

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*With the Baptisms of  
Maribelle Brook Harner  
Delilah Rose Harner*

**May 12, 2024  
10:30 am**

**Welcome to St. Paul's!** *We are so happy you are here. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can welcome you personally.*

**Lift Every Voice and Sing #141**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, \_\_\_\_\_

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.  
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

## The Easter Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, One Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## The Hymnal 1982 #S-236

*A Song of Praise*

*All sing,*

Glory to you, Lord God of our forebears;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The people sit for the readings.*

### First Lesson

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. 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 must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us 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 added to the eleven apostles.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

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*Sung by cantor(s) and choir.*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Holy One,  
and they meditate on that law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;
- 6 For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## The Epistle

**1 John 5:9-13**

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

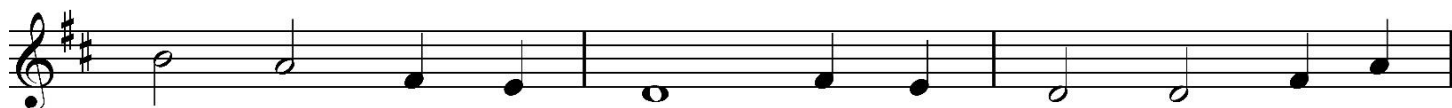
All stand as they are able to sing the sequence hymn.

**The Hymnal 1982 #686**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



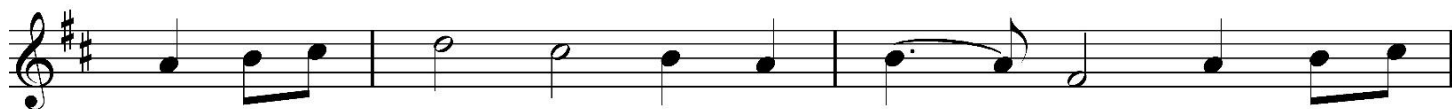
1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



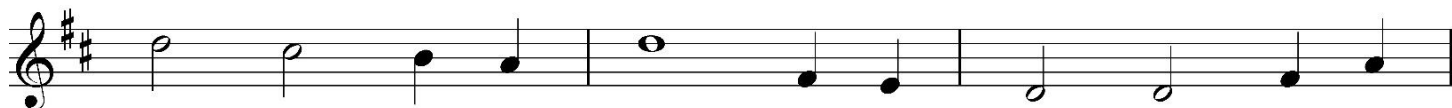
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



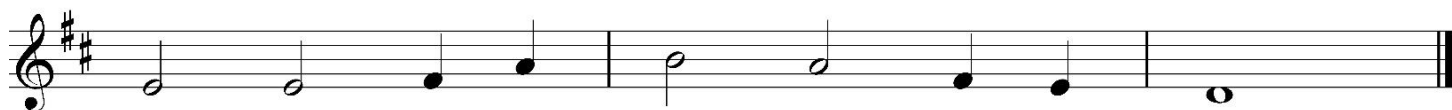
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*People*      **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. 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. 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*Celebrant*      The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be  
presented.

*Candidates for Baptism*      *Maribelle Brook Harner & Delilah Rose Harner*

*Parents*      *Matthew Harner and Sara Van Gorder*

*Godparents*      *Chrisopher Burkey & Kaitlin Phelps*

*Laurel Burkey & Dana Burkey*

*Parents and Godparents* We present Maribelle and Delilah to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant asks the Congregation:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**



*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidates**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Maribelle and Delilah who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Intercessor* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

# Thanksgiving over the Water

*Sursum corda, The Hymnal 1982 # S-120*

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a melodic line with a fermata over the final note. The second staff is also for the Celebrant, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a melodic line with a fermata over the final note. The third staff is for the People, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a melodic line with a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise."

## *Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

The musical notation for "A-men." is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a melodic line with a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are: "A-men."

