



# The Parishioner

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

"I believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." This is affirmed in the Apostles' Creed. With the Nicene Creed we affirm, "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." The Athanasian Creed puts it this way: "He (Jesus) will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming *all people shall rise bodily* to give an account of their own deeds." The order of these affirmations is important: life everlasting involves the resurrected body.

When we affirm our belief in the resurrection of the body, we are not at that point referring to **Jesus'** resurrection; we are affirming the promise of our own bodily resurrection. The reason we are affirming the promise of our own is, of course, the resurrection of Jesus himself. He is the first-fruit from the dead; he paved the way. Because he lives, we live. Because he was raised, we will be raised.

This truth, this affirmation is the climax of the gospel message. For that reason, I am always surprised by the response of many who hear this truth proclaimed. In the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 24, we read about the appearance of the risen Jesus to the disciples. During this time Jesus – the resurrected Jesus – says to the disciples, "See my hands and feet....Touch me, and see. A spirit does not have flesh and bone as you see that I have." The resurrected Jesus carries the wounds of his crucifixion; he has flesh and bone! This alone should put to rest any questions about the physicality of the resurrected body.

God created the world and saw each day that it was good. On the sixth day, when he had created the man and the woman, he saw that his creation "was very good". We must remember that "flesh and blood and bone" are part of God's good creation. Like the rest of creation, humanity was infected by sin. When God set about to redeem the world, he sent his Son to become flesh – genuine human flesh. When the crucified and buried Son was raised from the dead, his flesh was transformed, but it remained real flesh and bone. Jesus made that clear in Luke 24 (and in John 20 & 21). He drove the point home by asking them for something to eat and eating it "in front of them" (Luke 24.43 [and implied in John 21.9-10]).

One of the unfortunate aspects of much popular teaching about "the end of the world" is the notion that God is going to destroy this world forever, free us from our flesh (which is viewed as evil) and take us to heaven where we will live with him forever. The belief that flesh is evil, that the soul is good and that our hope is to be set free so that we can become eternal spirits is a pagan teaching; it is not biblical.

When believers die and go to heaven, that time is temporary, not forever. When Christ returns, we will be raised, first those who are "asleep" (i.e., dead), then those who are still alive (see 1 Thessalonians 4; 1 Corinthians 15)). As Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 15 (a passage that many well-meaning believers ignore or misinterpret), the resurrection will involve a body, a body that will be *spiritually empowered and driven*, as opposed to the present corruptible body that is plagued by sin.

When God redeems creation (see Paul's passionate argument in Romans 8), there will be a new heaven and new earth. Creation will return to the state God intended when he created it in the first place. To live on the New Heaven-New Earth will require new bodies. That is why we will be raised. We will be like the resurrected Jesus, who has flesh and bones.

If you are interested in reading further on this, I recommend to you the following books (I have included the ISBNs in case you want to purchase one or all three; if you want just one, I highly recommend Wright's book, *Surprised by Hope*.):

- Wright, N. T. *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*. New York: HarperOne, 2008 [9780061551826].
- Thiselton, Anthony C. *Life after Death: A New Approach to the Last Things*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012 [9780802866653].
- Baker Academic, 2014 [ISBN 9780801048685].



With you in hope and ministry,

*Pastor Phillips*

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May dates to remember

- 5/1 – Sunday, Confirmation**, 9:00 am. Worship Service
- 5/4 – Wednesday, 3T**, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 – Thursday, Romans Bible Study**, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 5/8 – Mother's Day Weekend**, Potted flower for women in attendance at worship services
- 5/10 – Tuesday, Council Meeting**, 6:00 pm in the Conference Room
- 5/15 – Sunday, Service of Installation**, 9:00 am, Reception to follow
- 5/16 – Monday, Learn Hebrew Class**, 6:30 pm
- 5/17 – Tuesday, Worship & Music Meeting**, 6:00 pm
- 5/22 – Sunday, Three Rivers Ringers Concert**, 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary, Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall
- 5/24 – Eve Bible Study**, 3:00 pm, in the Family Bible Classroom, The study that day is "Right or Righteous" from the study book, "Rejoice in the Lord, Always!"
- 5/26 – Thursday, Ascension Day Worship**, 7:00 pm
- 5/30 – Monday, Happy Memorial Day**
- \*Every Tuesday, Bell Choir practice @ 5:00 pm, Sanctuary Choir practice @ 6:00 pm, \*Every Wednesday, Children's Hour, 9:30 am – 11:30 am, \*Every Thursday, Katie's Kitchen, 5:00 pm, Romans Bible Study @ 6:30 pm**

Congregational Council

Next meeting,  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022,  
6:00 p.m.

