St. Peter's Church



Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00-2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. David Bechtel – Dbechtel00@yahoo.com Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net Business Manager: Patti Mitchell – stpadm@ptd.net Directors of Religious Ed.: Maureen Poirier & Melissa Mann stpreled@ptd.net

Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm ~~ Sunday: 8:30am

Reconciliation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:45am -12:00noon; Saturday 4:15 – 4:45pm; By appointment by calling the Rectory.

Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Peter's Church, are called to holiness by God as present day disciples of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united in service to God to share our faith with one another and our community. May our participation in the Holy Sacraments, our ministries and our devotion to Mary bring glory to God and His Kingdom.

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, please call the rectory at 570-724-3371. If no answer, please call 570-329-5762. This is a pager. You will be instructed to enter your phone number and Fr. Bechtel will return your call.

Pregnancy Support

Catholic Social Services (800) 982-4310 Crisis Pregnancy Help line (888) 4-OPTIONS Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center (570) 673-4476

Religious Education and Formation

Religious Education classes are held for Pre-K – 12th grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12th begins at 9:30am and concludes at 10:40am. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789 or the Rectory at 570-724-3371. Children's Liturgy (grades K-4th) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Relgious Education classes are in session.

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name
Phone
Address



Blessing of Caster Baskets

Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-724-2360 St. John Neumann's Prayer Group – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085 Contemplative Spirituality Group – Kate Black 570-724-3047 Cards & Games – Patty Kramer 570-948-9023 Knights of Columbus – George Gamble 570-724-5216 Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175 Parish Rummage Sale – Mary Lasko 570-439-7706 Pat Gorda 570-724-3035

Church Linens & Decorations – Sue Singer 570-724-2360 Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591 Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529 Fundraising Dinners – Paul Urner 570-723-9970 Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085, Marilyn deGuzman 570-376-5427

Samaritan House – Daria Guelig 570-724-3030

Youth Group – Maureen Poirier/ Melissa Mann 570-724-9789

Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092

Finance Council – Priscilla Walrath 570-724-2056

Parish Council – Rectory 570-724-3371

Worship Committee – Rectory 570- 724-3371

Sunday Nursing Home Communion – Eileen Evert 570-439-4470

Prayer Chain - Kate Black 570-724-3047

Order of Secular Carmelite – Lori Makos 570-724-3371

ChristLife - Norb Josten 570-724-9095

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Jan Bernethy 307-267-0677

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Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 4/16 Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29	No Mass	
Tuesday 4/17 Ac Acts 7:51-8:1; Jn 6:22-29	7:30am	In Memory of Mary Lou Bonk (Kathy Wilcox)
Wednesday 4/18 Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Beth Patt (Paul & Marion Patt)
Thursday 4/19 Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Sharon Ragus (Tom & Deb Rudy)
Friday 4/20 Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:58-59	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Josephine Patt (Family)
Saturday 4/21 Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Mary Cleveland (Pat Gorda)
Sunday 4/22 Acts 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Christopher Arena (Family)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, April 15, 2018

Religious Ed –Pre-School:8:30-9:30am; K-8th:9:30-10:40am Samaritan House Event – 4:30pm, Parish Center

TUESDAY, April 17, 2018

Adoration – 8:00am-6:30pm, Benediction- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm, Parish Center AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, April 18, 2018

Staff Meeting – 8:30am, Parish Center

St. John Neumann Group -1:00pm, Parish Center Social Concerns Meeting -3:00pm, Parish Center

ChristLife – 6:30pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, April 19, 2018

Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center

FRIDAY, April 20, 2018

Rectory Closed

SUNDAY, April 22, 2018

Religious Ed –Pre-School:8:30-9:30am; K-8th:9:30-10:40am Carmelites – 11:30am. Parish Center

ST. THOMAS/ST. CATHERINE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening – 7:00pm, St. Catherine, Westfield Sunday Morning – 11:30am, St. Thomas, Elkland

GOODIES FOR OUR TROOPS

This month's Goodies for our Troops items are: *Granola Bars*, travel size wet ones, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Cookies & Personal Notes (cards, letters, drawings from children.) A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are: *Creamy Peanut Butter* and *Grape Jelly*. A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

April 21st/22nd

5:00pm

Servers: M.Mann, A.Banik, J.Grab Lectors: D.Sherman, P.Walrath

E. Min.: I.Dziengowski, T.Straniere, D.Stager, L.Stager

8:30am

Servers: L.Singer, Z.Singer, B.Levindoski Lectors: N.Kennedy, M.Ostapowicz

E. Min.: A.Singer, K.Tellgren, M.Stirnaman, M.Bialas

Sacramental Information

Baptisms - Parents anticipating the birth of their first child are asked to attend baptismal instructions classes before the birth of their child, if possible. Note: Baptisms cannot be scheduled until all the necessary paperwork is completed. Contact the Rectory to schedule.

