

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

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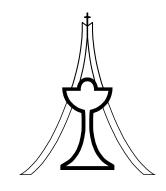
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

All are welcome here

Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks Welcome to serve God and neighbors

All are welcome here

All are redeemed by a gracious God



The Gathering

(Please read this before worship begins.)

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I cannot say what Communion is any better than Luther, so I'll let him say it. In the Small Catechism Luther writes the following, and more in The Sacrament of the Altar.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

This is shown by the words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." In the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

It is not the eating and drinking that do these things, but these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words are, along with the bodily eating and drinking, the main thing in the Sacrament. Anyone who believes these words has what they say: that is, the forgiveness of sins.

- As we travel this wilderness of COVID-19, it is right and proper for us to participate in the Eucharist as we are gathered as the church in person, as well as live streaming. Holy Communion takes place in the assembly of the Body of Christ.
- Online Communion is new territory for us as we navigate our new context. After reading Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, after much prayer and discernment, I believe this technology should be used in such manners to share God's grace, love, forgiveness and acceptance.
- As we assemble in person or live stream, when confessions are heard and forgiven, as the Word is proclaimed, it is proper for Communion to take place as we are then sent out as the Body of Christ for the world. I ask you to only commune as the live Word is spoken and not commune to the recording of this service.
- Please use bread and wine or a gluten free option and grape juice. Please prepare a plate and cup prior to service to have and share. If you have one and not the other, know that God is fully present in both elements and only one is necessary.

• God is the One working through the spoken Word in the mystery of communion. We don't fully know how, rather we know Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is My body," ... "Take this and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." God is the source of love infused into us through the Spirit as we partake of the Eucharist. We don't understand it fully; we fully believe Christ is there fulfilling His promises of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Remember: All Are Welcome – Hospitality fills God's Table – Everywhere!

Pastor Randy

Piano Prelude by Julie Huetteman

What Wondrous Love Is This, arr. D.M. Cherwien; Love Consecrates the Humblest Act, arr. A.K. Organ; Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, arr. M. Sedio; Jesus Loves Me, arr. L. Line

Please mute Zoom on your computer.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

 Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

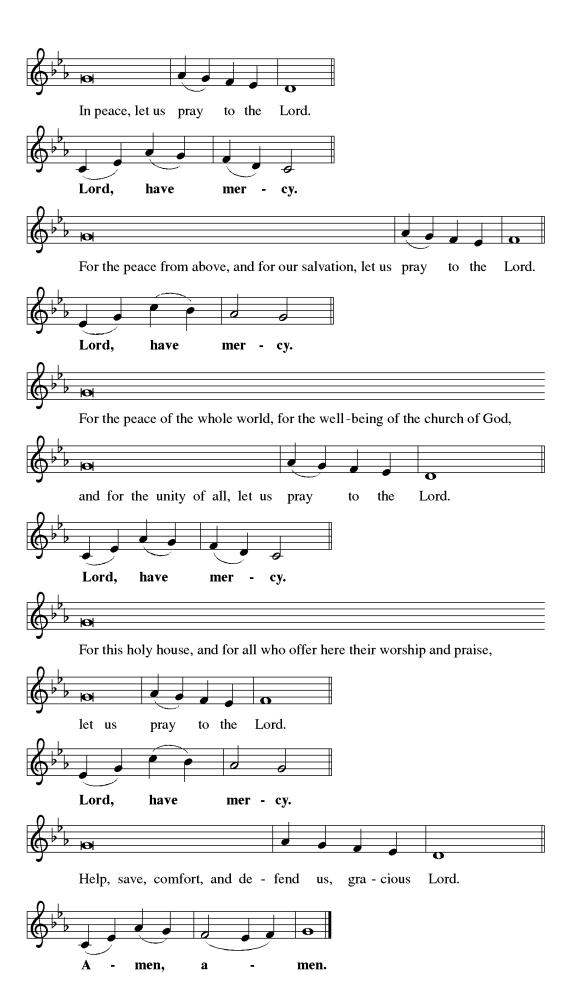
P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

