

**St. David's Episcopal Church
1519 Elmwood Rd
Lansing, MI 48917**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

St. David's will be a Christian Community where people may come and experience our love of God, our faith in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Prelude: *Abbot's Leigh*
Processional Hymn #379

-Kim Patterson
"Abbot's Leigh"

+The Word of God+

Salutation
Collect for Purity
Gloria S-280 (Front of blue hymnal)

BCP p. 355
-Powell

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson
Psalm 22:24-30
The Epistle
Gradual Hymn #529

Acts 8:26-40
BCP p. 612
1 John 4:7-21
"McKee"

The Holy Gospel
Sermon
The Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the People – Form VI
Confession
The Peace
Offertory: *I Am the Vine*
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
Presentation Hymn #380, v.3

John 15:1-8
The Rev. Dr. Carol Spangenberg
BCP p. 358
BCP p. 392
BCP p. 360
BCP p. 360
-Allen Pote
"Old 100th"

+The Holy Communion+

The Great Thanksgiving
Sanctus: S-125 (Front of blue hymnal)
Eucharistic Prayer A
Amen: S-146 (Front of blue hymnal)
The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

BCP p. 361
-Proulx
BCP p. 361
-Robinson
BCP p. 364

+The Communion of the Faithful+

All Baptized people who believe in the Sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist are welcome to come forward to receive.

Communion Music
Post-Communion Prayer
Blessing
Announcements/Birthdays and Anniversary Blessings
Recessional Hymn #344
Dismissal
Postlude: *Sicilian Mariners*

BCP p. 365
"Sicilian Mariners"
-Harvey Hahn

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Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Personal Prayers for healing are available immediately following the services today. Simply go to the north (left) end of the communion rail where the Prayer Ministers will spend time praying for your special needs and concerns

THIS WEEK AT ST. DAVID'S

Sunday, April 29

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM – “Between the Services” Bible Discussion – Room 2/5
10:20 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist
1:00 PM – Order of St. Luke – Room 2/5

Monday, April 30

7:00 PM - OA - Room 2/5
7:00 PM - Promise Keepers - Library
7:30 PM – Divorced, Widowed, Separated Group – Room 9

Tuesday, May 1

9:30 AM – Holy Eucharist – St. Non Chapel
10:00 AM –Bible Study – Room 2/5
12:00 PM – Out-to-Lunch Bunch – Dimitri's Restaurant

Wednesday, May 2

10:15 AM – Holy Eucharist – Delta Retirement Center
6:30 PM - Holy Eucharist – St. Non Chapel
6:30 PM – DCC Rehearsal - Church

Thursday, May 3 – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

6:00 PM – Bell Choir
7:00 PM – Adult Choir
7:00 PM – Community Band – Great Hall

Friday, May 4

9:00 AM – Eucharist – St. Non Chapel

Sunday, May 6 – UTO INGATHERING

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

9:15 AM – “Between the Services” Bible Discussion – Room 2/5
10:20 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

8:00 AM

Greeters: Dick & Carol Schmidt
Lay Reader: Gary Mugnolo
Prayer Minister: Jerry Williams

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Charlie Mitchell, Lainey LeRoy, Luke Koppin
Altar Guild: Team 3
Coffee Hour: Spitzley family
Counters: Gail Donovan, Nancy Burns
Greeters: Pearl Brooks
Lay Readers: Kerry Chapin, Dave Byers
Prayer Ministers: John Post, Kay Paff

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Rich Magee.

We ask that you keep in your prayers this week the following individuals and families: Patrick Lynaugh & Randyll Shook, Todd & Jennifer Poirier, Rev. Bill Renfrew, Mark & Laura McNeil, Gary & Amy Mugnolo.

YOU'RE INVITED!

A Hymn Festival

Journeying with the Risen Christ!

Sunday, May 20, 2018

4:00 PM

Our Savior Lutheran Church
7910 E. St. Joe Highway
Lansing, MI 48917
Our SaviorLansing.org

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Sunday, May 6, has been designated for *United Thank Offering Ingathering*. The offering is a joyful witness to Christ's presence within us by sharing our blessings; a reverent and thoughtful giving of thanks to God; the forming of loving bonds that unite us into one community in Christ. *UTO* is a commitment to prayer and thanksgiving. We offer ourselves to be faithful servants, to love justice, to do mercy, to empower and enable people everywhere to witness and proclaim the grace of God.

There are several ways to make a United Thank Offering. Blue UTO envelopes are available in the pew racks. If you elect to use a white pew envelope, be certain the front is clearly labeled "**UTO**". You may also place your UTO collection box in the offering plate.

For your convenience, new collection boxes are available in the mailroom drawer unit located beneath the bulletin board. Please help yourself. Further information about United Thank Offering is available in the Great Hall tract rack, just inside the double doors, or by contacting Gail Donovan, 321-8810.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and

both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

²⁴ My praise is of him in the | great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.

²⁵ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart | live for ever!"

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.

²⁷ **For kingship belongs | to the LORD; ***

he rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust | fall before him.

²⁹ **My soul shall live for him;**

my descend- | ants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the | LORD's for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn *

the saving deeds that | he has done.

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and

his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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Delta Community Choir presents:

"Singspiration": a Celebration Concert

...commemorating five years of
"Building Community through Song"

4:00 PM

May 6, 2018

Our Savior Lutheran Church – Broadbent & St. Joe Hwy.

*Freewill donation in lieu of admission to benefit
Delta-Waverly Foundation Weekend Survival Kit Program
and*

Lutheran World Relief Project Promise School Kit Backpack Program



YARD CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 12, 2018

(Rain Date: Saturday, May 26, 2018)

9:00 AM – Noon

Bring shovels, gloves, wheelbarrow, trimmers with extension cords, hand clippers and shrub clippers, rakes, hoes, and anything else you may need to work in the yard and gardens. I'll provide black trash bags for the leaves so we can collect them and dump them in the back lot. We will start the day with coffee and doughnuts. Lunch and pop will be provided in the Great Hall at noon.

We had a great turnout of workers last year. Let's do that again in 2018 and make the yards of St. David's shine. If you are able to participate (even for an hour!), please add your name to the sign-up sheet you'll find on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

Questions? Please phone Karen Robinson at 627-5543.
Building and Grounds Committee

PLAN AHEAD

We received notice from the Eaton County Sheriff's Department that on **Sunday, May 6, the annual 505K Run (a fundraiser for the department) is scheduled to take place.** Runners will gather at Sharp Park with a **start time of 10:00 AM.** The route will take them north on Elmwood toward Willow Highway. Provided all goes according to schedule, they hope to have the last runner past St. David's by 10:15 AM.

However, Murphy's Law being what it is, please plan accordingly. If at all possible, **avoid Willow Highway** as part of your route to St. David's for the 10:30 AM service or for departing St. David's following "Between the Services" Bible Discussion.



Joy is prayer.
Joy is strength.
Joy is love.

Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.
God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives
with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God
and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart
burning with love. Never let anything so fill you
with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the
Christ risen.

—Mother Teresa