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Dear Lord, today I turn to you
to give you thanks for my mother.

WELCOME

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
may you find within these doors rest of soul, peace of heart and strength to walk with God all the days of your life.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14th, 2023 **10:30 am**

PASTOR:	Reverend Paul Williams
ASSISTING ELDERS:	Allan Nagora, Brian Dament
ORGANIST:	Mrs Kim Blais
MONEY COUNTERS:	Brad Biesenthal, W&J Nagora, Doreen Bailey
ALTAR GUILD:	Dale Wright, Val Blagden

OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Divine Service Setting Three		page 184
Opening Hymn:	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	#821
Children's Choir Sing		
Hymn of the Day:	Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice #556 vs 1-5	
Choir Sing	Christ Be My Leader	
Closing Hymn:	Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice #556 vs 6-10	
Lessons:	Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21	

OUR PRAYERS

Please include in your prayers; Keith Mau, Don Hartwig, Addysen Medeiros, Dorothy Craig, Allen Mask, and those in Long-term Care and Retirement homes; Hattie Nagora (family), Leona Mau, Myra Witt (Miramichi), Delta Neville (Revera Valley Stream) and Shirley Gorr, Gladys Nagora (Heritage Manor).

If anyone desires *'Our Prayers'* on behalf of any family or friends, please feel free to contact Pastor Williams or the Church Secretary.

INSTALLATION

TODAY there is an installation service for Reverend Paul Douglas at St. John's Lutheran Church, Germanicus at **3pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

150th ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE

We are excited to announce that The Amazing Grace 150th anniversary merchandise is now available! Please see our samples in the Parish Hall and speak to Kim or Rayah Blais about ordering yours today!

EVANGELISM/STEWARDSHIP MEETING

There will be a **6:00 pm** meeting for the Evangelism/Stewardship Committee prior to the Council Meeting **May 16th**. It will be a quick meeting before Council meets.

FIRE DRILL

Please note there will be a Fire Drill today at the end of the service as a mandatory part of our Fire Safety Plan.

COMING UP THIS WEEK...

TUES	6:00pm	Evangelism & Stewardship Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
THURS	7:00pm	Ascension Worship Service/Holy Communion
SUN	9:15am	Sunday School
	9:30am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service/Holy Communion (Setting #2)

LAST WEEK'S DISCIPLESHIP:

Worship Attendance - 66 Membership - 279

Sunday School Attendance - 8 (+6 helpers) Communicants - 225

Offerings	Received	Weekly Budgeted Requirement	
General Treasury	$2,888.00		
Plate	$ 40.00		
Total General Treas.	$2,928.00	$3,148.00	
Missions	$ 267.00	$ 288.00	
Total Offerings	$3,195.00	$3,436.00	Total per Week

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Acts 17:16-31

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for " 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.' Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself