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PENTECOST SUNDAY

ACTS 1:8

«BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THAT THE
HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU...»

The beginning of the Pentecost Season

Come, Holy Spirit

*Fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
And you will renew the face of the earth.*



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

SERVICE 11:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

Sunday - 9:00 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Sunday Worship

Monday-

Panera bread distribution 9:00-11:00 AM

Wednesday

6:30 PM - Adult Choir (September through May/June)

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.org

WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

Contact Us

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

PHONE: (717) 843-8597



If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the church office at (717) 843-8597 or send an email to

firststjohns@verizon.net.



If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

The church phone number is: 717-843-8597

OR

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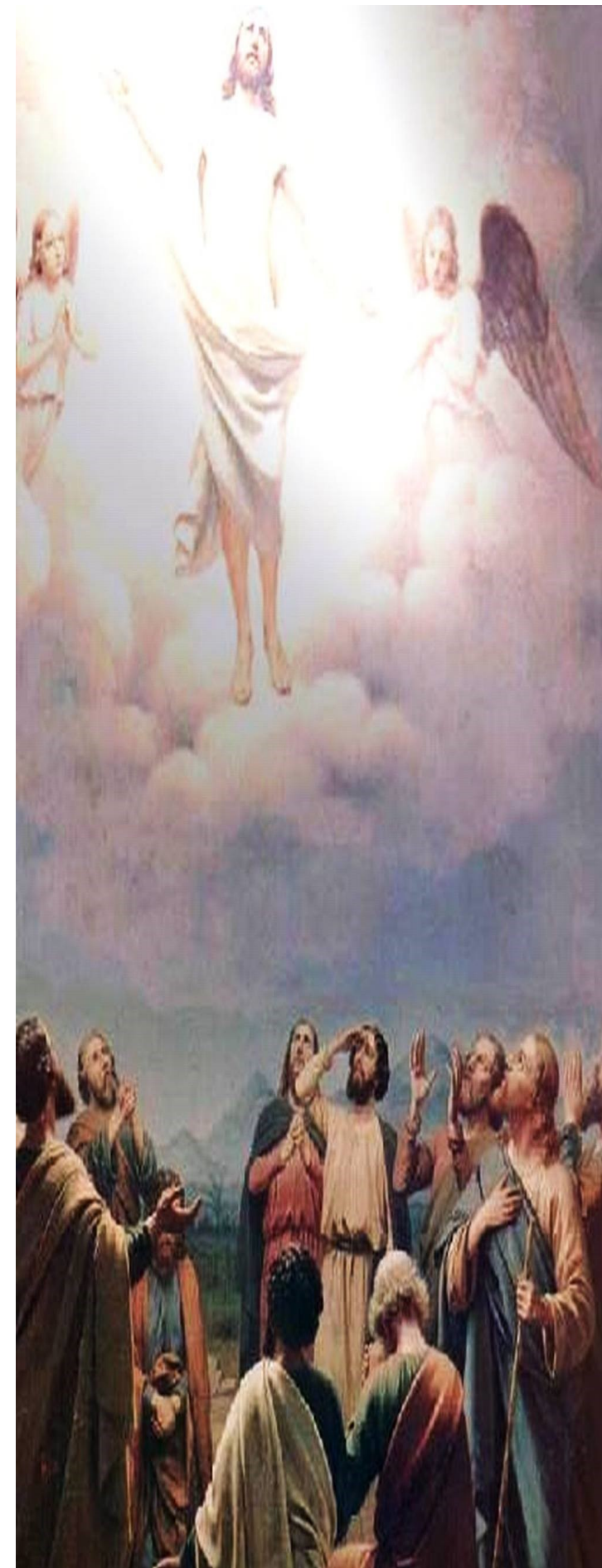


