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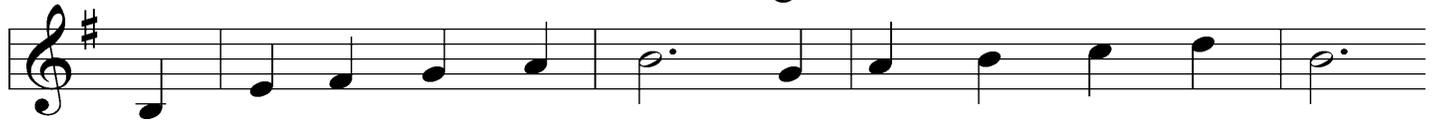
**PRELUDE: "I Know My Faith Is Founded"**

Dietrich Buxtehude

*(Text for meditation: See the Hymn of the Day)*

**OPENING HYMN: "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"**

# 564



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,  
3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half  
4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:  
He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
"A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,  
To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."  
"A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."  
With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near,  
Washed in that precious flood  
And enter the Most Holy Place  
By Jesus' blood.  
From hearts that are sincere,  
Let tongues our hope profess,  
And trust anew God's faithful grace  
That we confess.

6 All praise to Christ we bring,  
Our Lord who intercedes,  
Our great High Priest enthroned above  
Who knows our needs;  
And to the Father sing  
Our songs of thankful praise,  
Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
For endless days.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

(Antiphon, Ps. 27:7, 8-9; Ps. 27:1, 4)

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, alle- | luia.\*

You have said, | "Seek my face."

My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, | do I seek."\*

Hide not your face from me. Alleluia, alle- | luia.

**The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;\***

**whom | shall I fear?**

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\***

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life.**

**To gaze upon the beauty | of the LORD\***

**and to inquire in his | temple.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, alle- | luia.\*

You have said, | "Seek my face."

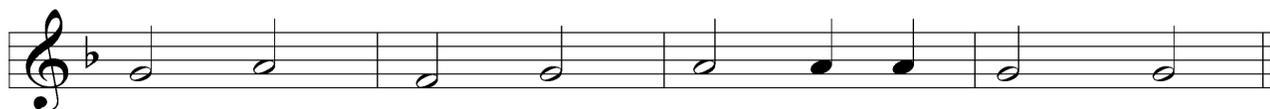
My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, | do I seek."\*\*

Hide not your face from me. Alleluia, alle- | luia.

## KYRIE

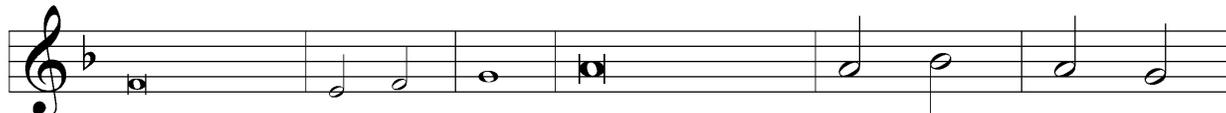


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

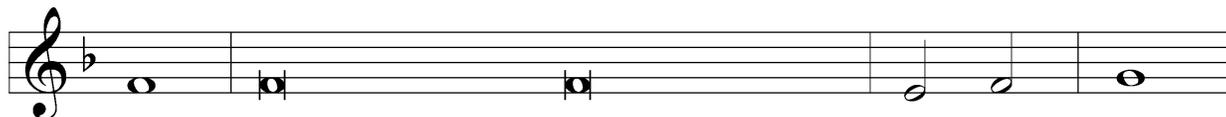


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



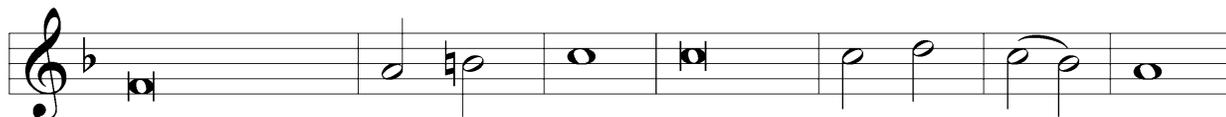
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



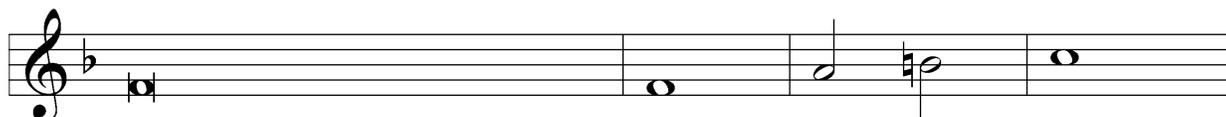
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



