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St. John's is called into a joyful life of
welcoming hospitality, grace-filled
worship, transformational relationships,
and Gospel-driven service in the world.
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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Fifth Sunday of Easter

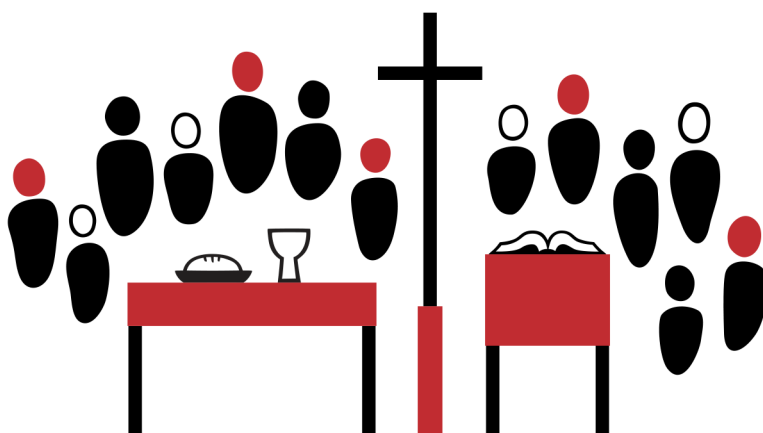
April 28, 2024

Welcome! Whether in the pews or online, whether for the first time or you've come more times than you can count, we are glad you are here. You are welcome to participate in every part of the worship service, including Holy Communion. Those of you joining online are invited to prepare a cracker or piece of bread and some juice or wine for partaking at that point in the service. Those in person are encouraged to sit in the forward half of the sanctuary both for audio and visual benefit. You're invited to create and wear a name tag, and to fill out a Fellowship Card from your pew rack and hand it to an usher.

PRELUDE

Blow Ye the Trumpet
Metropolitan Men's Choir

Kirke Mechem



WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's flowing rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

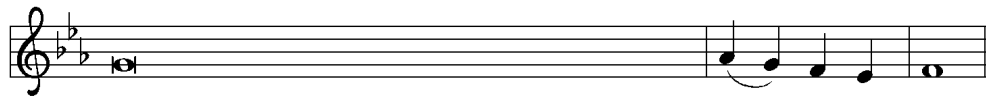
And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



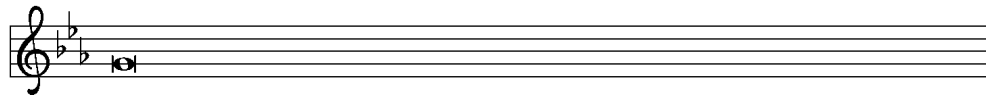
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



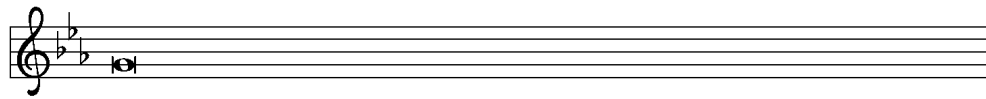
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



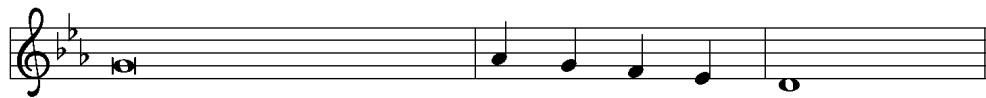
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION

P. The Lord be with you.
C. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy Lord, within your church, your followers have often allowed their disagreements to get in the way of being faithful to your word. Remove any barriers our communities face that prevent us from sharing your word and building up your church. Amen

During the singing of verses 1 & 3 of “Won’t You Come...,” children of all ages are invited forward to join Edith in the front pew for the Word of the Week.

Won’t you come and sit with me

LS 78



1 Won't you come and sit with me, sit with me, sit with me?
2 Won't you come and sing with me, sing with me, sing with me?
3 Won't you come and pray with me, pray with me, pray with me?



Won't you come and sit with me right here on the floor?
Won't you come and sing with me? Let us sing to God.
Won't you come and pray with me? Let us talk to God.

Text: anonymous, st. 1; Jane Haas, sts. 2-3
Music: anonymous

WORD OF THE WEEK

Edith Bohardt

After the Word of the Week, all may return to their pews or children may go to ‘Grace Space’ in the back of the sanctuary while the people repeat verses 1 & 3 of “Won’t You Come....”

FIRST READING

Acts 18:1-4

A Reading from the Book of Acts, the 18th chapter:

¹After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together — by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The Second Reading is from the First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 1.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Mark Tiede

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579
vv. 1-2, 4-5

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen**



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. We pray for our synod assembly as they gather this coming weekend to discern whom God is calling to be the next bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering, especially: Brian Conrad, Bruce Walker, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Kris Schepers, Karen O., Michelle Dehn, Nancy Johnson, Darrell Christoferson, Larry Fraser, Pastor Bill Russell, David Roinas, Manuela Solorzano, Sharon Koschak, and others we name in our hearts *An intentional moment of silence* God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples and at the last bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Musical Offerings

Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord
St. John's Bells
Ave Verum
Metropolitan Men's Choir

John C. Bechler,
arr. James D Kimball
W. A. Mozart

Giving to St. John's

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OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communion will be served at the kneelers in the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will direct you forward for distribution. Those coming forward from the lectern side, please fill from far right of railing toward the center; those on the pulpit side, fill from center toward left end of railing.

