

The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

May 25, 2025 8 AM & 10:15AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Participants in the service:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

8AM: Lector & Intercessor: David Cooper

10:15AM: Chalice: Bob Crocker

Acolytes: Eva Crocker, Logan Houdyshell, Anthony Williams

Lector: Eva Crocker, Anthony Williams

Chalice: David Cooper

Pianist: Ella Rockhold

Intercessor: Vickie Bono

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

The Word of God

Prelude

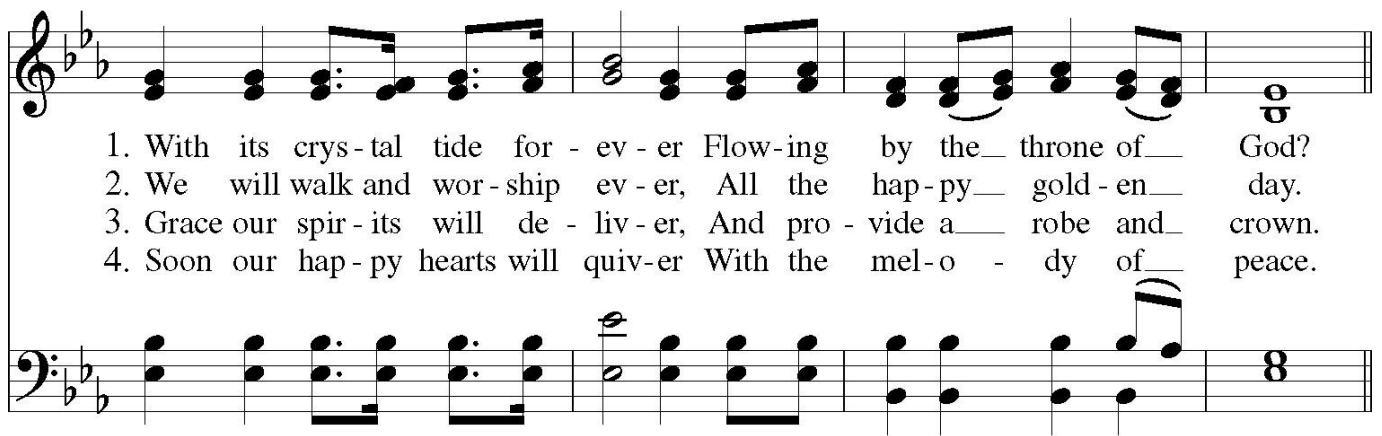
Processional Hymn

“Shall we gather at the River”

Robert Lowry



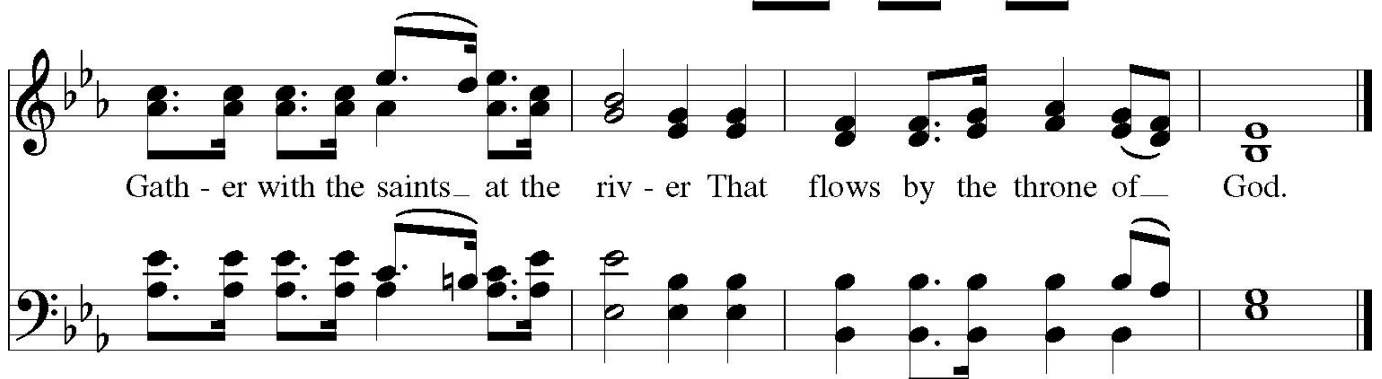
1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