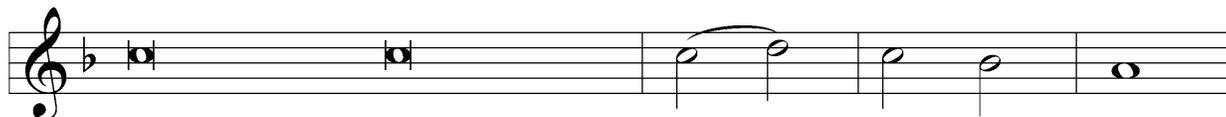
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



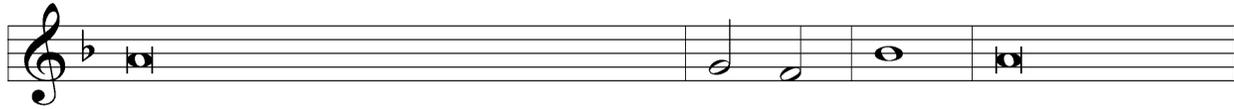
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



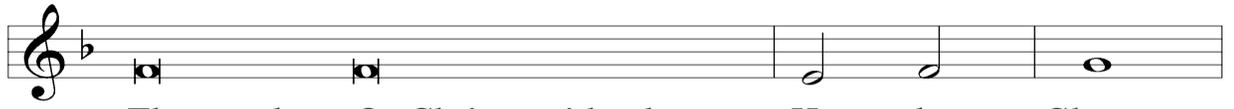
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir-it.

**P** Almighty, everlasting God, make us to have always a devout will toward You and to serve Your Majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A-men.

*Sit*

## FIRST LESSON

**Acts 1:12-26**

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered

among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;\*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

**As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive | them away;\***

**as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish be- | fore God!**

3But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;\*

they shall be jubilant | with joy!

**Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;\***

**lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD;**

**exult be- | fore him!**

Father of the fatherless and protector of | widows\*

is God in his holy habi- | tation.

**God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to pros- | peri-  
ty,\***

**but the rebellious dwell in a | parched land.**

O God, when you went out before your | people,\*

when you marched through the | wilderness,

**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of |  
Sinai,\***

**before God, the God of | Israel.**

Rain in abundance, O God, you | shed abroad;\*

you restored your inheritance as it | languished;

**your flock found a dwell- | ing in it;\***

**in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.**

O kingdoms of the earth, | sing to God;\*

sing praises | to the Lord,

**to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient | heavens;\***

**behold, he sends out his voice, his | mighty voice.**

Ascribe | power to God,\*

whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is | in the skies.

**Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;\***

**the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blesséd | be God!**

## EPISTLE

**1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

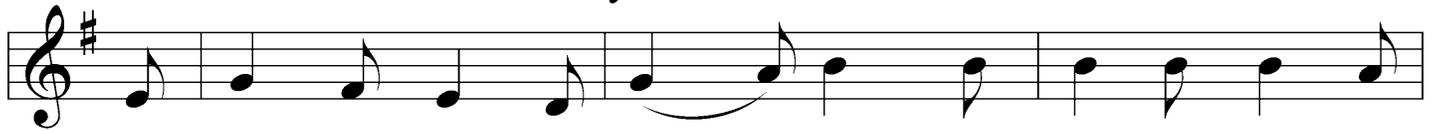
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

# 587



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



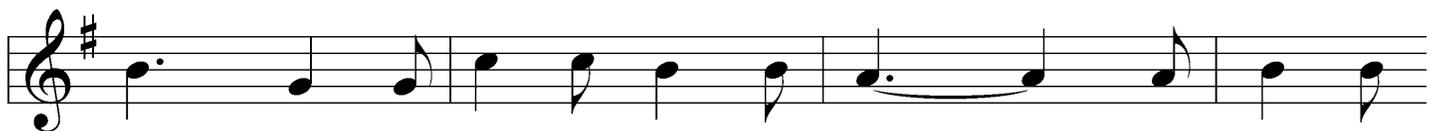
God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



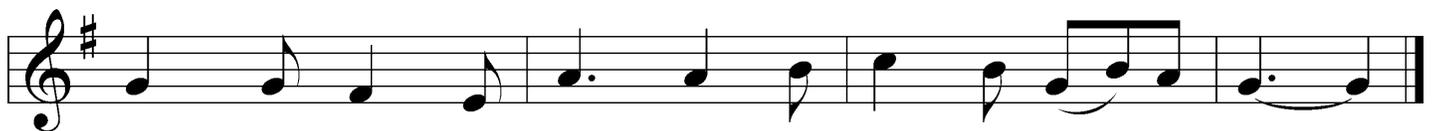
fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

