

Worship Lifeline

In Scripture Today

Introduction to the Day

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

I Peter 3:13-22

The author of I Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

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May 24, 2020, Easter 7

Readings and Psalm

Acts 17:22-31 *Paul's message to the Athenians*

Psalm 66:8-20 *Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)*

I Peter 3:13-22 *The days of Noah, a sign of baptism*

John 14:15-21 *Christ our advocate*

In Worship Today

Come to the Table
Ours is the table,
not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready
for those who love him
and for those
who want to love him more.
So come!
You who have much faith and
you who have little, come!
You who have been here often
and you who have not been
here long, come!
You who have tried to follow and
you who have failed, come!
Come, because it is the Lord
who invites you.
It is his promise that those who want
him can always meet him here. Come.

Welcome to Worship

"But we had hoped . . ." On the third Sunday of Easter the Lukan text reports that the two disciples on the Emmaus road say to Jesus, "But we had hoped." (Luke 24:21).

Easter is the season to proclaim with joy and boldness that all in which we had previously falsely hoped has been put to death. Now is the time, "the queen of seasons, bright" ("Come, you faithful, raise the strain," ELW 363), to raise our voice to proclaim the one true hope—an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading—the hope of Jesus Christ risen from the dead.

"But we had hoped . . ." We had hoped for a better diagnosis, and we were disappointed. We had hoped for a better return on our investment, and the market failed us. We had hoped that homelessness and hunger would somehow have miraculously disappeared in our nation, rather than becoming worse, and the stark truth stands before us that without our own participation and sacrifice in its eradication, there is no hope. In other words, this is the season, a week of weeks, in which to unabashedly proclaim that the false projects and easy answers on which we repeatedly pin our hopes have been pinned instead to the cross and destroyed in the empty tomb. For the first time there is new hope. Real hope. Hope that even death cannot destroy.

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In Ministry this Week

COVID-19: Week 10

Sunday, May 17

10:00 AM—Z ASLC Zoom
8:00 PM—F AA
*AA may return to ASLC June 3

Monday, May 18

7:30 PM—GR OA—Zoom

Tuesday, May 19

9:30 AM—F Sandwich MeetUp
10:00 AM—Z Christian Conversations
11:00 AM—Z Magi Conference Clergy

Wednesday, May 20

12:00 PM—Z Lunch Bunch Zoom
8:00 PM—F AA
*AA may return to ASLC June 3

Thursday, May 21

All Day Pastor's Day Off

Friday, May 22

10:00 AM—Z Bible Study

Saturday, May 23

9:00 AM—G OA—Zoom

Sunday, May 24

10:15 AM—S ASLC Worship Zoom

Monday, May 25. Memorial Day

F=Fellowship; Z=Zoom; OC=Out of Church;
OO=Outer Office GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower
Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1;
CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N+Narthex;
S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away
from All Saints

Please Welcome

Assistant to Bishop Strickland
Reverend Karen Boda.

The Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life will have oversight of the mobility process and Global Mission relationships. She will work with the Director of Evangelical Mission in the areas of stewardship and justice ministries.

Since 2016, Pastor Karen Boda served at Faith, Clay, AL, just north of Birmingham. In addition to the pastor of the congregation, she served as chaplain and board member for the preschool and was also active with ecumenical partners in community worship and feeding programs.

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Russ' Reminders—

All known ASLC birthdays and anniversaries are listed in your Church Directory. We can print you a copy or you can view the directory on your PC or Smartphone. It's all pretty easy once you move through the learning curve, which is more like a speed bump. Contact Rica Kelly with changes and updates to all directory information.

It's easy:

go to www.allsaintslilburn.org & click on "Member Directory Link." Log in. You'll see it all!

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

10 Mark & Angie Sanderlin
11 Bob & Lorraine Herrington
25 Herb & Melody McCaulla
27 Kim Alan & Sue Stover-48
28 Claire & Bob Heiser
29 Phil & "Sam" Undergrahm
31 Jerry and Dixie Wigbels

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

2 Mary Yale
5 Sandra Robinson
8 Kevin Swanson
9 Eve Herring
12 Joyce Holdrich
15 Dixie Wigbels
27 Brian Ehrich
Jack Branscomb
29 Sheila Wagner

Encouragements by Pastor Kim

I counseled a woman in my first church, who asked, "Why are people always recommending motivational tapes (Yup) to me?" To some extent, I thought the answer obvious, but there was a deeper statement being made, namely, "Motivational tape recommendations from friends only reminds me that I am depressed and have a negative attitude. I already know that." Knowing isn't enough.

Motivational speeches provide temporary relief. Sometimes we need a more permanent solution or perspective. Often it takes a deeper look at life's injuries, hardships, and disappointments that have left some scar tissue on our hearts and minds. Consider searching the "self" rather than the "shelf" for deeper answers.

Pastor Boda was a synod dean and member of the Synod Compensation, Personnel, and Discipline Committees. She also represents the synod in the Region 9 Women in Ministry Core Team and previously served two terms on synod council.

Pastor Boda graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and did her Lutheran year through the Atlanta Lutheran Formation Experience (ALFE) and affiliation with Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS). She interned at St. Luke, Atlanta, GA. She and her family were long-time members at Resurrection, Marietta, GA. She is a second-career pastor, having previously been a director in customer support at Hewlett Packard and a partner in a small management consulting firm.

Pastor Boda and her husband, Alan, have three adult children, Brian, Katherine, and Allison, and a sweet pup named Rosie. All of the Bodas attended Furman University, Greenville, SC and their blood runs purple!

This Week's Commemorations

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160

Monday, May 18, 2020

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

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Worship Assistants

May 17 Zoom

Altar Guild: Lisa M
Lector: Amy C
Worship Assistant: John H
Com.Assts: Jacki S & Kelly K
Ushers: Susan H & Bruce K
Greeter: Susan L
Projectionist: Jack B
Children's Sermon: Kevin S
Counters: Tom & Lorraine H

May 24 Zoom

Memorial Day Sunday

Altar Guild: Amy C
Lector: Barb L
Worship Assistant: Joyce H
Com.Assts: Julie B & Joanne S
Ushers: Kelly K & Cindy M
Greeter: Mac M
Projectionist: N/A
Children's Sermon: Pastor K
Counters: Tom & Angie S

May 31 C Zoom

+Retirement Sunday

Altar Guild:
Lector: Cheri M
Worship Assistant: Tom W
Com.Assistants: John & Joyce H
Ushers: Lisa M & Larry M
Greeter: Sue Ly
Projectionist: Claire H
Children's Sermon: Mac M
Counters: Tom & Barb L

June 7 (T) Zoom?

Altar Guild: Susan Holbrook
Lector: Bruce Kraus
Worship Assistant: Julie Boyer
Com.Assts: Mac & Miriam McCann
Ushers: Herb M & Susan H
Greeter: Martha W
Projectionist: N/A
Children's Sermon: Lisa M
Counters: Tom & Lorraine H