GET IN TOUCH

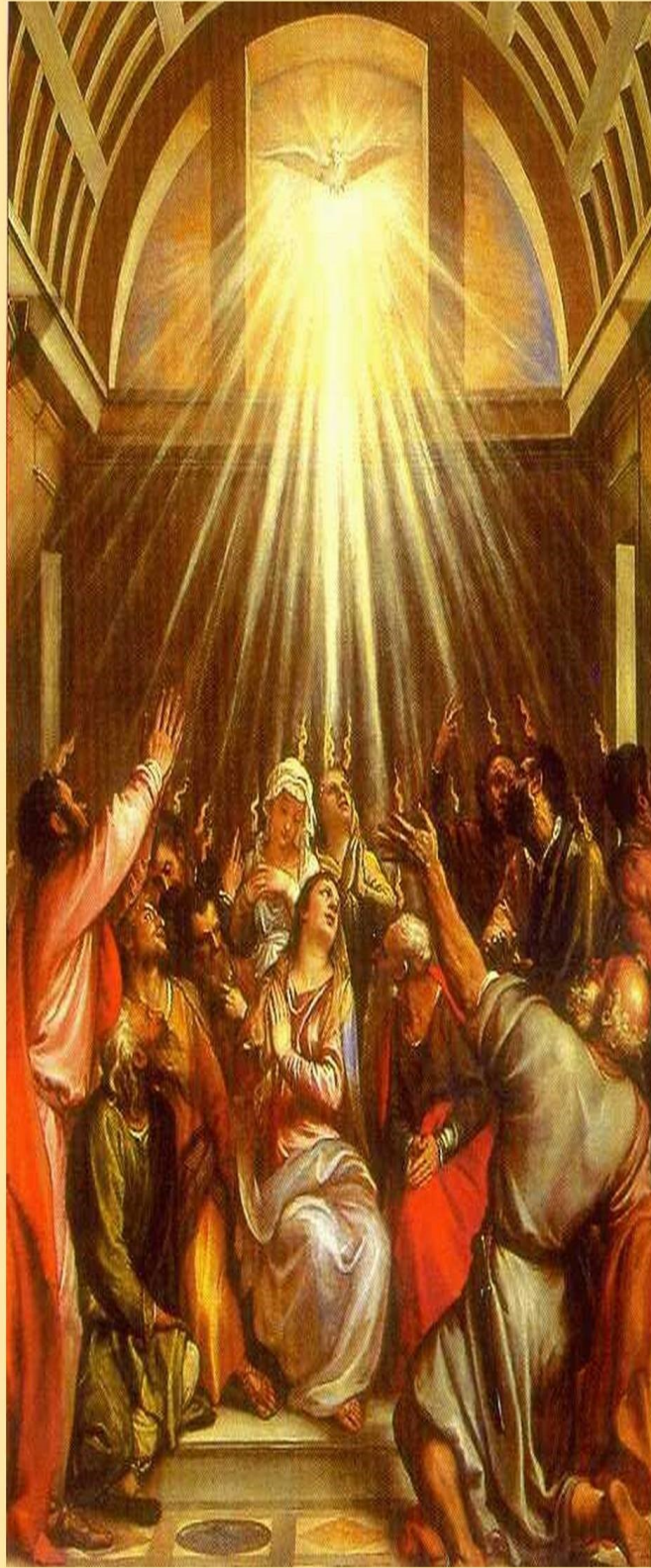
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

We proclaim in the Creed: "HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY." This affirmation is a way of speaking to express that Jesus went to His Father, taking with Him His human nature.

In the ASCENSION, we celebrate the ascent of Christ to the Father and our future ascension provided we live a life of obedience to His Commandments and persevere in Faith. When celebrating the SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, remember that OUR ULTIMATE GOAL IS HEAVEN and that earthly life is the way to attain it.



What is PENTECOST?

