



*The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven. (Psalm 148:13)*  
Denali, in the Alaska Range

## **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**Dove of Peace Lutheran Church**

**May 15, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

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Sunday, May 15, 2022

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

## PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

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*Finale (Andante) from Sonata No. 6  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

*Felix Mendelssohn composed six large-scale, multi-movement sonatas for organ. The piece in the position of the prologue today is the final movement of the last of the sonatas. This work is based on the chorale titled "Vater unser im Himmelreich" ("Our Father Who Art in Heaven"), which is a musical evocation of the Lord's Prayer, for which the much-loved tune "Vater unser," dates from 1539. Mendelssohn was a great friend and advocate in the matter of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, and he did much to spark a revival of Bach performances and attention directed toward Bach's significance in the history of Western music.*



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in  
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth  
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all  
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now  
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To  
van-quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And  
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to  
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says  
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

**\*GREETING**

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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.**

**\*KYRIE**

Setting Three

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



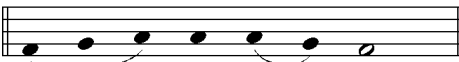
Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



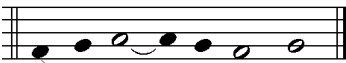
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18**

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*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you

will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALMODY: Psalm 148**

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Psalm 148:13

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<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord<sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God<sup>1</sup> in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the Lord,<sup>1</sup> all you angels;  
sing praise, all you<sup>1</sup> hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the Lord,<sup>1</sup> sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you<sup>1</sup> shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the Lord, heav-<sup>1</sup> en of heavens,  
and you waters a-<sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name<sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they<sup>1</sup> were created,

<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev-<sup>1</sup> er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not<sup>1</sup> pass away. REFRAIN**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord<sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters<sup>1</sup> and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail,<sup>1</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do-<sup>1</sup> ing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains<sup>1</sup> and all hills,



fruit trees <sup>1</sup> and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts <sup>1</sup> and all cattle,  
creeping things and <sup>1</sup> flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup> **sovereigns of the earth <sup>1</sup> and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers <sup>1</sup> of the world;**  
<sup>12</sup> **young <sup>1</sup> men and maidens,  
old and <sup>1</sup> young together. REFRAIN**  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over <sup>1</sup> earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all <sup>1</sup> faithful  
servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
REFRAIN**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

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*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”  
Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to

me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW #169

*The acclamation is sung. After the cantor sings the gospel verse for the day, the assembly repeats the Acclamation.*



John 13:35 Everyone will know that you are <sup>1</sup> my disciples\*  
if you have love for <sup>1</sup> one another.

**\*GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

The Holy Gospel According to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'<sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Stewart McDonald

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Down O Love Divine

ELW #804



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890

Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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*Each petition concludes, “Lord in your, mercy,”  
and the assembly responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

*After the final petition, the presiding minister concludes the prayers:  
Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.***

## **\*PEACE**

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The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*After the assembly and the presiding minister exchange the peace, you are welcome to share the peace with others. Please do not presume that shaking hands or other touch is suitable for everyone. There is no physical exchange of peace in the extra precautions (NE) quadrant of the sanctuary.*

## **OFFERING**

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in the church foyer before or after worship.)*  
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See, What Love Hath the Father (from St. Paul)  
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

*Mendelssohn is widely known for his epic oratorio about Elijah, but his first work in the genre that brought him much acclaim was that about Paul's conversion and mission. Originally written in German, it was later translated to English for performances in England. St. Paul is in two parts, and today's anthem comes near the end of the second part before Paul's martyrdom. The libretto for the text is mostly taken from the Acts of the Apostles, as well as other parts of the Bible. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his commandment to all disciples to love one another; today's anthem with words from John declares that God first loved us that we might be called his children.*

See, what love hath the Father bestow'd on us in his goodness,  
that we should be called God's own children!  
*1 John 3:1*

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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

