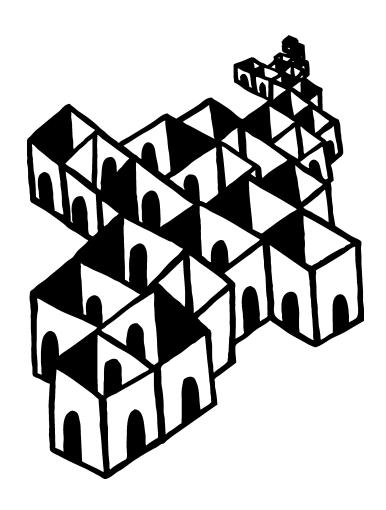
St. Paul Lutheran Church "Let's Make a Difference Together"



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month & Festivals
Christian Education: Sunday's at 10:15 A.M.
Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family?? Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through

the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

SILENT MEDITATION... Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

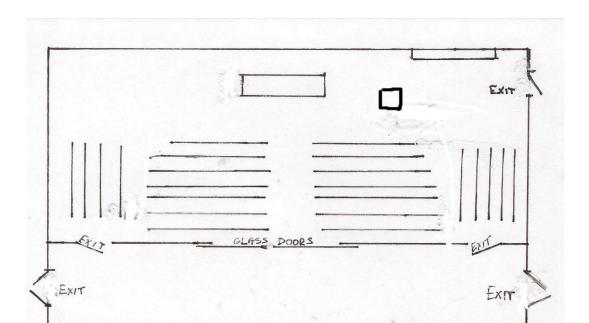
Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

Pastor: Reverend Rashion "Woody" Santiago Parish Administrator: Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline Choir Director/Organist: Mr. Robert Jones

2023 Council Members

Grant Allen, Dawn Bartron, Bill Below, Chris Kinsley Sr., Nicole Kresge, Carl Reindl, Deb Storman, Beth Werkheiser, Leanna Wickline

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Worship Service Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 7, 2023

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

*Please stand, if able.

Words in bold print denote congregational response.

Chimes

Announcements

Prelude

*Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*Absolution

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

*Opening Hymn

YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well; Your spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well; Your spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true;

It is my joy to honor You.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true;

It is my joy to honor You.

In all I do, I honor You.

You are my King.
You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King.
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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.

And also with you.

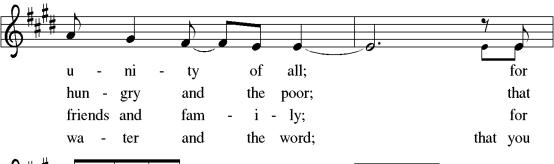








- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



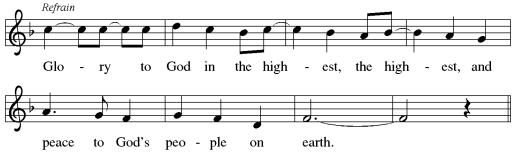


this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and life and for love, for our vonour-ish our souls . . . with your

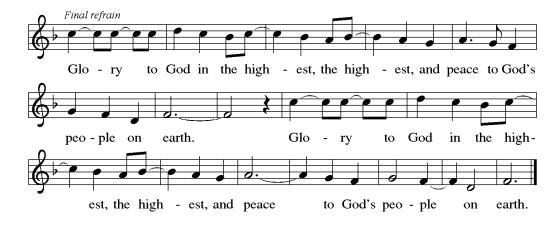
wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



Hymn of Praise







*Prayer of the Day (Lector)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith. ⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they were enraged and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven. He saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ He said, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

⁵⁷ They yelled at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and together rushed against him. ⁵⁸ They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. And the witnesses laid their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" ⁶⁰ He knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" And after saying this, he fell asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- ¹Lord, I seek refuge in you; let me never be disgraced. Save me by your righteousness.
- ² Listen closely to me; rescue me quickly. Be a rock of refuge for me, a mountain fortress to save me.
- ³ For you are my rock and my fortress; you lead and guide me for your name's sake.
- ⁴ You will free me from the net that is secretly set for me, for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hand I entrust my spirit; you have redeemed me, Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵ The course of my life is in your power; rescue me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