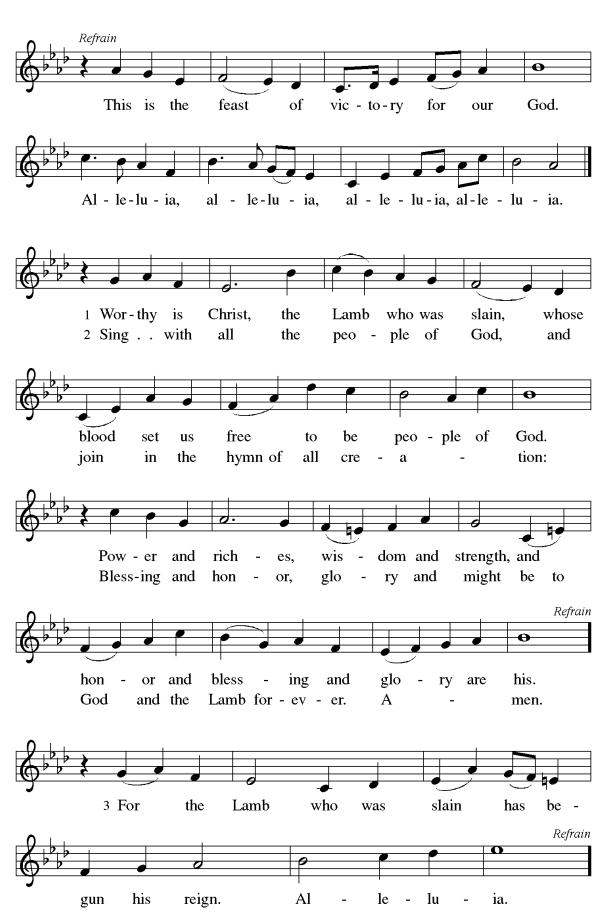
Greeting

- P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

- Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

The Word

A reading from the book of Acts. L

Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

- L The word of the Lord.
- \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net;

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

12 You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³I will enter your house with burnt offerings

and will pay you my vows—

14those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble. ¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;

I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

19 but in truth God has heard me

and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

L A reading from the book of 1 Peter.

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

- P The Gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Spiritual Blending

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 631, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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 Intercession

- A Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in our mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy,
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- A You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way, especially those families who are dealing with the death of a loved one due to COVID-19, those who have the virus, those dealing with separation from loved ones because of the virus, those dealing with being laid off from their jobs and the uncertainty that brings, those separated from family or friends, Herb, Candy, Joe, Jason, Fil & Shirley, Rosalie & Paul, Chuck, Mary, Jeff, John, Beth, Denise, Pr. Judy, Barb, Christie, Tom, Charlotte, Donna, Jesse, Helmut & Carol, John, Katie, Meghan & Andrew, Ben, Kim, Joe, Lynn, Connor & Mason, Rob, Lanny, Jim, family & friends of Nicole, Carol, Patty, Jay, Nancy and Herb. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The Meal

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- Please have your wine and bread ready for the Meal. It would be best to use grape juice or wine and a small portion of bread or gluten free option for the Eucharist.
- Please participate by lifting the bread and the wine as the pastor lifts the bread and wine.
- If everyone in the family is healthy please take the time to commune each other; presenting the bread first and saying, "the Body of Christ given for you" and then the wine/juice saying, "the Blood of Christ shed for you." If you're not feeling well, please commune yourself as you are able.
- The elements (bread and juice or wine) should be consumed in their entirety or returned to the earth as once they are consecrated they are the Body and Blood of Christ. Please do not throw Jesus in the trash or down the drain.

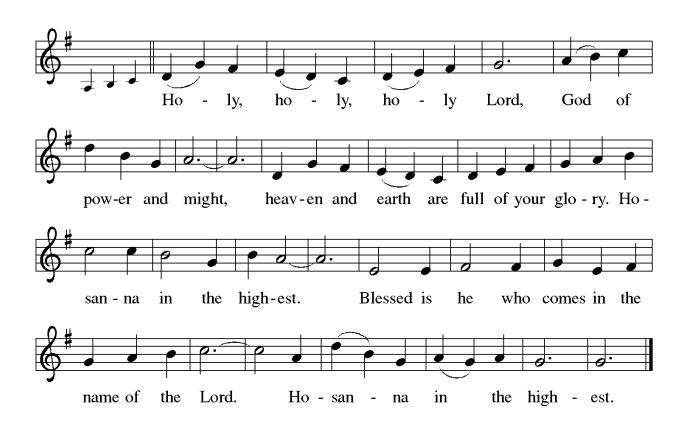
Offering: Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (John Mills is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option if you wish to contact him. His email address is **john r mills@icloud.com**)

Offering Prayer

- A Merciful God,
 our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
 but you make of them an abundance,
 just as you do with our lives.
 Feed us again at this table
 for service in your name,
 in the strength of the risen Christ.
- C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P 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:



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.
- P 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.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P 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.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P 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.
- C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.