You will receive the host to eat and then wine (red) or juice (white) from an individual communion cup. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate your need to the server.

Anyone choosing to not commune is welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let an Usher know.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW p. 112

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Alleluia
Metropolitan Men's Choir

Randall Thompson

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish you, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✝ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

ELW 393

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name
Metropolitan Men's Choir

Brazeal W. Dennard

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turs to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris-ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

vv. 1-2, 4-5



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
 sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. in person and online**
 - ◊ Live on YouTube (link posted on St. John's Facebook page and website)
- Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.
- Grace Place Nursery will be open 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. on Sundays.
- Activities for children are available at the back of the sanctuary in Grace Space.
- Fellowship time will be offered following worship each Sunday.

The Offering is an important part of Christian worship. In addition to placing your offering in the plate, you may also contribute offerings to the ministries of St. John's by:

- **TEXT** the word 'Give' to 612-800-0444 and follow the prompts,
- **GIVE** through our website or your Breeze member app,
- **MAIL** your check to: St. John's Lutheran Church
4842 Nicollet Ave,
Minneapolis, MN 55419 or

- **USE this QR code:**
Point phone camera at code
and click on the link.



Videos on our YouTube channel include:

- Worship services
- 'God's Work · Our Hands' recap



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Readings for May 5—Easter 6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Mark 12:28-31)

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Mark Tiede

Organist/
Minister of Music:
Peder Flaten

Guest Musicians:
*Metropolitan Men's
Choir; Tim Bauernfeind,
Director*

Assisting Minister:
Jennifer Burdick

Acolytes:
*Elsa Burdick
Nora Tellijohn*

Communion Preparer:
Lori Johnson

Usher:
Larry Fraser

A/V Lead
Matthew Tiede

A/V Assistants:
*Dylan Noaman
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Our Life Together

Today

Nursery for age 3 and younger, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fellowship following worship, with music by Metropolitan Men's Choir (FH);
nursery available

Lutheranism 101, 11:15 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 30– 'Messenger' Deadline

Tuesday Night Book Study, 6:30 p.m. (Lounge/Zoom)

Wednesday, May 1

Missionary Circle, 12 noon (Lounge)

St. John's Choir, 6:45 p.m. (FH)

Thursday, May 2

Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly 2024 begins, 5 p.m.

(Lord of Life, Ramsey)

Chi Rho Committee, 6 p.m. (Zoom)

Friday, May 3

Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly 2024, 9 a.m.—7 p.m. (Lord of Life)

Tangletown Garage Sale set-up, 3-7 p.m. (St. John's FH)

Saturday, May 4

Tangletown Garage Sale, 9 a.m.—4 p.m. (St. John's FH)

Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly 2024 9:30—11:30 a.m. (Lord of Life)

Sunday, May 5—Easter 6

Worship with Holy Communion, 10 a.m. *in person & online, nursery available*

Fellowship following worship (FH)

Grace Place for children, 11:15 a.m. (top floor)

Worship Committee, 11:15 a.m. (Lounge)

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY continues on April 30 with selection #7 by Garrison Keillor, "Exiles" and "Aprille" in *Listening for God, V. 1*.

TANGLETOWN GARAGE SALE:

- ◆ St. John's will be participating in this neighborhood event on Saturday, May 4. Proceeds from the sale will go to our fellowship and kitchen fund. There will be three volunteer shifts we need help filling to pull this off! *Friday, May 3: 3-7PM (Set-up/pricing); Saturday, May 4: 8-12PM and 12-5PM (will involve set-up, greeting, cashier, organizing, clean-up)*. If you can't work a full shift, even a couple hours of your time is appreciated! Food will be provided at each shift! Please contact the church office or Edith Bohardt (edith@stjohnsmpls.org) if you can help.
- ◆ You are welcome to donate clean, good/usable condition items to this sale; however, we will NOT be accepting clothing/shoes, electronics, or furniture. You may drop off your items on the stage in the fellowship hall by Friday, 5/3. Please note all unsold items will be donated.

MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD ASSEMBLY will convene Thursday evening, May 2 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Ramsey with the theme, "With Glad and Generous Hearts." Pastor Mark and Mark Nervig are participating from St. John's. Assembly voting members will be selecting a new synodical bishop during this assembly which concludes around noon on Saturday, May 4.

Note: the May 'Messenger' will not be published until after the assembly has concluded and the bishop selection results known.

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A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation of the
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Our Mission:

Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St. John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.

Our Core Values:

Welcoming

Celebrating and caring for all people. Our doors are open.
You belong. Come as you are.

Worshiping

Gathering together to joyfully thank God in prayer and praise for Jesus, who calls us, centers us, and sends us into the world.

Healing

Reflecting God's unconditional grace and love by walking together through the joys and pains of life.

Serving

Gratefully responding to the needs of the world with the abilities God has gifted us.

Our Vision for the Future:

A vibrant community living faith boldly