## **The Baptism**

Maribelle Brook / Delilah Rose, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Maribelle Brook / Delilah Rose, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us his eternal priesthood.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People exchange greetings of peace with one another and are then invited to sit for announcements.*

## **The Offertory - Noisy Offering**

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All stand & sing the Presentation Hymn,

**Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #492**

*Spirit of the Living God*

1 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;  
2 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

F Gm7/Bb D/A Gm F/C C7 F  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Bb F G7/D C C/E  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

F Gm7/Bb D/A Gm F/C C7 F  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.

# The Holy Communion

*Sursum corda, The Hymnal 1982 # S-120*

The image displays four staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Sursum corda'. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

*Celebrant,*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



*Sanctus, The Hymnal 1982 #S -125*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.




Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues,*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. 

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." 🛎️🛎️🛎️

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 🛎️🛎️🛎️

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues,*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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*People*      A - men.      A - men.      A - men.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Hymnal 1982 #S -154*

*A period of silence is kept, then all sing,*

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the beginning of the 'Alleluia' chorus. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'there - fore let us keep the feast.'. The fourth staff is the end of the 'Alleluia' chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

*Celebrant:* God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

*People:* **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

*Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Please ask for gluten free bread if necessary. To receive a blessing instead of the bread or the wine, cross your hands over your chest.*

## Communion Music

*After Communion, the Celebrant prays,*

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

*Celebrant and People,*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*If Eucharistic Visitors are Being Sent,*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

The God of all grace, who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore, establish, and strengthen you in the faith, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you now and always. **Amen.**

**The Hymnal 1982 #296**

*We Know That Christ is Raised*

*See next page*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*As you depart, please do so quietly so others may listen to the postlude or pray.*

**Postlude**



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## Worship Ministers

*The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff, Celebrant*

*Timothy Wilson, Organist; Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director & Cantor  
Tom Holsinger-Friesen, 1<sup>st</sup> Reader & LEM; Pat Reynolds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader*

*Leah Holsinger-Friesen, Intercessor & Acolyte*

*Melaina Magnusson, LEM; Joe Lathrop, Acolyte*

*John Reynolds, Cullin Morgan & Heidi Lathrop, Ushers*

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## *Dedications*

- ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING TRIBUTE to our mothers Virginia May Rudolph and JoAnn B. Smith by Barney & Rhonda Rudolph; and IN LOVING MEMORY of Frank C. Painter, Wilma Painter Harwood and Drs. Edward B. & Katherine Greene by Helen & Edward Greene.
- THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the GLORY OF GOD and in THANKSGIVING for the baptisms of Maribelle Brook Harner and Delilah Rose Harner.

## *Announcements*

- **Let us eat cake!** Today our coffee hour is in celebration of Mother's Day, the baptisms of Maribelle and Delilah, and in thanksgiving for Tim's ministry at the organ over the past five months.
- **Next Sunday is Pentecost, don't forget to wear red!** The Feast of Pentecost is our great annual celebration of the Holy Spirit. It marks the end of the 50 days of Easter and is often thought of as the birthday of the Christian church. It is equally as "important" a celebration as Christmas and Easter so please plan to attend, preferably all together at the 10:30 service!
- **Get ready for Wonderful Wednesdays!**
  - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: Good Brews (formerly Pub Theology) at 6:30 pm. THIS WEDNESDAY will be the last pub theology for the summer, at Oak Tree Lounge. Beginning May 29, we will begin gathering at St. Paul's for Good Brews! More info to come.
  - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays: Book Study, first meeting on May 22 at 6:30 pm, discussing the first chapter of How the Bible Actually Works by Peter Enns.
  - 5th Wednesdays: Movie Night!
- **Through the month of May, we will be collecting shampoo, razors, and toilet paper for the Jackson Personal Care Ministry** hosted by our neighbors at First Baptist Church. Please bring your donated items to the collection bin in the Glass Narthex.
- **Sign up now for the next ECW Bingo night on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>!**