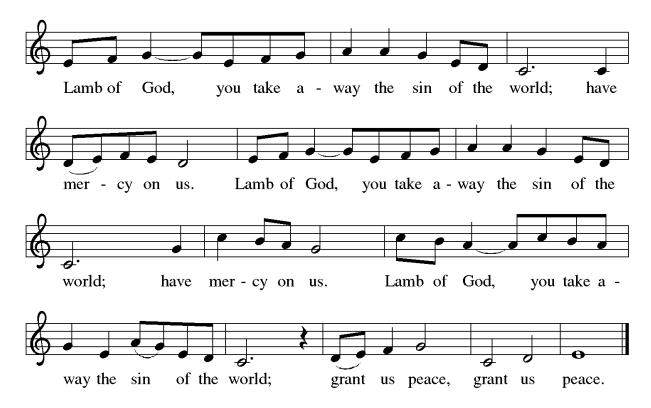
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P So come to this table, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Lamb of God



Holy Communion

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.
- C Amen.

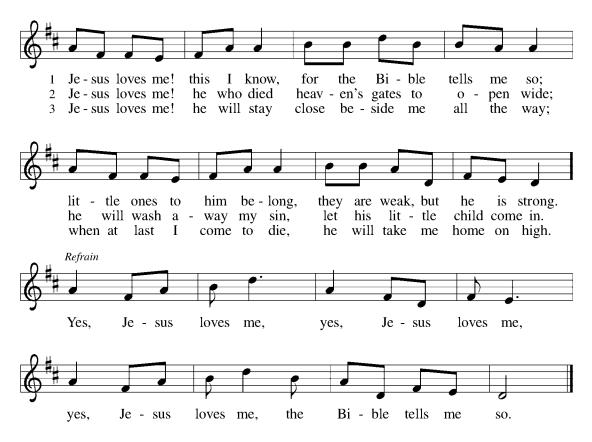
Prayer after Communion

A Life-giving God,
you have fed us with your word,
and our hearts burn within us.
Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.
Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The Sending

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 595: Jesus Loves Me!



Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Blessing

P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Dismissal

A Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

If you wish to stick around, the Zoom meeting will continue for a virtual "Coffee Hour".

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Worship Assistants Today: Julie Huetteman (Musician), Emily Ohland (Cantor), Kathy Heise (Assisting Minister and Lector), Bob Nielsen (A-V Specialist)

Three Ways to Have Pints with a Pastor

Here are three fellowship opportunities for various age groups. If you'd like to participate, send Pastor Randy an email (his addresses are listed above) and he will send you a Zoom invite.

- •Pint with a Pastor will take place on Monday May 25th @ 6:56 pm for adults.
- •May 20th and 27th will be **Pint-Sized with a Pastor** at 3:26 pm for elementary school agers.
- •Today and May 24th will be **M&H Pints with a Pastor** for middle and high schoolers at 6:26 pm.

A message from Food Finders...

Food banks are experiencing a tremendous surge in families needing food right now. That wave of children, families and seniors isn't slowing down – and neither are we.

We have been asked by Feeding America to check in weekly to reflect on the difficulties and successes we are experiencing. Here are some facts about what we are seeing:

- Since adjusting the J.P. Lisack Community Food Pantry to a drive-through pantry on March 17, we have served **11,373 households** with this program alone. We are thankful for the staff, Indiana National Guard and our supporters.
- Food Finders has served **37,215 households** in the first six weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic across our 16-county service area.
- Food Finders' SNAP Outreach team has submitted **467 SNAP applications**. That is an increase of **40%** since this time last year.
- **95 percent** of our agency partners--food pantries, meal programs and soup kitchens--are still operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Nearly 30% of the people getting food are *new* to food banks and pantries. And it can be hard to ask for help.

Cindy went to a food pantry for the first time. She explained, "It is scary – the not knowing. When is it going to end? What's it going to look like when it does?" It takes a lot of courage to ask for help and even more to share your experience.

So much has changed in recent weeks. It would be overwhelming if it wasn't for the incredible acts of kindness and generosity for our community. Thank you for being with us.