

John Knox Presbyterian Church

May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion



Breakfast on the Beach by Peter Koenig

GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Thomas Keesecker

Words of Welcome

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

*** Call to Worship**

from Revelation 5

I looked and heard the voice of angels,

thousands and thousands around God's throne, singing:

**Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**

Then I heard every creature on earth,

and under the earth, and in the sea, singing:

To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

*** Hymn**

"Christ is Alive!"

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*** Call to Confession and Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

**=Standing as able Italics=Leader Bold=People*

*** Words of Forgiveness**

Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*** Response**

“Amen”

twice #600

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Time with God’s Children

Prayer for Illumination

Today’s Psalm

Psalm 30

NRSVUE

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”

By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

O Lord, be my helper!”

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Gospel Reading

John 21: 1-19

NRSVUE

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you."

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him,

"No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some."

So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Forever Changed"

Rev. Andrew Wall

*** Hymn**

"The Summons"

#726

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL**Church and Community Life****Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts****Offertory**

"Give to the Winds Your Fears"

Robert J. Powell

*** Sung Response** “We Lift Our Voices”

#710

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayers.

The Lord’s Prayer

GATHERING AT CHRIST’S TABLE

*** Communion Hymn** “Bread for the World Broken”

*See projection
music available on narthex table*

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of 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.

This day is the day that you have made, O Lord ...

... we will be glad and rejoice forever, singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty ...

... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

God of grace....now and forever. Amen.

Communion of God’s People

You will be served the bread and cup in your pew.

When you are served, please hold the elements

until you are invited to partake with everyone in community.

*Empty cups may be left in the pews, placed in the basket on the narthex table,
or returned to the social hall.*

Communion Music “O Day Full of Grace”

Thomas Keesecker

Prayer After Communion

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* **Sending Song** "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" #761

* **Charge and Blessing**

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude "Spring Bursts Today" Robert J. Powell

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the social hall after worship.

Liturgist: Sheila Cunningham
Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis
Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Guest Preacher: Rev. Andrew Wall

Bulletin Image: *Breakfast on the Beach*

from Art in the Christian Tradition, Vanderbilt Divinity Library

Peter Koenig is a Catholic artist whose goal in life is "to paint the drama, romance and poetry of the sacred book" (<https://www.pwkoenig.co.uk/>). In this scene, Jesus is patiently waiting on the shore with bread, fish, and wine while a few of his disciples reel in a large net full of fish. The men are clearly struggling with the weight of the haul but as the gospel passage states, "the net was not torn." The disciples recognize Jesus and sit down for a hearty breakfast with the resurrected Christ. With this story and painting, we are reminded of the divine mystery in which we participate when we practice similar communion with our fellow humans.

Church and Community Life

PLEASE WELCOME Rev. Andrew Wall, our guest preacher for this week and next week while Maggie is on vacation. He describes himself as a nerd who loves exploring other worlds in fantasy and science fiction books, playing board games with his two kids, and running the business he founded with his wife. He received his BA in History and Biblical Studies and his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education from Princeton Theological Seminary. As a result, he is passionate about helping the bible come alive for people in both his preaching and teaching.

PASTORAL NEEDS while Maggie is out? Please contact your deacon or an elder and we will help or find help for you. The directory has a list of deacon flocks and all JKPC officers. If you've misplaced your directory, please see Eileen for another.

MAY FOOD for the Keizer Community Food Bank is **TUNA AND ANY OTHER CANNED MEATS**. We'll accept any other food items, of course, and monetary donations are always welcome. Volunteers are needed to serve our hungry neighbors. See their website at keizercommunityfoodbank.org or their Facebook page for more information, or contact Sheila or Teresa.

FELLOWSHIP TIME after worship is a wonderful time to talk with friends and make new ones. It's even more pleasant with goodies in hand. Please sign up to provide some goodies or leave a free-will offering in the basket on the table so we can purchase refreshments when home-baked treats aren't available. Thank you!

HEARING CHALLENGED? The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop for people who appreciate a bit of assistance hearing more clearly, whether or not they use hearing aids. For more information on how to use the listening devices, see Eileen or CJ.

SALEM COMMUNITY CHORUS Spring Concerts are a wonderful way to celebrate spring and Mother's Day. See the calendar below for dates, times, and locations. Anna and Adam lead this great community group, and Doug and Janet have joined in the singing.

Looking Ahead

Sun. May 11 **MOTHERS DAY**
10:30 Worship with Rev. Andrew Wall

Mon. May 12 **6:30** Salem Community Chorus Spring Concert:
 Music of the Night at St. Mark Lutheran Church

Sat. May 17 **2:30** Salem Community Chorus Spring Concert:
 Music of the Night at Loucks Auditorium, Salem Library

Sun. May 18 **10:30** Worship with Pastor Maggie
 Christ Jar Offering and Birthday celebration

Mon. May 19 **6:30** Salem Community Chorus Spring Concert:
 Music of the Night at St. Mark Lutheran Church

Tues. May 20 **2:00** Women's Bible Study

Wed. May 21 **7:00** Session via Zoom

Sun. May 25 **10:30** Worship

May Birthdays

8	Lee E.
23	Anna R.

We are recording this service and it will be available on our website for two weeks. Copyrighted music is projected and recorded under One License #A-735693, CCL#3162413, or by permission of the author.

This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.

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Just the dialogue ... John 19:1-17

"I am going fishing ..."

when I need to do something familiar
because all the world is swirling.

"We will go with you ..."

proves that I have friends

who don't need to know why,

and, because, even when they are not there,
God puts in my path caring strangers.

"Children you have no fish ..."

when someone needs to tell me

that I'm pulling and straining so hard

I don't recognize

how empty all my nets are.

"No."

for then I recognize the truth.

"Cast to the right side ..."

because all alone I cannot understand
that I can actually try another way.

"It is the Lord!"

for the truth is – recognizing love
sometimes starts with a miracle.

"Come and have breakfast ..."

when I need to eat and eat with others
to go on another day.

"Do you love me?"

because I need to hear again and again
and again

that love means feeding everyone.

By **Maren Tirabassi** on May 1, 2025

<https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/>