

Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Second Sunday of Easter

with new member reception for

Cam Norris; Kate Rengers;

Brain, Danielle, Carter, and Mackenzie Johns;

Curt, Amanda, Ethan, and Luke Johns

April 24, 2022

10:15 Worship Service

Pastor Brandon Johns

So then you understand that the Gospel is nothing but preaching and glad tidings, how Christ entered into the throes of death for us, took upon himself all our sins and abolished them; not that it was needful for him to do it, but it was pleasing to the Father; and that he has bestowed all this upon us, in order that we might boldly stand upon it against sin, death, Satan and hell. Hence arises great, unspeakable joy, such as the disciples here experience. The text says: "The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord"-- not a Lord, who inspired them with terror or burdened them with labor and toil, but who provided for them and watched over them like a father is the lord of his estate and cares for his own. Aye, then first they rejoiced most on his account, when he spoke to them: "Peace be unto you! It is I", and when he had showed unto them his hands and feet, that is, his works, all which were to be theirs.

In the same manner he still comes to us through the Gospel, offers us peace and bestows his works upon us: if we believe, we have them; if we believe not, we have them not. For the Lord's hands and feet really signify nothing but his works, which he has done here upon earth for men. And the showing of his side is nothing but the showing of his heart, in order that we may see how kind, loving and fatherlike his mind is toward us. All this is set forth for us in the Gospel as certainly and clearly as it was revealed and shown to the disciples bodily in our text.

Thus then you have finely portrayed in this Gospel, as in almost all the Gospel lessons these two thoughts, faith and love. Through faith we belong above to God: through love below to our neighbor. That we may thus lay hold of this truth may God give us his help! Amen.

Excerpted from:

Of True Godliness

a sermon by Martin Luther; taken from his Church Postil in 1522.

It was preached by Luther in 1522 on today's Gospel text at Borna.

PRELUDE

Awakening Spring

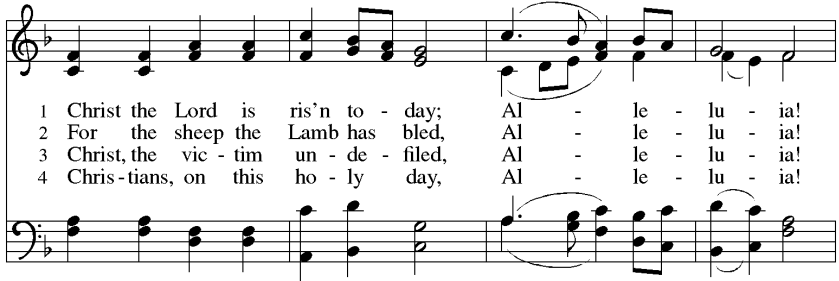
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BELL RINGING

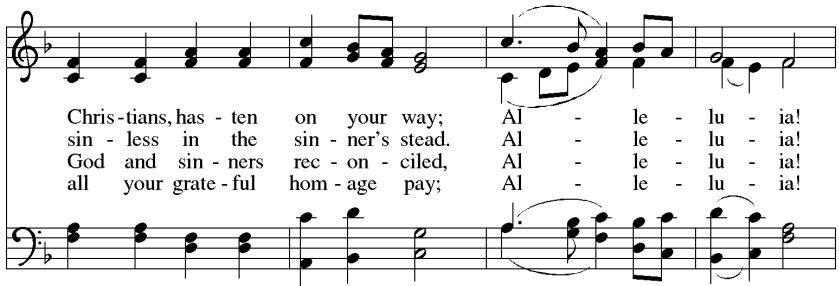
RESURRECTION GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

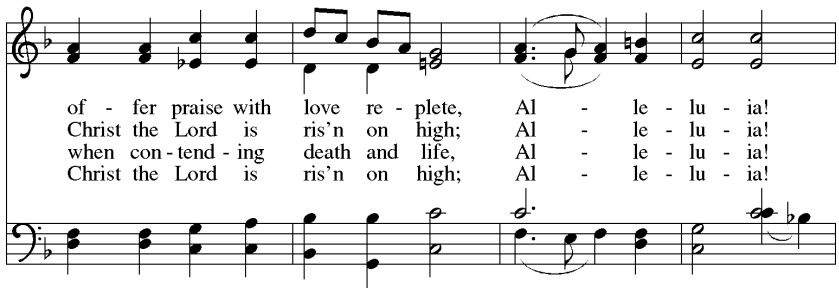
GATHERING HYMN: Christ, the Lord is Risen Today! Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead, Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

GATHERING LITANY

Out of fear Jesus was put to death.

Out of fear his body was sealed in the tomb.

The Light of God is stronger than any darkness.

The love of God breaks forth into the world.

Out of fear the disciples hid from the world.

Out of fear they locked the doors.

The Light of God is stronger than any darkness.

The peace of God breaks forth into world.

Jesus Christ has freed us from our sins.

The Holy Spirit enriches our faith.

We gather to praise God for His grace.

Together we bear witness to God's love.

Praise God whose Light shatters the darkness.

Praise the Eternal One who transforms our lives.

Alleluia! Blessed is the Lord, the Almighty!

Alleluia! With joy we shine God's light!

APOSTOLIC 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.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM *I Thank You, Lord* Joseph M. Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

Psalm 150 (Read Responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.

²**Praise God for mighty acts;**
praise God for exceeding greatness.

³Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise God with tambourine and dance;**
praise God with strings and pipe.