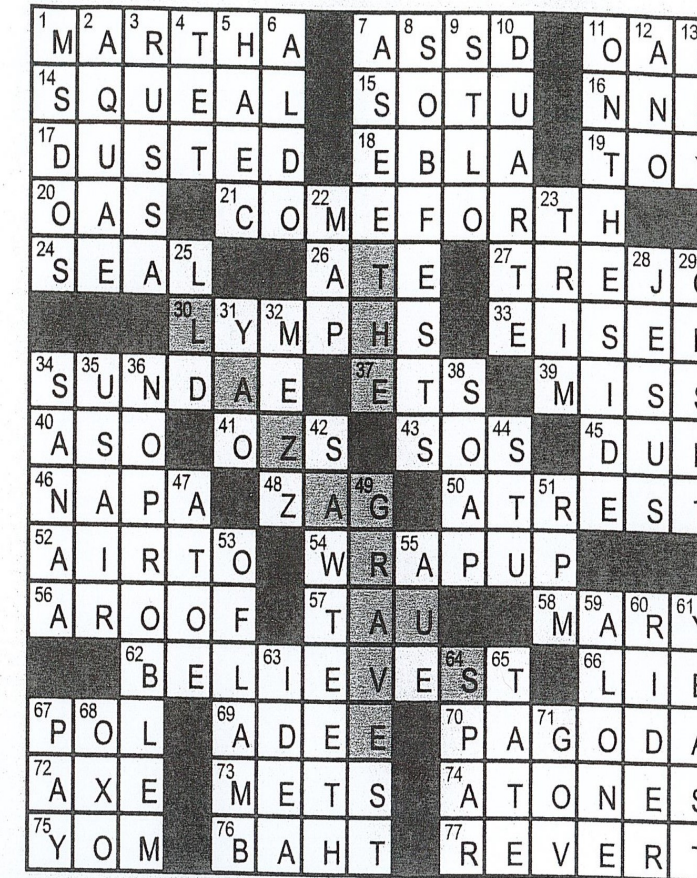


PENTECOST comes from the Greek word “Pentecoste” meaning 50th day. Pentecost Sunday is one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the “BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH”.

It marks the day when the HOLY SPIRIT descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

On Pentecost, the HOLY SPIRIT came down visibly on the Apostles. He gave them the power to speak in strange tongues to the crowds that came to Jerusalem for that Feast. He also transformed them, from selfish and timid men into giants of courage and faith.

ANSWER TO MARCH PUZZLE



*Join Us Sunday Morning
at 11:00 A.M.*

for
SERVICE & WORSHIP



Bible Study

9:00 AM

**MAY 2024
PARISH VISITOR
JUNE 2024 DEADLINE**

Articles Due

Friday, May 24th

Send Date

Thursday, May 30th

Newsletter

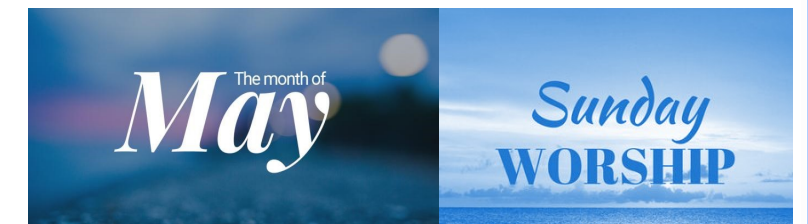
MEETINGS IN MAY

**Worship Committee
Church Council –**

**To be announced
Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 PM**



May 5th-Communion (6th Sunday In Easter).
May 12th-Non-Communion (7th Sunday In Easter).
May 19th-Communion (The Day of Pentecost).
May 26th-Non-Communion (The Holy Trinity).



OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

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MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	2	3	4
5 6th Sunday of Easter Cinco de Mayo C/White	6 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	7	8 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	9 ASCENSION DAY	10	11
12 7th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day NC/White	13 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	14 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. 6:00 PM	15 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19 The Day of Pentecost C/Red	20 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	21	22 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	23	24	25
26 The Holy Trinity NC/White	27 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am Memorial Day	28	29 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM	30	31	
		LAY READER Dick Sindlinger	USHERS Dave Stambaugh Bill Lupp	ALTAR GUILD Nancy Hildebrand		

CROSS WORDS

ACROSS

- “Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the _____ of the (5-Across)”: John 19:19 NIV
- (See 1-Across)
- Former High Priest who questioned Jesus before sending him to Caiaphas before his crucifixion (John 18:24)
- Actress Taylor-Joy of 2020’s “Emma”
- Major historical periods
- Discontinue
- Número of Disney Caballeros
- “Natural” disaster that happened at the exact moment of Jesus’ death — “the rocks split and the tombs broke open” (Matthew 27:51-52 NIV)
- Instruments with 30+ strings
- _____ Dhabi
- Cranky baby’s need
- Gaelic language (anagram of SEER)
- _____ rage (bodybuilder’s anger from “juicing”)
- Letter-shaped skyscraper support
- Faintest amount
- At Jesus’ death, “The _____ of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.” (Mark 15:38 NIV)
- Home _____ (bygone class, for short)
- “The disciple whom He loved”, to whom Jesus entrusted his mother at His death (John 19:26-27 NIV)
- Word repeated twice by Jesus from the cross, meaning “My God” — as in “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46 NIV)
- Actor Jack of “Barney Miller”
- Hoover or Oreck, for short
- No longer working: Abbr.
- _____ -Seltzer
- Light switch setting
- Wobbly
- Tic-tac-toe plays
- “And when they were come to the place, which is called _____, there they crucified him...” (Luke 23:33 KJV)
- Facts and figures
- Alma mater for Jackie Robinson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- Ga.’s neighbor
- Ultra-left leaning
- “Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, ‘_____.’” (John 19:28 NIV)
- Tiny little bit
- Chimney output
- Those, to José
- Unit for a YouTube video

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- Galilean governor who questioned Jesus before returning him to Pilate before his crucifixion (Luke 23:7-12)
- Student housing
- Street-lining trees

DOWN

- Namesake of a famous New York City deli
- Acronym from many paintings of Jesus on the cross — it stands for “Iēsus Nazarēnus, Rēx Iūdaeōrum”, Latin for the phrase of 1-Across/5-Across
- “No” in Novosibirsk
- Winter warming option
- Boos
- Wipe, as a hard drive
- Studs’ Terkel’s “The Good _____” (WWII oral history)
- Cool, giant sun
- Find not guilty
- Not old, in Nuremberg
- Indian flatbread
- “_____ silly question...”
- Move like groundwater
- “Game of Thrones” network
- Humorist Bombeck and namesakes
- 76ers’ Hall-of-Famer, for short
- Alpine climbing tool
- Michael Jordan’s team
- Actress Christensen of “Parenthood”
- Major artery
- “Gimme an A...!”, e.g.
- Way in
- Prohibitive odds (hint: use “i’s” for “1’s” and “o’s” for “0’s”)
- Common; not set apart or holy
- One who helps to clear folks out of danger, like a FEMA coordinator
- Large-scale disaster
- Instruments for Yo-Yo Ma and Pablo Casals
- Plus
- Hard to pin down
- Sprinted
- Salmon or sole
- _____ duck
- Love, in León
- Childish retort
- Labor
- Agenda particular
- Ravens’ cries
- “Thrilla in Manila” boxing result, in brief

First St. John’s Lutheran Church and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Vicar Report

April 2024

The CTSFW SMP Program: The Spring 2024 “Ministry in a Pluralistic Context” is quickly reaching the halfway point. We have been focusing on Lee Strobel’s book The Case For Christ, which deals with apologetics that strongly supports the claim that Jesus lived, died, and rose again from the dead.

School tuition is paid for Spring 2024, and medical premiums are paid through August 2024.