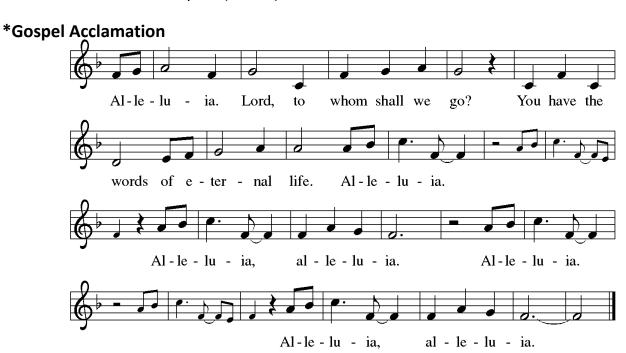
Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

² Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow up into your salvation, ³ if you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone — rejected by people but chosen and honored by God — ⁵ you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and honored cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame. ⁷ So honor will come to you who believe; but for the unbelieving, the stone that the builders rejected — this one has become the cornerstone, ⁸ and a stone to stumble over, and a rock to trip over. They stumble because they disobey the word; they were destined for this. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel. (Lector)



¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant; save me by your faithful love.

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also. ⁴ You know the way to where I am going." ⁵ "Lord," Thomas said, "we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

¹² "Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither to Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

⁸ "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that's enough for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been among you all this time and you do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who lives in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.

Jesus sought me when a stranger Wand'ring from the fold of God He to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee Prone to wander Lord I feel it Prone to leave the God I love Here's my heart O take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above

*The Nicene Creed

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 (Lector)

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 of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

At this time, you are welcome to share your joys and concerns, either out loud or in silence. *Pause*. Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God.

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.

Offering Prayer

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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you. (Please share a sign of peace with one another from your seat.)

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

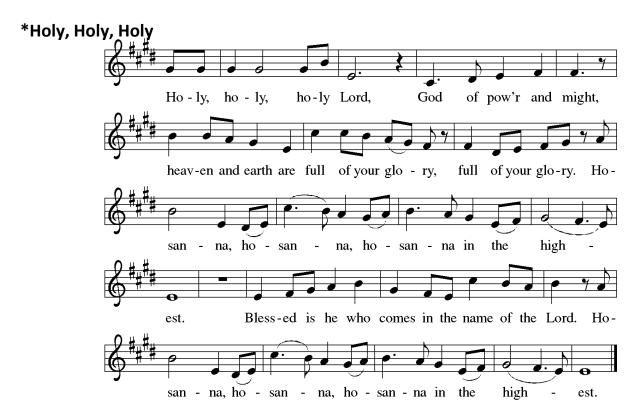
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Proper Preface

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:



*Words of Institution

All glory and blessings are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins for the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

Why do we eat bread at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

What do we remember at this table?

We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another.

Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

*Table Blessing

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

*Prayer After Communion

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.

*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.

*Closing Hymn

My Beloved

Chorus

There's a sun coming up in my soul
Lord in my soul
There's a sun coming up in my soul
Lord in my soul
I see the light I see the light
I see the light I see the light
Oh thank You God I see the light
Whoa whoa

Verse 1

My beloved bring me awake
Take me up to Your resurrection place
My beloved bring me awake
'Cause I want to feel Your light on my face

Chorus

Verse 2

My beloved take me away
Over Jordan up out of this place
My beloved for You I wait
With You here 'til forever face to face

Chorus

Bridge

No more sorrow no more pain

No more darkness weighing down on me

No longer blind now I can see

Forever light forever free yeah

Ending

I see the light I see the light
I see the light I see the light
Oh thank You God I see the light
Whoa whoa whoa

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*Charge to the People

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"The worship ends. . .the service begins."