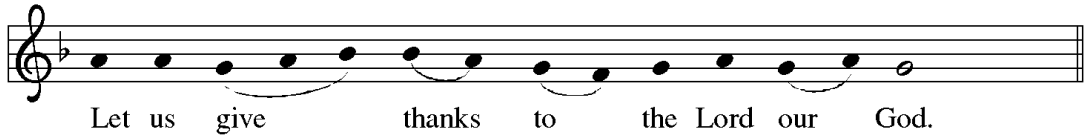
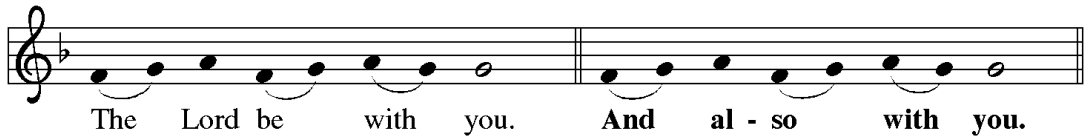
Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together  
in your peaceable reign,

and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,

that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



**\*PREFACE (Easter)**

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:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Setting Three



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**\*PRAYER AT THE TABLE**

Prayer Seven

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.  
You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas,  
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.  
We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.  
We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,  
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

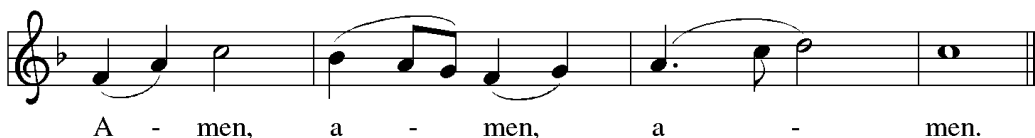
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**



Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.



### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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*Please do not join hands with others unless you have prior consent.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**\*LAMB OF GOD**

Setting Three

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**\*INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

*The assembly sits.*

*Worshippers may stand or kneel at the altar rail, and then may lower their mask to receive communion. The bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.*

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Come Down, O Love Divine  
Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

*Mark Sedio is Cantor at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, where he serves as organist, choirmaster, resident composer, and educator. He also is on the faculty of Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He has a master's degree in choral conducting and literature from the University of Iowa. He has won many awards and commissions as a composer, and his works are published by several prominent publishing houses. The melody of his work at the communion position is the same as that for the hymn of the day this morning ("Down ampney" being the tune's name).*

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

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**COMMISSION**

*The Lord sends us forth into his world.*

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**\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet*  
Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

*Heinrich Scheidemann was arguably the most celebrated German organist and composer of the early to mid-17<sup>th</sup> century, and he was a significant forerunner of Dieterich Buxtehude and J. S. Bach. He studied with another luminary of the field: the Dutch organist/composer Jan Pietersoon Sweelinck. Scheidemann traveled to Amsterdam to work with this renowned master. Scheidemann later served as organist at the Catharinenkirche (the Church of St. Catherine). He passed away in 1663 in Hamburg, Germany, during an outbreak of the plague. The work in the position of epilogue today is on a German chorale tune titled "Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet," which is well-coordinated with the tune of the sending hymn ("Gelobt sei Gott"), both of which have the meaning of "Praised be God," but the two melodies are different. They are both praise hymns, though, and this is on target for today's worship.*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Rev. Stewart McDonald, preaching and presiding

John Hoelter, assisting minister  
Christine Alexander, lector  
Eric Holtan, cantor  
Pamela Decker, organist

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*a time to revitalize*

May-June 2022

We are seeking individuals to join the team of volunteers that are essential to our worship service. We are seeking altar guild members, ushers, greeters, lectors, acolytes, communion servers, and assisting ministers. Training is provided.

Note that we now have two separate roles: “greeter” who welcomes people to worship; and “communion server” who distributes wine or bread. In the past these were both required of the same individual on the same Sunday. A “greeter” can be someone with mobility challenges, so long as they have a big smile and a warm welcome. A “communion server” needs to be able to move around the altar area carrying a chalice of wine.

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