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> Fifth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Baptism and Holy Communion July 2, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands as they are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

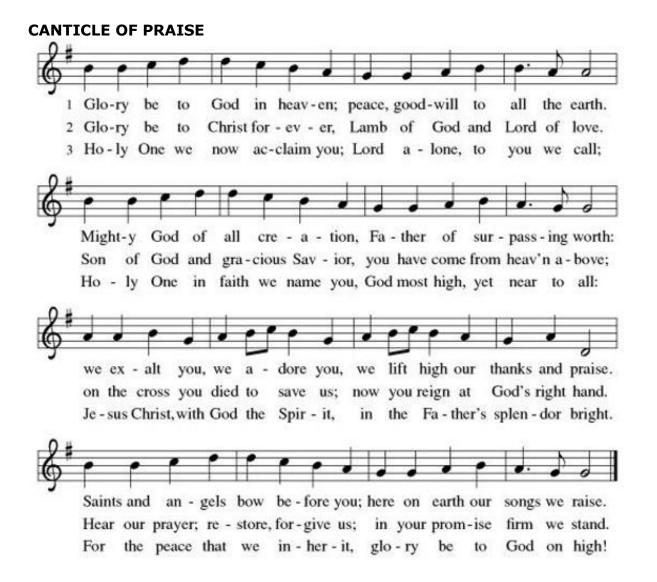
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG #641 All Are Welcome



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.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

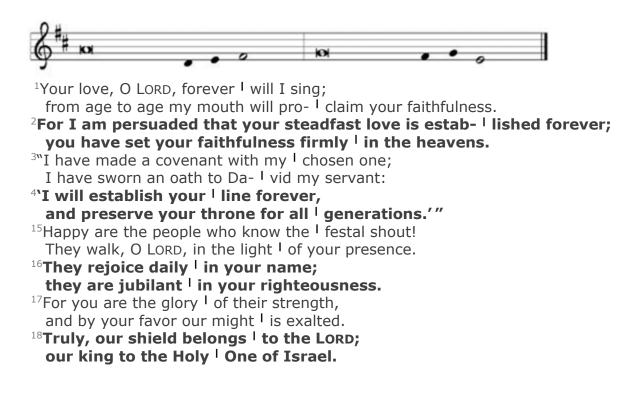
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9 A reading from Jeremiah.

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18



SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Romans.

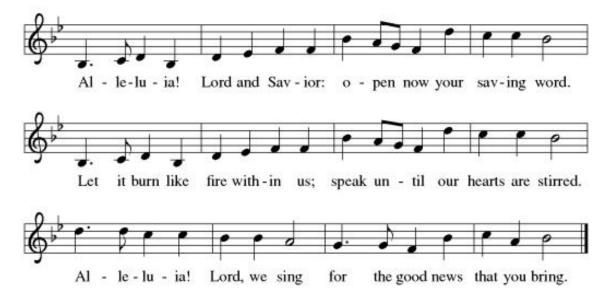
Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42 The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰^wWhoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON



BAPTISM OF WESLEY JAMES HERBST

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors and parents gather with the minister at the font.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? *Parents:* **I do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? *Parents:* **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Wesley James in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Wesley James and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents, sponsors, and people of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Response:* **I renounce them.**

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Wesley James Herbst, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Wesley James Herbst with 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.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Wesley James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. Bring peace to our world. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill especially, Arthur, Rachel, Mary Ellen, Michelle, Bill M., Andrew, Bill F., Bill D., Luke and Emilie; for any near death and for all who grieve especially the family and friends of Catherine Pernice, those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19, and those we name before you now (pause). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Pastor) Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous financial support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, you may give in person, by mail or by visiting our website for online giving. Donations: <u>standrewsofsmithtown.org/donate</u>

OFFERTORY HYMN #184 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

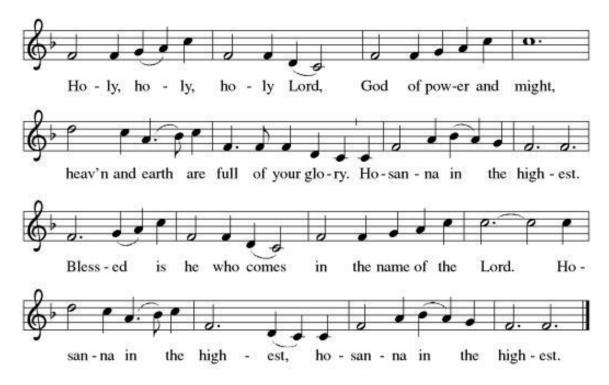
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

LAMB OF GOD



Body of Christ, given for you. Blood of Christ, shed for you.



***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

This morning we welcome Pastor John Jurik.

Flowers on the Altar this week are in loving memory of Archer Drew and in honor of Jim's birthday, by Dot, Jim and the Clavell family.

A Special Meeting of the St. Andrew's Voters' Assembly will be held on July 9, 2023, at 11:45 AM in the church sanctuary, for the sole purpose to vote on the Executive Committee's recommendation to adopt the proposed constitution as presented at the regular June meeting. We strongly encourage all eligible voters to attend this special meeting in July. In the meantime, we look forward to addressing any questions you may have regarding the proposed constitution.

Smithtown Food Pantry - volunteers needed for August.

August is St. Andrews month for volunteering at the Smithtown Food Pantry! Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:30am-12:30pm. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Your time and help is needed and appreciated! COVID vaccinations are required in order to volunteer. Please contact Julie Francis at 303-898-2511 with any questions.

The food pantry is currently in need of basic non-perishable foods, such as:

Cereal, peanut butter, mac and cheese, tomato sauce, tuna fish, canned chicken We thank you for any donations.

Pastor Paul Downing of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Port Jefferson Station serves as our coverage pastor. He can be reached anytime for pastoral care and emergencies at cell# 347-423-3623. If he is unable to answer, please leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible. He can also be reached by email at <u>pastorpauldowning@yahoo.com</u>. Questions about meetings and day to day activities at St. Andrew's should still be directed to the office at 631.265.2288 or <u>info@standrewsofsmithtown.org</u>.

Pastor Paul Downing invites you to join him and the St. Paul's community for weekly Bible Study and/or Prayer Group.

Bible Study : 9:30am Wednesday mornings on Zoom (meeting ID 977-887-967)

Bible Study : 10:30am Wednesday mornings In Person at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Port Jefferson Station

Prayer Group: 10:30am Friday mornings In Person and via Zoom (meeting ID 800-555-016) at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (2 July 2023) THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Family and friends of Catherine Pernice, who has been called home to Christ. Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family] Rachel Boccio Chris Kelly, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell] Mary Ellen Sconzo [requested by Grabrielle Sconzo] Margie Costello and the brother of Joe Costello [requested by Joe Costello & family] Bill Michalski, father in law of Jessica Davis Michalski [requested by Cindy Davis] Robert & Pat Richards, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad] Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice] Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann] Jack & Adam Souza [requested by Laura Kostecki] Ellen Bell [requested by Dorothy Graf] Gavin Lahann[requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann] Luke Meyveci [requested by Dana Sanzone] Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy] Sara Larson [requested by Julie & Michael Francis] Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson] Chris Peck, Bob Widmer, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman] Tracey Parisi, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English] Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke] Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn] Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna] Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles] Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family] Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor] Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family] Zach Hills [requested by Brian & Diane Marley] Bernadette Uneberg [requested by John Hinsch] David Travis [requested by Richard Travis] Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton] The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella] Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski] Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen] Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca] Amy Kitay [requested by Diana Smiloff]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Sgt Eric Hodosky Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch] Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin] Corporal August Detting Major William Fortin