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Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

Sr. Msgt. William F. Allen; Specialist William "Blake" Allen; Sr. Master Sargent William F. Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Dillon Berenti; Major Matthew Blessing; Captain Katy Blessings; David Brong; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; the family of Chris Finnerty at his passing; Jamie Fisher; Todd & Anna Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; the family of Chris Haley Jr.; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Steven Moore; Ada Morales; Nelson Morales; Donna Myers; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gina Santiago; Claudette Segear; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Brenda Van Why; Scott Wickline; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.



Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food Pantry! Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong. Items of particular need are peanut butter, cereal, pasta/spaghetti, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, soup, canned veggies

(potatoes, peas, green beans, corn, carrots, kidney beans), canned fruit, and tuna.

Grocery Tapes

If you shop at Kinsley's Shoprite or Weis markets we get a percentage of your purchase. Just bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the table in the Narthex. In order for us to receive credit, the receipts must include the date and store number. Please don't tear off the bottom of the receipts.

2023 PATHwalk

TODAY at 1:30pm. The Annual Karen Nickels Memorial PATHwalk is Pocono Area Transitional Housings largest fundraiser. All funds raised from the walk are used to support PATH operations. The Karen Nickels Memorial PATHwalk is an opportunity to demonstrate your support for PATH and to involve your neighbors, friends, and family. Organize a team of people to participate with you for more fun or hoof it on your own and meet some new friends.

Pastor's Video Game Youth Night

Friday, May 26th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, Pastor will be hosting a video game night for youth of St Paul and their friends. The night will include hot dogs, chips and beverages.

Vendor – Craft – Yard Sale July 15th

Spaces are available to sell items at our Vendor, Craft & Yard Sale, Saturday, July 15 from 8:00-2:00pm. Volunteers to help with set up and a bake sale table (as well as goodies to sell at the bake sale) are needed and welcomed.

Monroe County Historical Association Lecture

Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 pm. "Religious Dynamics in the Making of Monroe County, PA" beginning with the religion of the Native American Lenape, the presentation will describe how religious concepts have shaped the social interaction for people entering this region through the centuries. Admission is free and the lecture will be available online at the association's website.

St Paul Night at the Ball Game

Saturday, July 8th, St Paul Tannersville is joining with St Paul, Craig's Meadow (Smithfield) and Cherry Lane United Methodist, for a night of baseball and Christian fellowship. We will be going to Scranton/ Wilkes Barre PNC Field for a game between the RailRiders and the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. Our seats are in the Infield Box area at \$15.00 per ticket. GREAT SEATS!! Sign up sheet is available on round table in the Narthex.

Ecumenical Faith Leadership Meeting

St Paul is hosting the Ecumenical Faith Leadership meeting June 6th at 9:00am. As part of our hosting duties, providing refreshments is part of that. We are looking for a few volunteers to provide breakfast/snack options from baked goods to fruits to bagels. See Leanna to volunteer.

Inside Out Church

Inside Out Church is held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, in Spies Hall. We join together with a meal and a deep dive into the scriptures. This is an opportunity to grow your faith and increase your knowledge and understanding of God's Word and the Bible.

		Worship	Assistant	Schedule		
	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Counters	Altar Guild
	Deb					
5/7/2023	Storman	Beth Reindl	Bill Below	Linda Below	Barbara Allen	Barbara Allen
		Carl Reindl		Deb Storman	Deb Storman	Beth Reindl
	Linda					
5/14/2023	Below	Donna Warner	Linda Below		Beth Werkheiser	
Mother's Day		Deb Storman			Donna Warner	
5/21/2023	Barb Allen	Linda Below	Bev Otten	Bev Otten	Barbara Allen	Barbara Allen
		Deb Storman		Dawn Weiss	Beth Werkheiser	Deb Storman
	Dawn					
5/28/2023	Weiss	Donna Warner	Joan Rinker		Beth Werkheiser	
		Linda Below			Donna Warner	

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please contact the office.

Pastor will be on vacation May 12, 13 & 14

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21