

MAY 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will last, so that the Father will
give you whatever you ask him in my name."*

— John 15:16

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORSHIP SONGS

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

READING OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON – ACTS 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues[a] and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE – PSALM 98

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

² **With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**

³ The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness
has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE – 1 JOHN 5:1-6

⁵ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SONG

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JOHN 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Gerry Gardner

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

Great God,

We thank You and praise You for the blessings and grace You have given Church of the Holy Spirit from the beginning. Father, use this season to be a time of healing, repentance, and surrender. Search our hearts and renew our minds to be open to hear Your voice and do Your will.

May we go with You God, as You take us places where we must trust You alone. May we be faithful in worship and in prayer as we deepen our own walk with You as Lord and Savior.

God give us Your wisdom and discernment as You reveal Your plans to us.

Our church will be a loving community, inspiring others through worship and service to follow Jesus Christ, as we participate with You.

We thank You Lord, for Your love and the plans You have for Church of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus name,
Amen

THE 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

SHARING PEACE

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

OFFERTORY SONG

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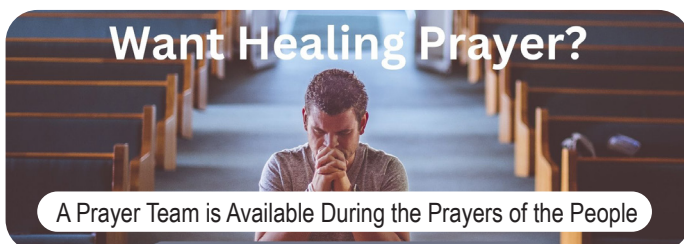
ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



THE WEEK AHEAD MAY 5-11

SUN	5	Liturgy of the Word 10:00 am In Person & Online Coffee Hour After Service Fulton Hall
MON	6	Women's Breakfast Club 9:00 am
TUE	7	Bible Study 3:30 pm Fulton Hall Reunion Group – Cursillo 5:30 pm Zoom
WED	8	Morning Prayer 10:00 am In Person & Online Vestry 6:30 pm
THU	9	Garden Team 9:00 am
FRI	10	Group Prayer 10:00 am Conference Call
SAT	11	Man Up Men's Group 8:00 am

COFFEE HOUR TODAY AFTER SERVICE

Come and help celebrate the Birthday and Anniversaries for this month. Cake will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Reunion Group – Cursillo
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Zoom Call
This group offers personal time for prayer and sharing of life's joys and sorrows, as well as accountability to Christ's call for study, piety and action. Contact Sally Allen at 413-822-1160 for details.



Garden Team
Thursdays at 9:00 am
Join us as we tend to the landscaping needs of the church. No experience necessary! Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 if you are available to help.



Group Prayer
Fridays at 10:00 am, Conference Call
Dial 717-908-1923, Code 974309#
Join us as we pray for the search of a new rector, personal needs, Ukraine, our country, and social issues of the day. Contact Annabell Edwards at 941-900-6147 for details.

Women's Breakfast Club Monday, May 6 • 9:00 am

Share prayers, fellowship and discussion on women's issues.

Meet at EGGS-Traordinary Breakfast & Lunch Cafe, 2282 Tamiami Tr. North, Nokomis. Julie Brady will be leading the discussion.

Contact Sandy Kreidler at 941-365-4246 for details.



BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays through May 21st

Book of Ruth
3:30-4:30 pm
Meet in Fulton Hall
Led by Bob Blakeslee



MAN UP MEN'S GROUP

Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 am
in Fulton Hall

Gather with fellow brothers in Christ for biblical devotion and fellowship. Doughnuts and coffee will be served.

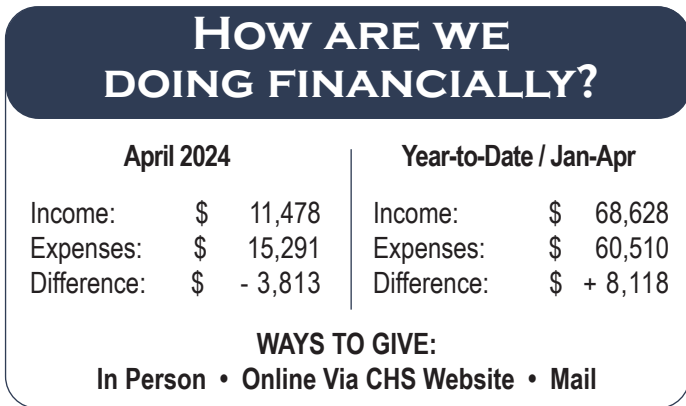


HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

April 2024		Year-to-Date / Jan-Apr	
Income:	\$ 11,478	Income:	\$ 68,628
Expenses:	\$ 15,291	Expenses:	\$ 60,510
Difference:	\$ - 3,813	Difference:	\$ + 8,118

WAYS TO GIVE:

In Person • Online Via CHS Website • Mail



THE CHURCH IN PRAYER — PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

If you have a prayer to be added to this list, visit the website under the Need Prayer tab, call the office, or email marketing@chsosprey.com.

- Comfort for families and those affected by the tornadoes in Oklahoma and across the nation. Safety for all who help in rebuilding the towns and their lives.
- Thanksgiving for all who came and helped clean up the campus at our Work Day.
- Healing prayer for Jay after surgery to remove cancer. May his recovery be mild.
- Healing for Marybeth as she recovers from back surgery.
- Prayers for Renee Hartman and family as they grieve the loss of her husband Ron.
- Comfort for Edith's family as she has gone on to glory at the age of 110 years.
- Safe travels for Kathy and Chuck.
- Uneventful recertification process.
- A great summer of travel for Donna and blessings for her family.
- Healing for Arthur from multiple myeloma.
- Healing for Dan from his sleep issues and anxiety.
- Healing for Pam's brother, Rick.
- Healing prayers for Laura who was diagnosed with an uncommon, aggressive cancer.
- Healing prayers for friend, Jan, who is very sick.
- Pray for Marcia as she finds herself after her husband's passing.
- Provisions for Gail who must pack up her house and move out of Florida in May.
- Healing for back issues.
- Comfort for those affected by the storms and tornadoes throughout the Midwest. Safety for all who help with the cleanup.
- Continued healing for Peggy's son, Dallas, as he recovers.
- Provisions for the people of Taiwan dealing with an earthquake.
- Comfort for Sally and Phil as they mourn the loss of Sally's brother.
- Thanksgiving for baby Ryleigh who got to go home.
- Continued comfort for Cynthia over the loss of her mother.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the healing in Christine.
- Prayer that Kathy will find peace and healing.
- Reconciliation for family members.
- Ongoing prayer for our June, Joanne, Marilyn, and Sandee Petway.
- Salvation for unsaved family.
- Continue to pray for CHS and that we will be strong and faithful throughout this time of transition.
- Prayers for our church and for our country.
- Continued prayers for an end to the Russia/Ukraine and Israel wars.



WELCOME FIRST TIME VISITORS

If you are here for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Station so we can give you a gift. Then plan on joining us afterwards for our Potluck Lunch in Fulton Hall immediately after the Service.



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