

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

Lectionary Illuminations

Acts 16:16-34

Paul and Silas are unjustly jailed for setting a young girl free from a demon. When all the prisoners are miraculously freed, the jailer recognizes Jesus Christ as Lord.

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John's vision closes with words from Jesus warning against ignoring or denying the truth presented here and exhorting the spread of the good news about God's coming kingdom.

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for the unity of his disciples, that their intimacy and love would be a reflection of the unity and love that God the Father and God the Son enjoy.



Parish Prayer List

Bishop Whitmore, Sister Charis,
Suzie, Audra, Nancy, Thomas,
Elizabeth, Brianna, Lisa, Gail,
Diane, Bill, and William.



Weekly Schedule

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Sarah Geisthardt (June 3)
Christ Shaw (June 5)

June 1 - June 8

Lay ministry team

Lector 1: Sister Charis
Lector 2: Kathy VanWie
Ushers: Andy Prellwitz
Clyde Mansmith

Chalice: Yolanda Meincke
Altar Guild: Andrew Dowling
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Thurifer: Andrew Dowling
Coffee Hour: Sarah & Bob Geisthardt

SUN	1	10:30 AM	Sunday Service		
JUNE					
MON	2	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer		
JUNE					
TUE	3				
JUNE					
WED	4	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer		
JUNE					
THURS	5	7:00 AM	Morning Prayer	3:45 PM	5:30 PM
JUNE				Acolyte Training	Evening Prayer
SUN	8	10:30 AM	Sunday Service		
JUNE					

Lay ministry team

Lector 1: Jolene Schatzinger
Lector 2: Henrik Schatzinger
Ushers: Barb Jorgensen
Clyde Mansmith

Chalice: Jolene Schatzinger
Altar Guild: Barb Jorgensen
Kathy VanWie
Thurifer: Andrew Dowling
Coffee Hour: Henrik & Jolene

Morning Prayer

Mornings at 7 AM

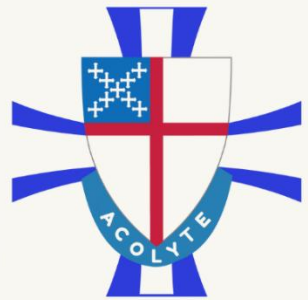
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays



Led by Sister Charis, S.H.N.
Grace Chapel - Lower Level

Acolyte Training

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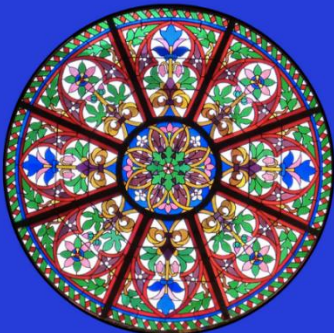
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We warmly welcome you to attend an acolyte training session led by Sister Charis on Thursday, June 5th, at 3:45 PM in the sanctuary. Join us and be a part of something truly significant!

Evening Prayer

Thursdays at 5:30 P.M.

Led by Andrew Dowling, Aspirant to the Priesthood



Historic Sanctuary - Main Level



Last Words

As Martin Luther lay dying, a pastor roused him and asked, "Reverend father, will you die steadfast in Christ and the doctrines you have preached?" Luther replied, "Yes," then fell asleep for the last time. What a way to go! I hope my last words are equally significant. I'd prefer not to die midsentence, ending my life on a throwaway line. I want to die like Luther, confidently affirming what matters most.

What about Jesus' last words? The gospel of Mark says "Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last" (15:37). Matthew agrees, "Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit" (27:50). What was the last, loud cry? Was it a shout of triumph or despair? Did it mark the lowest part of Jesus' suffering or the start of His victory?

We don't have to guess because Luke fills in the blank. He writes, "Then Jesus shouted, 'Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!' and with those words he breathed his last" (23:46). John adds that Jesus also said, 'It is finished!' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (19:30).

Jesus' final cry was a painful shout of trust in God. And because His final words were infused with faith, they wouldn't be His last. God raised Jesus - His precious Son - in triumph, as He will one day raise all who keep faith in Christ.

Mike Wittmer

What would you like your last words to be? Write them down, so loved ones can read them after you're gone. How might you reflect these last words today?

Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit - now and forever.

³³ At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. ³³⁴ Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

³⁵ Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. ³⁶ One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!"

³⁷ Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

³⁹ When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰ Some women were there, watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joseph), and Salome. ⁴¹ They had been followers of Jesus and had cared for him while he was in Galilee. Many other women who had come with him to Jerusalem were also there.

For more devotions similar to this, please use our resource hub across from the parish office. There you will find books to borrow, a prayer labyrinth, and various devotionals developed by Our Daily Bread.