Please have your reports into the office by  
Thursday, May 5, 2022

Envelopes will be available for pick-up in  
your mailboxes, Sunday, May 8.

*2022 Council Officers*  
*President, Richard Beamer,*  
*Vice-President, Michael Montag,*  
*Secretary, Sherry Atkison,*  
*Treasurer, Sherry Young*

*Please keep our Church Council in your prayers as they make decisions for our church family.*

St. Mark's Financial Overview  
2022

\$29,801.12 Receipts

\$37,456.85 Expenses

(\$7,655.73) Deficit



Flower Dates Available!

9/04/2022, 10/23/2022

Purchasing flowers for the Altar, Pulpit & Lectern are a wonderful way to make our sanctuary a little more beautiful and to honor people you love or the gift of memorable events in your lives.

Call the church office for available dates in 2022!

## Confirmed in Christ

Do you remember your confirmation? What did it mean to you? Do you remember your confirmation verse? Do you remember your brothers and sisters who were confirmed with you? Did you know that you are living out your confirmation? Did you know that confirmation is the living out of your faith, the faith in which you were baptized?

On the first **Sunday** in May (**1 May**), three of our young people will be confirmed. **Carolina Crispen, Noah Hahn, and Nicole Michel** will stand before us to confirm their faith in Christ and to renew their commitment to walk in that faith. I will say to them what I have said to each of the confirmands in the past: "Confirmation is not graduation." As brothers and sister in Christ, we are each part of his body, the Church. We belong together and need each other. We are accountable to each other. As we witness and celebrate confirmation, please let **Carolina, Nicole, and Noah** know that they will always be in your prayers and that you will always support them in their life in Christ.



St. Marks's is blessed with many amazing youth, and a few of them are graduates this year. We pray that God will shine through them as they go forward on the next part of their journey.

### High School Graduates

- \*Braden Marcellus - Butler Senior High School, Attending Mt. Aloysius College; majoring in History - Secondary Education
- \*Jacob Pomykata - Butler Senior High School, Attending John Hopkins University; majoring in Neuroscience; Playing Football
- \*Collin Patterson - Butler Senior High School, Attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Playing baseball
- \*Amari Madliger - Butler Senior High School, Attending Butler Community College
- \*Lloyd Edwards - Butler Senior High School, Enlisting in the United States Marines

### College Graduates

- \*Shawn Marcellus - La Roche University; Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Chemistry; Continue education/work in the medical field
- \*Reuben Holt IV - Grove City College; Bachelor of Science in Industrial Business Management with a minor in Accounting; Continue to study for the Certified Public Accounting exam/work in the accounting field
- \*Tanner Cavalero - Penn State University; Bachelor of Science in Biology

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Please help us acknowledge and celebrate any graduates we may have missed. Let the church office know so that we can include them in the June Parishioner. Call the church office, (724) 287-6741 or Email, [wendy.holt@stmarksbutler.org](mailto:wendy.holt@stmarksbutler.org) with the graduate's name, where they have graduated from and any future plans. We will publish and add them to our prayers of joy and support for the next step of their journey.

## *Notes from Katie's Kitchen for May 2022...*

**W**ow, it is May already! Such a beautiful month of celebrating Mothers, flowers, and the beginning of Summer! Hope this finds you all well and enjoying each day that God gives us.