The people standing, the Celebrant says
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn of Praise #420 (vs. 1, 5) "When in our music God is glorified" *Engelberg*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The people remain standing

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles. (16:9-15)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (21:10, 22-22:5)

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn (pg.11)

“I heard the voice of Jesus say”

Kingsfold

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (5:1-9)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 the People – Form VI *(Please kneel.)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people pray together the names on the parish prayer list. Then they may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	David Cottrill - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Heyward Roberts - healing	Amanda Morris – healing
Joyce Haynes – eye safety & healing	Charles Sterchak – healing	Lynn VanFossen - healing
Sandy Carpenter – recovering from surgery	Jody Landrith – healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Sterling Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Hal Foss	Julia Lee	John Stevens	Ellis Corra
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	David White	Chris Angotti
Doris Lowe	Gary Greer	Wendy Meridith	Colleen Parsons
Lois Switzer			

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The people may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Celebrant

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

Offertory Music

Doxology (pg. 12)

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your

Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus # S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn #S154

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

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Music

Post Communion Hymn #676

“There is a balm in Gilead”

Balm in Gilead

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Anniversaries and birthdays: Kinley Houdyshell

Closing Hymn #492

“Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness”

Finnian

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;

go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere

you may go

Please remain seated for the bagpipes.

“America the Beautiful”

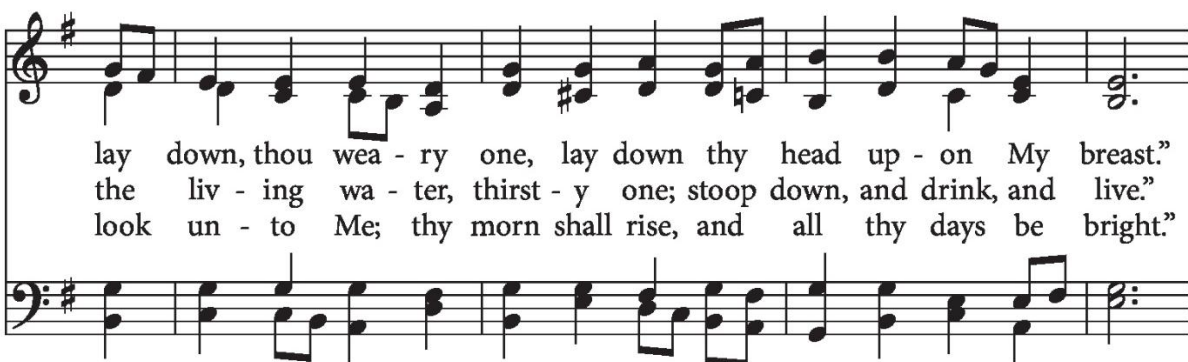
Sequence Hymn

"I heard the voice of Jesus say"