The Synod in St. Louis officially ratified the church call documents and formally approved the ordination and acceptance of the call to me from the dual parishes.

Pastor C. and I continue to connect on Thursday mornings to reflect on the current coursework. In addition, we share in a devotional group every other Thursday at 6:30 a.m., focusing on the book of Matthew.

The next Winkel meeting will be in May at St. John Lutheran Church in York, PA.

The Midweek Lenten services and Holy Week of “Guided to the Cross” are complete. There was a nice turnout for Easter at both churches.

Visits to hospitalized and homebound members paused during the 2nd half of March. I am looking forward to restarting by mid-April.

I’m thankful to be back in the pulpit moving forward. Thank you for the prayers and support.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen



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If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.

SHUT-INS

BIBLE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow..... John 14
When man fails you..... Psalm 27
When you have sinned..... Psalm 51
When you have worry..... Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger..... Psalm 91
When God seems far away..... Hebrews 139
When your faith needs stirring..... Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful..... Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical..... 1 Cor.13
When you feel down and out..... Romans 8:31-37
When you want peace and rest..... Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God..... Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance..... Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel..... Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow and selfish..... Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task..... Joshua 1
To get along with your fellow man..... Romans 12
For a great intervention or opportunity..... Isaiah 55
For Paul’s secret to happiness..... Col. 3:12-17
If you want to be fruitful..... John 15
If your pocketbook is empty..... Psalm 37
If you’re losing confidence in people..... 1 Cor.13
If people seem unkind..... John 15
If discouraged about your work..... Psalm 126
Find the world growing small and yourself great..... Psalm 19

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PRAYERS
Prayers as of March 31, 2024

CONTINUING NEEDS
Christians especially in the Middle East— persecuted
Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
Joyce Devan-Health issues
Susan vanDyk-Baum
Jeanne Noll-Health issue
Ed Abendschoen-Health issues
Bonnie Abendschoen-Health issues
David-Health issues (friend of Ed & Bonnie Abendschoen).
Fran Shoff-Health issues
Tom Gibson-Health issues
Mark Parent-Husband of Candy Parent, (Bill Lupp's niece)-Heart Trans-
plant recovery
Lois Stambaugh-Health issue
Dave Stambaugh-Health issue
Dawn Frey-Health issue
Pierre-Paul Rodriguez-Health issues
George Card-Health issues
Sandra Hinkle-Health issues
Jolene Schoff
Amy (Stambaugh) Williams
Carl Flandernmyer
Jerry Allison-Surgery recovery
Austin Shroud-Health issues. *name corrected
Carla Allison-Prayers for comfort
Mark Reeve-Health issue. Pray for Mark, his wife and children
Nancy Hildebrand-Health issues
Karen Hildebrand-Health issues-in hospital
Janet Heath-Health issues
Edward Hanes-Health issues
Talmadge Hanes-Health issues
Vicar Geoff Abendschoen-Health issues
Anna vanDyk-Health issues
Karl vanDyk-Health issue
Jim Van Laeys

**We remember in
prayer those who
are in need of God's
special presence in
their lives due to
special needs:**

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen	Joyce Devan
Dawn Frey	Marguerite Beck
Becky Lupp	Karen Hildebrand

LEADERS

Vicar Geoff Abendschoen, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay
Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso,
Pastor Seifferlein , Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robert-
son, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President
Bill Harmon



1st - Daniel Stambaugh
10th - Rodney Billet



Early June Birthdays

No June birthdays

PRAYER LIST (cont.)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For all of God's Gifts

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord
For our "action" committees/task forces
Our Community and Families

MILITARY

POLICE

Jonathan



Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us
grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
by the confession of a true faith and to worship the
Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us
steadfast in this faith and defend us from all
adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Prayer for Holy Trinity



They Keep Us Free

by Roger Robicheau

In time of need their will is sure
American, their freedom pure

Protect our life and liberty
Unselfishly, they keep us free

Each soldier knows what is at stake
The risk is grave, there's no mistake

With pride they serve our country strong
They face each foe to come along

Remember them while in your home
Or where you choose to freely roam

Don't take for granted what you see
Some left this life, so it could be

To God I urge you all to pray
For soldier's brave, to face each day

We should be thankful, one and all
For those who march to meet each call



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There is a difference!