⁵Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything that has breath**
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The assembly stands, if able, to welcome the gospel.)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

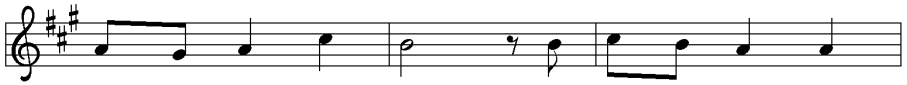
This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Presentation

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of St. Peter's. Cam Norris; Kate Rengers; Brain, Danielle, Carter, and Mackenzie Johns; Curt, Amanda, Ethan, and Luke Johns have come to our congregation from various other Christian backgrounds.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Cam, Kate, Brian, Danielle, Carter, Mackenzie, Curt, Amanda, Ethan, and Luke whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God,
and do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism
among God's people in this place?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Cam, Kate, Brian, Danielle, Carter, Mackenzie, Curt, Amanda, Ethan, and Luke in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Together we confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize and the faith that grounds our shared community of believers.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Continue to graciously pour out upon Cam, Kate, Brian, Danielle, Carter, Mackenzie, Curt, Amanda, Ethan, and Luke along with this assembly, and all your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Let us welcome these brothers and sisters in Christ into the fullness of our community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

(Please remain standing after peace is shared)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life.

The response for each petition is:

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING SONG: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
Ea - ster tri - umph Ea - ster joy! This a -
Now no more can death app-all, Now no



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
lone can sin des - troy; from sin's pow'r Lord set us free,
more the grave en-thrall; you have op-ened par-a-dise,



flow- ing from his wound-ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
new - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!
and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. (*silence*) Blessed are you, **O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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.

THE PROPER PREFACE (*It is indeed right... Join their unending hymn*)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way,
at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and help us to pray:
**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**

INSTRUCTION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

At this time Pastor will take a moment to explain how the distribution of Holy Communion will take place from our seats. The explanation will conclude with the Invitation to Communion and then we will commune.

The elements of the Sacrament are offered with these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. And The blood of Christ, shed for you.

For children who do not communion, lay hand(s) on each child and offer this or another blessing:

"May the Risen Christ fill your heart with unending peace and love. Amen"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.
Hallelujah!

COMMUNION

BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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.**

SENDING SONG: Thine Is the Glory
(Located on the next page of this bulletin)

SHARING FOR SERVING: BIRTHDAYS AND MISSION NOTICES

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Voices Exultant* *Roy E. Nolte*

RECOGNITION OF ARTISTS:

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SENDING SONG: Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Loy - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for April

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause will support EDCO Park.



If you would like to support this cause, please mark the other line on your contribution envelope EDCO.

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Jan Hogan	Joyce Hayes
Luke Clawson	David English
Cole Barkley	Amy Anthony
Paul Mulneix (surgery)	Lucille Wingard
Diane Marburger	

Please hold these members and friends of St. Peter's in your prayers.
"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

*Today's Altar Flowers
are given by Karen Ferrari
In loving memory of my
grandparents
Philip & Mabel Harbaugh*

*The eternal candle is
given by Marlene Domhoff
In loving memory of
Bob Domhoff*

Thank You- to Beverly and Troy Barkley who worked on the refreshing all of the outdoor flower beds in preparation of Easter. The new mulch and weeding look great! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to St. Peter's property and so much more.

Pirates Game Outing- Saturday, June 18th at 4:00 pm. If you would like to attend this outing, sign up in Luther Hall or email the church office so we can add your name to the list. The cost to attend the game is \$25 a person and includes a \$5 food voucher. Carpooling can be arranged if there is a need.



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

is a congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

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Lector	Patti Flach
Acolyte	Seth Price
Bell Ringer	Adam Price
Ushers	Casey & Dan Guerriero

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:

Tue. – Fri.	3:30 pm	After School Program
Mon. April 25	7:00 pm	Boy/Cub Scouts Meeting
		Learning Ministry Meeting
Tue. April 26	7:00 pm	Dorcas Circle
Wed. April 27	5:30 pm	Manna Night
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur. April 28	9:00 am	Quilters
	7:00 pm	Bible Study

Communion at the Rail – will be optional starting Sunday, May 1st. Communion elements will continue to be offered on the reading tables for those who would like to remain at their seats.

Rummage Sale – clean and ready to sell items are needed for our rummage sale on May 13th and 14th. We do not accept clothing or large appliances. Proceeds will benefit the brick loan, manna night, and the St. Peter's Lutherlyn Campers. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** See Patti Flach if you are able to help.

St. Peter's Clean Up Day – save the date now to volunteer to help with the long list of things that need attention here at St. Peter's. The annual work day will be Saturday, June 11th beginning at 8 am.

**JUNE
6-10**

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All full day camps are 7:30 am - 5:30 pm \$150 week

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Early bird discount of \$5 for 1/2 day if enrolled by 6-1-22

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Welcome to St. Peter's

We are thankful that you are here to worship with other Christians today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that your worship experience will fill you with the grace and mercy of Almighty God through his Holy Spirit.



Newcomers and Guests

New to St. Peter's? Please sign the GUEST REGISTER behind the last pew. A handicapped accessible RESTROOM is located near the Van Buren Street entrance (through Luther Hall, past the kitchen, restroom is on the left in the foyer). You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice.

Nursery- is self-serve and available on for children and caregivers. Exit the rear of the nave and follow the steps to the basement, the nursery is on the left. The service can be heard through an intercom in the nursery. There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary and children's bulletins geared to children ages 5 and up.

Office Hours:

Heidi Beahm, our secretary, is in the church office Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM until Noon.

Pastor Johns can also be reached at the church.

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