# SERMON

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit*

**Choir:** “We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend”

setting by Guenter Vogel

*We thank Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend,  
That Thou didst into heaven ascend.  
O blessed Savior, bid us live,  
And strength to soul and body give.  
Alleluia!*

*Ascended to His throne on high,  
Hid from our sight, yet always nigh;  
He rules and reigns at God’s right hand  
And has all power at His command.  
Alleluia!*

*We therefore heartily rejoice  
And sing His praise with cheerful voice;  
He captive led captivity,  
From bitter death He set us free.  
Alleluia!*

- Author unknown, 1607  
Tr. Matthias Loy, 1880, alt.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**A** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# CLOSING HYMN: "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

# 492



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

# POSTLUDE: "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Jan Bender

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# IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers for all those in need.



Congratulations  
Stephanie Self  
Confirmed  
May 17, 2020



## Mitey Bears for Mites



*We have Bears that need to be dressed and given away to those who need comfort. Let them know you care!*

- Bears \$5 each, first come, first served. With every bag of 5 bears get accessories for dressing your bears.
- Send a check, to LWML OK District, for the bears to Teresa Heater, OKLWML Financial Secretary, P.O Box 1464, Lawton, OK 73502.
- All monies collected will go to Mites
- Your bears will be on their way—or you may pick them up in Tulsa. Contact Bev England, phone: 918-557-4467, or email: bevaeng@yahoo.com
- Dress your bears, snap a picture of your bears for *The Voice of Service* and give them away. Here are some ideas:

Hospitals  
Fireman  
Police  
EMS  
Shelters for the abused  
Children or grandchildren



*In doing so, you will not only be helping our mission grant recipients but also put a bright spot on someone's day! Happy Bear Dressing!!*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Kitchen Project

We are needing approximately \$10K to complete the kitchen remodeling project. The additional funding will pay for a new stove, counter tops, exhaust hood, and hardware for the new kitchen cabinets. Please donate what you can to help us complete this project. Thank you for your support. We currently have \$1,744.45

~The Kitchen Committee

*If God Wills*, we will have Church Council meeting after Church on Sunday May 31, 2020. This meeting will set the agenda for a voters meeting after Church June 14, 2020. Please make an effort to attend the Council Meeting and the Voters Meeting.

*Thank you!*

## ST. JOHN'S HEAT & AIR FUND

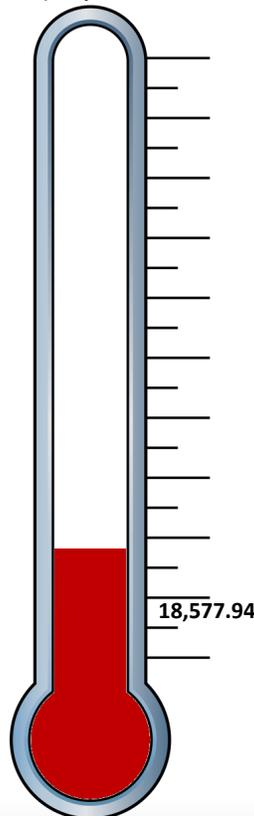
Several of our old heat and air units here at the church really need to be replaced as soon as possible, in order to do that \$61,300 will need to be collected and put into the heat and air Fund. Considering we have about 125 active members, that would average to about \$500 per person. If you would like to donate please mark envelopes "St. John's heat & air fund"

Our current fund only has about \$18,577.94, but if systems don't get replaced soon that money will quickly get depleted as we pay to maintain our old heat & air units. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

Please and Thank you!  
~Ricco

**GOAL!**

\$61,300



## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 17th

09:00am: 57



# GET TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

*Get Involved, Make a Difference.*

**ALL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

25 Sunday School	Sundays, 9:15am	
Youth Group	Sundays, 9:15am	School
Handbell Choir	Mondays, 5:45pm	Sanctuary
Choir	Mondays, 6:45pm	Choir Loft
Tuesday Night Bible Class	Tuesdays, 6:00pm (we skip the 1st Tuesday of each month)	Blanchard Hall
Senior Saints	2nd & 4th Tuesday each month	Blanchard Hall
LWML	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm	Blanchard Hall
Mission Board	2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00pm	Library
Quilters	Wednesdays, 9:00am-11:00am	Blanchard Hall
Wednesday Bible Study	Wednesdays, 11:00am	Sanctuary
In Christ Alone Bible Study	Thursdays, 7:00pm	Varies
Men's Bible Study	3rd Saturday every month, 08:00am	Blanchard Hall

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE PLEASE REFER TO THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE WEST HALLWAY!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 26th