May is always a good time to remember all of those women who have given us life- both physically, emotionally, & intellectually. There is so much more to motherhood than just giving birth. We need to remember all of those women who throughout our lives who have taken care of us & supported us in all seasons of our lives. All of those relatives, teachers, neighbors, mentors, even employers who have guided us & directed us along the way are a part of who we are & what we do. We have learned so much from their examples as they share their life experiences with us. All of their joys & sorrows provide a bit of insight into this whole life experience. Take a minute to think of all of those women, young or old, who have been a part of your life & how they have contributed to your growth.....I dare say that we have all been very blessed by at least several of these special ladies! If you can this month, give a hug, send a note, or say a prayer for all of these important women. They deserve to be recognized as special in our lives. Who & where we are had they not been a part of our lives?

Notes from the Kitchen....

- Totals are in from the Gala & Art Show! Each of the 5 community dinner churches received a check for \$3131.30 as a result of the generosity of our Butler community. You have no idea how important these dollars are to our meals. This will allow all of us to continue to provide fresh, nutritious, hot meals to the folks in our area who are in desperate need. As Raylene J continues to remind me- "God Provides"! He certainly has blessed us with so much to be thankful for!
- When I was hired as manager in November of 2019, one of my responsibilities was to insure the safety & security of our volunteers (who are fantastic, by the way! ♥). As part of this, current Act 33/34 clearances are required for each volunteer. It really has been on the back burner for me, as there just have been too many other issues that have gotten in the way. However, I am finally getting around to getting out information to those who volunteer at KK. Many volunteers already have clearances that they need through other organizations. If you are volunteering & already have clearances, just make a copy for my files. I am hoping to get this completed as soon as possible but realize it will probably take several weeks to get them all up to date. I will have paper copies of the forms that you can use if you have trouble getting them online. Since you are getting these clearances to volunteer, I believe there should be NO COST for these. I appreciate everyone's cooperation in getting this done. No one likes these but it's just the state of our world today 😊

To all mothers & caregivers, the important work you do each day for your family, neighbors, & community is the glue that holds our society together. God has blessed us with your presence to aid us. Never take for granted your influence on those around you!♥

♥HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ♥

*Justine*



## Mother's Day Weekend, May 7 & 8

Bring your "Mom" to Church on Mother's Day Weekend and give the gift of **Worship** to your Mom, Grand-Mom, Surrogate-Mom, and/or the Mom "Person" in your life! A potted flower, from the St. Mark's Christian Education Department, will be offered to all women in attendance.

*"Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup>"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."<sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."* ~ Proverbs 31:28-30

## Children's Hour End-of-Year Program Wednesday Evening, May 4 @ 6:00 PM

The kids are excited to show their parents, grandparents, neighbors, & friends what they have learned this year. Come see the blessings that are poured out through this community ministry. All are **WELCOME** to attend!





## KIDS CHURCH

Games! Lessons! Studies!

Puppet Skits! Crafts!

Takes place at the 9:00  
Sunday Service during the  
Sermon

The kids start in the  
Sanctuary, before the Sermon  
they head downstairs to the  
room by the elevator with the  
leader. They will come back  
up for Communion.

Parent pick up is in Schramm  
Hall after Sunday School.

Kids ages 4 to Confirmation  
age are welcomed to learn in  
a kid friendly way at  
Children's Church.—takes  
place every Sunday in the  
Month of May.

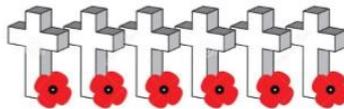


## Confirmation

The Confirmation  
students completed their  
two year study and will be  
confirmed on Sunday, May  
1st, during the 9AM  
Service.

Everyone is invited to a  
cake reception will follow  
in the Chapel.

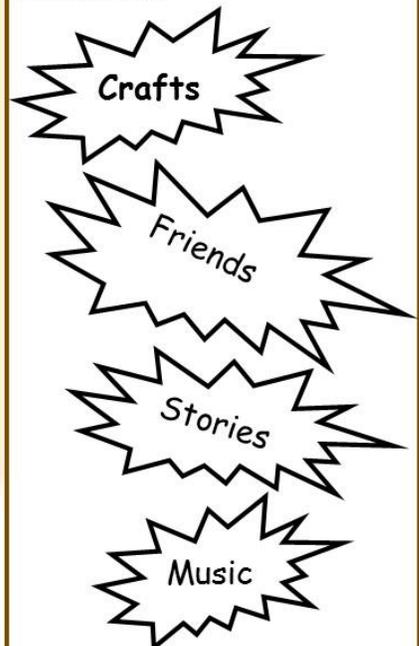
Congratulations to  
Carolina Brianna Crispin,  
Nicole Patricia Michel,  
and Noah Thompson-Hahn



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday morning at  
10:15. Classes for all ages  
(including two year olds and  
adults).