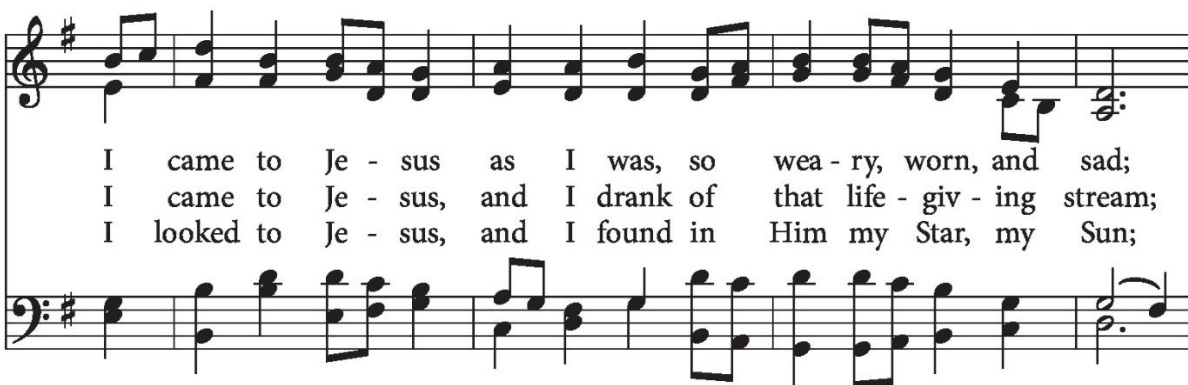
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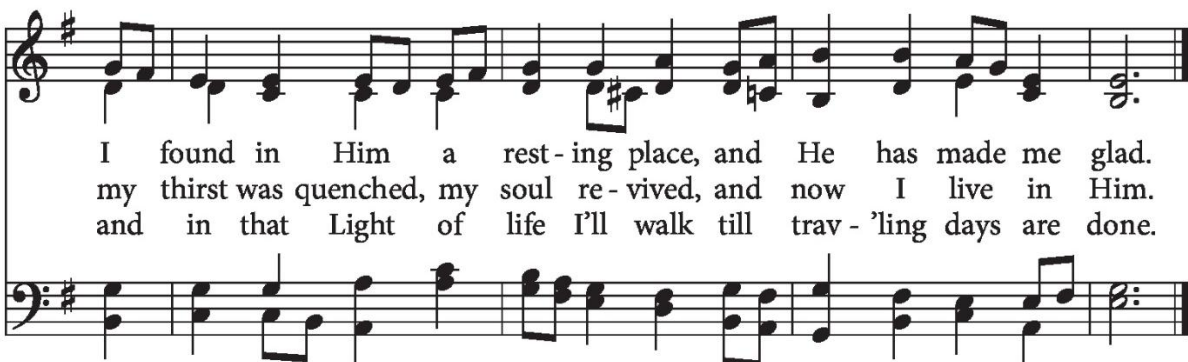
1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;



lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy head up - on My breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down, and drink, and live."
look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise, and all thy days be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, and He has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.
and in that Light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures

here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -

bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of Almighty God in honor of the birthday of Rebecca Ann Cooper by her parents Carolynne & David Cooper.

Last Sunday Supper – TODAY is the Last Sunday Supper for families in our neighborhood. We begin set-up and cooking at 1PM. All servers need to be here by 5:15PM to begin serving at 5:30PM.

Worship! Serve! Proclaim! – You gave the money (Thank You!!!) Admire our new roof and the kitchen work begins next week.

Episcopal 101 Class – Katie Beth has started an Episcopal 101 class on Tuesdays at 7PM via zoom. This class focuses on learning about the Episcopal Church for those wishing to be confirmed or those wanting to know more about the Episcopal Church. This will be every Tuesday through June 10th. A zoom link was emailed to all on our email list. If you did not receive this email, make sure we have your email address and we will send it to you.

Open Altar Flower dates: If you would like to give flowers in memory/thanksgiving of someone or an event in your life, we have several open flower dates in which to choose from, June 1, July 6, 13, 20, & 27. Currently the flowers are \$50 per vase or you may split the cost with a friend. Starting in July the cost will increase to \$65 a vase and the Columbarium arrangements will be \$30. This increase is due to the increase in tariffs since most flowers come from abroad. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

Bible Study – We have 2 Bible Study groups led by David Cooper. One group meets from 4:15 – 5:15 PM and is discussing 1 John, 2 John and 3 John. This group will pause for summer break after May 28th. The other group meets from 5:15 – 6:15PM and is studying First Kings. You are welcome to attend either group. This group will take a summer break in July and August and resume in the fall.

Blood Drive – The Red Cross Blood Drive at Trinity is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3 from 11 AM – 4 PM. You must get an appointment time for June 3rd. Contact the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and book your appointment.

Sign Up Now – On Sunday, June 8, we will celebrate Pentecost and Youth Sunday with one service at 10:15 followed by a hot dog and burger cookout on the playground. We will provide the meat. Please sign up to bring drinks, a side or a dessert. If you have a canopy to provide shade, please bring it. We do already have one large one but more will help.

Adults! If you never had a chance to be an acolyte, you are in luck. We need 3 adults to serve as acolytes on Youth Sunday, June 8th. Training (how to carry a torch or Gospel book) will be provided. Leave a message for Ginger to volunteer.



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!