Armed Forces Day

The third Saturday of each May – Honors those serving.

Memorial Day

The last Monday of each May – Remembers those who died while serving.

Veterans Day

The 11th day of each November – Honors those who served.



FREE BREADS AND DESSERTS DONATED WEEKLY BY: PANERA BREAD

to First St. John's Lutheran Church
140 W. King St., York, PA 17401

EVERY MONDAY

From 9:00 through 11:00 am - Pickup at the church

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM



FIRST ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS AND GUESTS

**WE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE YOU.
ENJOY OUR "LIVE" WORSHIP.**



I was glad when
they said...Let us go into
the house of the Lord.
Psalm 122:1

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Care Center
Pregnant?

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

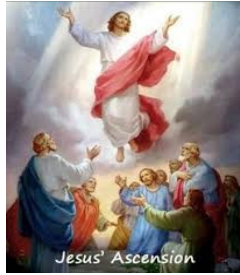
Formerly Pregnancy & Family
Resource Center

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Music & Worship Notes



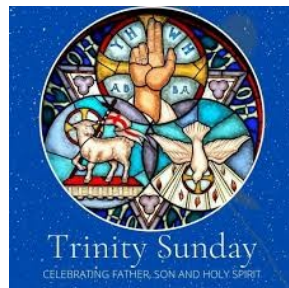
The month of May is filled with many special worship opportunities. When you look at a church calendar, you see that Ascension, Pentecost, and Holy Trinity are listed in this year's May calendar. When you look at a regular calendar, you see that May brings Mother's Day and Memorial Day.

We will be celebrating the days, mentioned above, in one way or another. The order in which the special days would be celebrated is as follows: Ascension Day, Thursday the 9th; Mother's Day, Sunday the 12th; Pentecost, Sunday the 19th; Holy Trinity, Sunday the 26th; and Memorial Day, Monday the 27th. We have always celebrated Memorial Day on the last Sunday of May. This year, the last Sunday is also the Holy Trinity. We will focus on The Holy Trinity as the theme for the last Sunday of May this year.

We will be using the Athanasian Creed on Trinity Sunday. It will be in a responsive reading format between the Vicar and the congregation.

The other special days listed on the church calendar are: the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth and the remembrance of St. Philip and St. James.

The choir season ends this month. I will be putting together some special music during the summer. Choir will resume in September on Wednesday the 4th, at 6:30 pm.



**Ken Sanders,
MINISTER OF MUSIC**

**Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh,
Beverly Card, Zihong (Andy) Su, Jack Robertson**



Blessed Mothers

Blessed are the Mothers who love God, for their children shall not be ignorant of their Creator and His plans concerning them.

Blessed are the Mothers who love the word of God, for their children shall know of the way, the truth and the life.

Blessed are the Mothers who love the house of God, for their children shall enter there and sit with them in the presence of God.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to pray, for their children shall feel the power of prayer and many shall find salvation.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to give to the cause of Christ, for their children shall become supporters of the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are the Mothers who love the family altar, for they shall have their reward in this world and in the world to come.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to speak kind words to their neighbour's children, for thereby they shall win other boys and girls besides their own to Jesus Christ.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to be companions to their children, for they shall be called understanding Mothers.

Blessed are the Mothers who love to fight life's battles bravely with a strong and steadfast faith in God, for their children shall know where to find strength in time of need.

Blessed are the Mothers who, when they are old and gray, can look back upon memory's wall with no regret and can say, "I brought my children up in the fear of the Lord." Theirs are the mansions in glory.

(Author unknown)

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