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PROGRAM

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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CHURCH LEADERS

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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.	



May 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter



Thought for the Day before Worship

The question is not whether you have been called by God;
the question is where and how God is calling you

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

"For The Beauty Of The Earth"

(Gordon Young)

Tower Bell

Introit

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*Call to Worship

We come here to learn to be witnesses.

Although we did not walk with Jesus in Galilee,

We come here to learn to be witnesses.

Although we were not chosen by lot among the disciples,

We come here to learn to be witnesses.

It is enough that we heard the story from others.

It is enough that we have been given the choice.

With trembling hearts, we come here to learn to be witnesses.

Let us Worship our God!!

*Hymn #40

"For The Beauty Of The Earth"

(Dix)

O God, we, the gathered church, celebrate the story of your mighty power at work in Jesus, the Christ. As members of the church, the body of Christ, we lift up the name of Jesus, before whom we bow in love and adoration, and we open ourselves to the equipping and strengthening of your Spirit for the work of ministry and the building up of the church. Receive our Worship and grant us this grace, we pray.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are in celebration of the birth of
Charlotte Grace-Marie Pecora born on May 2, 2024.
The proud grandmother is Karen Liden.



Open flower dates are May 26th & June 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12TH

May 15th: Flo Grey
May 17th: Dave Coppage & Bonnie Walter

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12TH

May 13th: Julie & Charles Croley (35 years)

WELCOME BACK REV. ANDREW BIERKAN

On Sunday, May 19th we will welcome Rev. Andrew Bierkam back to the pulpit as Pastor Marty will be out of town as he celebrates the marriage of his granddaughter. Join us as we welcome Rev. Bierkan back to St. John's.

The wicked are not so
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Mother's Day Recognition

Delaney Maly

From the Letters to the Entire Church: 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.

Anthem

"He Looked Beyond My Fault"

(Tom Fettke)

Amazing Grace shall always be my song of praise.
For it was grace, that brought my liberty,
I do not know, just why He came to love me so.
He looked beyond my fault and saw my deepest need.

I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary,
To view the cross, where Jesus died for me
How marvelous, His grace that caught my weak and falling soul
He Looked beyond my faults and saw my deepest need.

From the History of the New Testament: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Brothers and sisters, 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.

Sermon "Called, Blest, Sent" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Affirmation of Faith: An Easter Affirmation**
We are an Easter-faith people.
The resurrection of Jesus Christ comes to us:
As a spring festival coinciding with the earth’s re-birth,
As a revelation in scripture of God’s intentions,
As a central meaning of human existence.
Yet, the resurrection of Jesus Christ comes to us:
As a puzzle, an intriguing mystery,
As contrary to the apparent facts of life and death,
As impossible to have happened, much less to happen still.
Still, the resurrection of Jesus Christ comes to us:
As the ways of God which are beyond our ways,
As a deeper, different reality than we imagine,
As a possible reality.
Thus, we are Easter-filled people:
Living the hope of new life,
Expecting signs of renewal in ourselves and others,
Believing that the mystery of God is a mystery of forgiving love.
In joy, with power, through faith,
we are becoming God’s Easter people.
Thanks be to God!! Amen.

*Hymn #123 “*Fairest Lord Jesus*” (Crusader’s Hymn)
(vs 1 & 4)

Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

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.

Response (Amazing Grace)

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

Offertory Invitation
The rains of God come in abundance. God provides daily for our needs. How shall we show our gratitude? Giving is not a dutiful obligation so much as a delightful opportunity. What a joy to give thanks! What a blessing to be able to share!

Offertory “Sing Out A Song!” (Don Besig)

Sing out a song, sing out a song, sing out a song unto the Lord.
Let the people rejoice, lift up your voice. Let joyful anthems resound.
Let all nations be glad this day, and give thanks to God for all His love.
Let all people arise and say; “He is marvelous.
He is wonderful. He is ruler of earth and heaven above!”
Come rejoice, lift up your voice. Sing out a song!

*Doxology (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Prayer of Dedication**
God of abundance, you have called us to lives of ministry and service. You have filled our lives with your gifts and drawn us into community with you and with one another. We dedicate our lives and these offerings that we have gathered for your service. Pour your Spirit into us. Bless us so that we may be a blessing to others and carry out your will and purpose. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Hymn #607 “Happy the Home When God Is There” (St. Agnes)

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude “Festal Flourish” (Flor Peeters)