Sunday School is a great time  
to learn about God with "age-  
appropriate" lessons and  
discussions.



\*\*\* Last class before  
summer break will be  
Sunday, May 29th.

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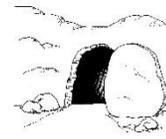
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Children's Hour & Youth Sunday School  
Celebrating Easter

*He is not here,  
he has Risen!*



**"David" Overnight Tour**



St. Mark's Church Evangelism Committee is planning an overnight tour to Lancaster, PA to see **"David"** presentation at the Millennial Theater (Sight & Sound), and **Chalk Talk**, a presentation of stories while the narrator completes portraits in chalk, at Elva's Studio.

Departure date is **Monday, June 27, 2022** from the parking lot near Ollie's at Moraine Point Plaza, returning on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

More information by the elevator or from Bob Niggel, 724-445-2696

**\*Response is needed ASAP\***

## Meals On Wheels

BAKER'S NEEDED!

June is the month for St. Mark's to provide desserts for *Meals on Wheels*. Over 100 clients are served daily, so your desserts are greatly needed and appreciated! Donations of angel food cakes, cookies, brownies, quick breads – **all with no nuts or icing**, as well as pies, **no cream or nuts**. Donations of cake mixes, brownie mixes, eggs, and vegetable oil will be accepted to be baked by the Meals on Wheels volunteers. All items should be packaged for freezing and placed in Fellowship Hall kitchen before Sunday, June 12. George Bonnett will pick up all items on Monday, June 13



## 80+ Luncheon, Tuesday,

### May 24, 2022

- Fellowship, Food, Friends!
- Communion will be shared **before** lunch @ 12:00 pm.
- Please call the church office before May 17 to make your reservations; (724) 287-6741



Hope to see you there!



## \*New Opportunity\*

שמע ישראל יהנה אליהנו יהנה אחד:

All are WELCOME! Bring a friend!

- You are invited to join in the adventure of learning Biblical Hebrew. We had an initial meeting on 25 April. Participants have been given the information for ordering the book (Gary D. Pratico and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar*. Third Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2019 [ISBN 9780310533498]).
- Our next class will be on **Monday, 16 May, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room. If you're curious, please see me or come to the class. Blessings, Pastor Phillips

*"Learn everything you can, anytime you can, from anyone you can; there will always come a time when you will be grateful you did."* – Sarah Caldwell

## THREERIVERS RINGERS

## Spring 2022 Concert

Reverberations

Don't miss the chance to see and hear this wonderful group of musicians!

**Sunday, May 22 @ 4:30 pm in St. Mark's Sanctuary**

**Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall**

Ring in the spring with Three Rivers Ringers! Pittsburgh's premier handbell ensemble presents **Reverberations**, a celebration of the most exciting and dynamic music written for bells, including works by Fred Gramann, Jason W. Krug and Bill Payn. Bring the whole family for a lively evening of beautiful music, from a setting of Vaughan Williams' *King Weston* to the rhythmic *São Paulo*, the powerful *Psalms of Peace* and more!



