requested For: Matthew A., Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., the B. Family, Barb B., Cory B., Jason C., Bill F., Bev F., Barry F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Eileen & Frank H., Shawn H., Troy H., Ned H., Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., Danny K., Lee L., Shirley L., Gwyn L., Jorge L., Ruth M., The M. Family, Joe N., Danielle N., Samantha O., Arlene O., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Viola W., Rev. Jay W., Peggy W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Cecile W., Galen W., Susan W., Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., The Z. Family, Helen Z., Robert Z., Francis Z..

If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).



Organ Recital and Rededication

Organists: Lou Carol Fix, Patrice A. Kidd, John C. Brewster, Kevin R. Ehrig and Thomas D. Busted

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206 E. Main St
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Sunday, May 19th, 2024
3pm

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JUNE 9, 2024

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4:00PM



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