Don & Karen Harrison

May 28th

Sam & Marie Christopher

May 30th

Luv & Brandon Dailey

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

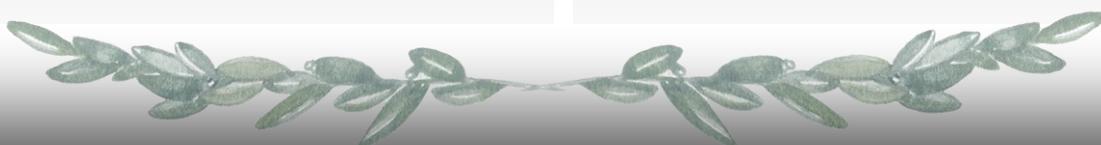
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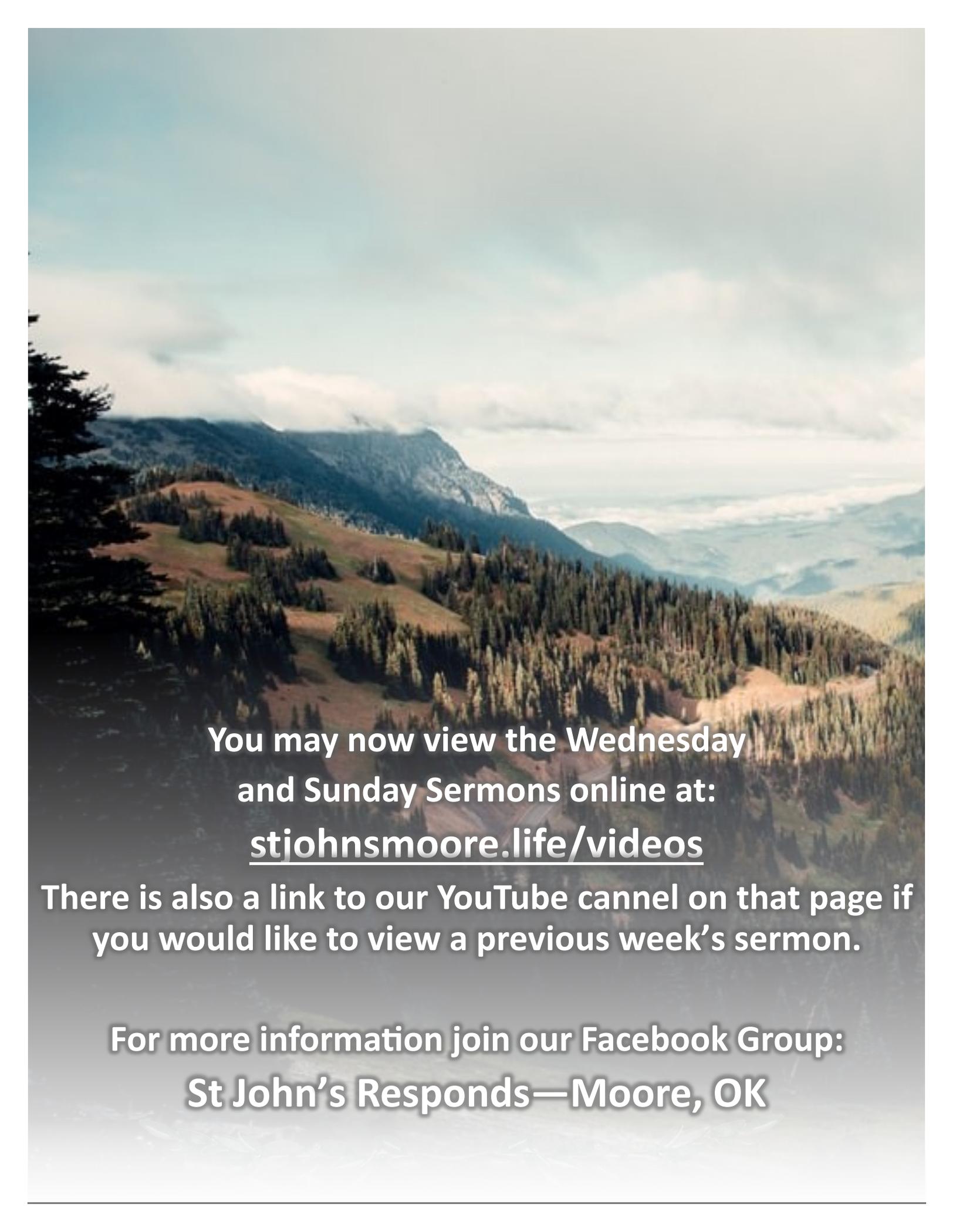
May 26th: Cindy Eskew

May 27th: Bob Striegel, Beth Groh, Will Flores

May 30th: John Tate

May 31st: William Christian





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