### News ~ from the NALC March Newsletter

Read more @ <https://thenalc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/NALC-March-2022-Outlined-web.pdf>



Lutheran World Relief, an NALC ministry partner, is providing emergency cash support and delivering food and personal care items to Ukrainian refugees in Poland. LWR has provided essential supplies including milk, energy biscuits, personal hygiene products and room partition panels to the Evangelical-Augsburg Church of St. Martin in Krakow, Poland, which has established a hostel for Ukrainian women and children. LWR is shipping and distributing LWR quilts and personal care kits in partnership with Polish Humanitarian Action. The initial distribution includes 8,000 care kits and 7,400 quilts. You can learn more about LWR's response at [lwr.org](http://lwr.org)

## Join Us! Ascension Day Worship Service, Thursday, May 26 @ 7:00 pm.

The Season of Easter ends on 29 May, with the seventh Sunday of Easter. The following Sunday (5 June) is Pentecost Sunday, followed by Holy Trinity Sunday (12 June). But there is another feast before that: the Ascension of Our Lord (Thursday, 26 May). For the first time in many years, we will hold a service of worship at 7:00 p.m. on Ascension Day. While it is permissible to celebrate the Ascension on the following, I believe it is much better to give this celebration the “time and attention” it deserves. At the ascension, the incarnate, crucified, and risen Jesus was enthroned as Lord. It is precisely because of the Ascension/Reign of Jesus that the Holy Spirit brings His life to those who come to faith in Him. Pentecost is an extension of Ascension. Each of these is part of the whole story of God’s redemptive work in Christ and by the Holy Spirit. With the celebration of Pentecost, we move seamlessly from “all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven” (Acts 1.1-2) into the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’ followers, so that Jesus would continue in and through them what he began to do and teach.

Please join me and all your brothers and sisters in Christ in observing and celebrating this powerful and necessary act of grace. Let us, with this celebration on 26 May, renew our faith in the incarnate, crucified, risen, and ascended Jesus. Let us obey the words of St. Paul: “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10.9), remembering that “no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 10.3).



CONGRATULATION! Madaline Golec celebrating **another** three digit birthday, in April. Your St. Mark’s family loves you very much! XXOOXO

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*"Success is not final, failure is not fatal:  
it is the courage to continue that counts."  
- Winston Churchill*



WELCOME! to newly baptized member  
Mason Thomas Kradel, son of Todd & Sara Kradel



WELCOME! to new members  
Carol Anne Hahn & Mario Lopes

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: **What did the mother worm say to the little worm who was late?**



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A: "Where **in** earth have you been?"

Members of St. Marks,

My life was forever changed the morning of March 6<sup>th</sup>. On that date, my best friend and partner was called to his Heavenly home. It is through all the kind words, cards and friendship of church members that I am able to

*Thank You!*

continue on without Bill. My heartfelt thanks to all of you and a special thanks for the memorial red rose. So very much appreciated, Barb Pflueger

## May gardening tips for zone 6 (Butler, PA area) [Zone 6 - Monthly Garden Calendar: Chores and Planting Guide | Sow True Seed](#)

- You can still start seeds indoors of okra, pumpkin, cucumber, summer and winter squash, and melons. Sow vine crops in individual peat pots since these do not transplant well if roots are disturbed.
- Outdoors you can sow seeds directly into the garden for beets, carrots, chard, kohlrabi, late cabbage, lettuce, mustard, collards, turnips, radish, spinach, onion sets, onion seeds for bunching onions.
- Plant new trees and shrubs by the end of the month.
- Keep "hilling up" potatoes. [*If you were able to plant them in March!*]
- Begin hardening-off frost tender plants now including vegetables, herbs, perennial and annual flowers that have been started indoors.
- Fertilize perennial flowers now as growth is beginning. Most will only need fertilizing every three years and only at this time of year.
- If the forecast looks good, sow seeds outdoors of beans, okra, pumpkin, sweet corn, and watermelon. Plant only partial rows of beans and sweet corn so that successive plantings can be done every week or two. Sweet corn should be planted in paired rows or blocks for good pollination.
- By the end of this month, it should be safe to plant almost everything outdoors -tender annual flowers like impatiens as well as tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. Houseplants, too, can be moved to a shady spot in the yard for their summer vacations.
- Plant sweet potato slips after the soil has warmed, this may not be until the beginning of June.
- Cover Brassica crops with floating row cover to protect from cabbage moth and flea beetle damage if these little critters have been a problem in the past.
- Colorado potato beetle adults, eggs and larvae can be hand-picked to remove or sprayed with an organic insecticide, spinosid if infestation is bad. Adults are yellow and black striped beetles. The eggs are yellow and laid in groups on the undersides of leaves. The larvae are humpbacked and red. Look for them on the stem tips. They are present almost all season.
- Also keep an eye out for Striped and spotted cucumber beetles transmit a bacterial wilt to squashes and melons. Adults and eggs can be hand-picked throughout the season.
- Watch for Mexican bean beetle. To be on the safe side you can cover the entire crop with floating row cover as soon as seedlings emerge.
- Aphids of all types show up on a range of host plants as soon as the warm weather arrives. Look for them in newly unfurling foliage and sticky leaves are also a sign of their presence since they secrete a 'honeydew'. Black sooty mold may also in this sticky substance and while alarming looking does little to no damage since it does not penetrate the leaves. Aphids, however, do damage the plant. Spray leaves with a strong jet of water to dislodge most of them. Insecticidal soap is an organic approved product that provides pretty good control as long as the insects are wetted well. A second and third treatment to kill newly hatched eggs may be needed in 5-7 days.
- Squash vine borer adults are 1 inch long, orange and green day-flying moths that are emerging from the soil now. They lay brown, button-shaped, 1/16 inch eggs at the base of the vines of summer and winter squashes. Examine stems daily and remove eggs by hand to prevent burrowing of larvae as they hatch. Wrap lower 6 –12 inches of stem with aluminum foil or floating row cover to prevent egg laying.
- Newly transplanted vegetable plants should be protected from cutworms with collars. Cut strips of cardboard two inches wide by eight inches long, staple them into circles and place them around the plants. Press the collar about one inch into the soil. These collars will fence out the cutworms and protect the stems of the vegetable plants.





# May 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b> 9:00am Worship 10:15am S.S. 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00am 3T 9:30am *C. H. 6:00pm *C. H. End of Year Program	<b>5</b> 5:00pm Katie's Kitchen 6:30pm Study of Romans	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00pm Worship
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	*C. H. = Children's Hour	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Fun Dates to Celebrate in May:</b> May 6 – International NO Diet Day, May 12 – National Limerick Day, May 18 – National No Dirty Dishes Day, May 25 – National Wine Day, May 29 – Learn About Composting Day</p> </div> 				

## Scripture

*"We ask this so that you will live the kind of lives that prove you belong to the Lord. Then you will want to please him in every way as you grow in producing every kind of good work by this knowledge about God."*

– Colossians 1:10 GOD'S WORD Translation

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Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM  
Sunday School: 10:15 AM

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Larry Rettig, Custodian  
Rebecca Veith, Director of Music  
Sherry Young, Treasurer  
Toni Tasse, Financial Secretary

May Scriptures and Prayers

May 1, 2022, -Acts9:1-22, Psalm 30, Revelation5:6-14, John21:1-14

*\*Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud Your majesty and might. By the resurrection of Your Son, show Yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

May 8, 2022 -Acts 20:17-35, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

*\*O God, of peace, You brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of Your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do Your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

May 15, 2022 - Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 150, Revelation 21:1-7, John 16:12-22

*\*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 alone by Your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

May 22, 2022 - Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27, John 16:23-33

*\*Bountiful God, You gather Your people into Your realm, and You promise us food from Your tree of life. Nourish us with You word, that empowered by Your Spirit we may love one another and the world You have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

May 26, 2022 - Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

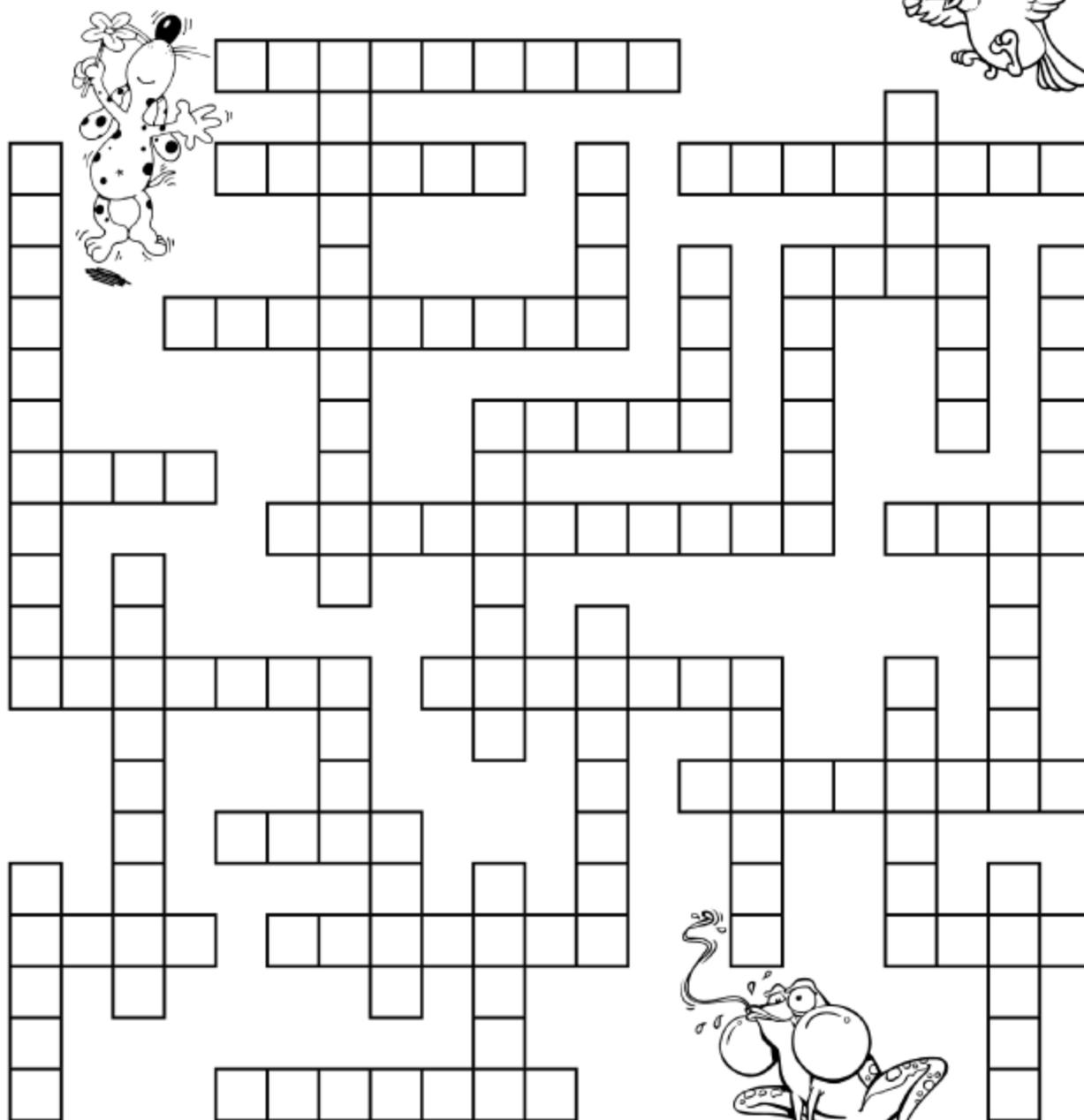
*\*Almighty God, Your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as He promised, He abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

May 29, 2022 - Acts 1:12-26, Psalm 133, Revelation 22:1-11, 12-20, John 17:20-26

*\*O God, form the minds of Your faithful people into Your one will. Make us love what You command and desire what You promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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# SPRING ANIMALS



**4 letter words**

bees    frog  
bugs    lamb  
calf    nest  
eggs    owls  
fawn    worm  
foal    swan

**5 letter words**

birds  
foxes  
geese  
hatch

**6 letter words**

chicks  
kitten  
rabbit  
robins  
snails  
Spring

**7 letter words**

bear cub  
bunnies  
insects  
piglets  
puppies  
sparrow

**8 letter words**

ladybugs  
raccoons  
**9 letter words**  
chipmunks  
dragonfly  
ducklings

**11 letter words**

baby animals  
butterflies  
caterpillar

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