Confirmation - Confirmation is administered every year to all 8th grade students in our Parish Religious Education program. Children wishing to receive Confirmation must be enrolled and participating in the program for two years before they are eligible to receive the sacrament.

Marriages- In order to complete the necessary paperwork, couples are asked to contact the Rectory at least one full year in advance of the proposed marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick - Please contact the Rectory whenever a member of your family has become sick or hospitalized.

Monthly Visitations - Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive the Eucharist on a monthly basis is asked to contact the Rectory to schedule a visit.

Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults (R.C.I.A.) - The R.C.I.A. prepares unbaptized adults for reception into the Catholic Church. The program is adapted to the needs of each person and prepares them for full initiation into the faith. Contact the Rectory for more information.



Liturgical Reflection

Third Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 3:31-15, 17-19

Peter addresses the Israelites after he has cured a man who was crippled from birth. His words are accusatory, letting the people know they rejected the Holy and Righteous One and put him to death. Peter's words are also affirmative. In them, Peter testifies that the God of their fathers is the same God who raised Jesus. Jesus' suffering fulfilled the message of the prophets; his Resurrection is God's ultimate act of fidelity, fulfilling his promise of life to his people. Paul calls the Israelites to repentance and conversion. Our call to change does not stop with Lent, but continues in the Easter Season!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 4

The psalm's subdued nature reflects the psalm writer's confidence in God's gentle strength and power. In the refrain, we ask the Lord to shine his face upon us. We want to see God and to live in his image and likeness as he created us. We celebrate with the psalm writer the wonders God has done for us and, as Christians, especially the wonder of his Son's Resurrection!

SECOND READING: 1 John 2:1-5

Are we in Lent? You might ask this question as you read the three short verses of today's Second Reading. Sin is the obvious topic of the passage. We hope to remain faithful in love to God's commandments. We hope not to sin, but the author of the letter is realistic. God's children will sin. Yet all is not lost. Jesus Christ will advocate for us with the Father. Jesus Christ died as expiation for our sins and the sins of the whole world. For this, we are grateful.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48



Jesus offers peace once again to the disciples, as we heard him offer last Sunday. disciples do not believe it is he. Jesus recognizes that they are troubled, and invites them to see his hands and feet for

themselves. Easter joy fills the disciples. Jesus eats with them and breaks open the Scriptures with them. Their growth in faith continues. Ours must, too, in Easter Time as we strengthen ourselves for life-long witness to the Risen One.

REFLECTION

Some recent books have questioned the truth of the resurrection of Jesus. This is the very core of our faith. There are a few things we could consider when we reflect upon the resurrection. First of all, how likely would it have been that these mostly uneducated men would have had the courage to preach the resurrection if it had not occurred? Second, even in the accounts, the disciples are not pictured as being perfect. If the disciples were making it up, would they not have emphasized the success of their own witness! Finally, in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul says that over 500 people witnessed the resurrected Jesus, some of whom were still alive when he was writing to the Corinthians. This is a fact that the people could check. He would not have dared to say it if it were not true.

SPRING SALE THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered in any way or donated items or baked goods to this year's spring sale. We were blessed with many new faces joining our dedicated group of volunteers. We could not hold this fundraiser Volunteers! we could not note this fundraiser without the volunteers! A special thank you

to our coordinators, Mary Lasko and Pat Gorda. A financial report will appear in next week's bulletin.

HOMELESS SHELTER THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who prepared meals and covered shifts for the Homeless Shelter during St. Peter's week. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated!



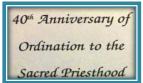
BISHOP'S YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENTS



Four students from St. Peter's, Elizabeth Poirier and Nicholas Conglituditions Ingerick (12th Grade) and Elizabeth Gordon and Justin **Gordon** (8th Grade), will be

recognized by Bishop Bambera this week at a Mass held at St. Peter's Cathedral, as this year's recipients of the Bishop's Youth Award. The Bishop's Youth Award is presented to students in 8th & 12th grade who meet the following criteria: must be involved within their parish community, must be an outstanding public example of a young Catholic who reflects and lives the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church, attends Sunday Mass and receives the sacraments, must be endorsed by the Parish Youth Coordinator and Pastor, and must be involved in multiple volunteer service apostolates as defined by the Bishop. Congratulations to our worthy recipients!

REV. MICHAEL BRYANT TO CELEBRATE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION



Rev. Michael Bryant, ordained May 6, 1978, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 3rd at a Mass Sacred Priesthood held at St. John Neumann Church.

Fr. Bryant grew up in our parish and is the son of parishioner Lucille Keck. If you would like to send Fr. Bryant a card, his address is as follows: Rev. Michael Bryant, 633 Orchard Street, Scranton, PA 18505.

NEW ITEMS HAVE ARRIVED

New material has arrived and has been placed in the stand on the side of the church. There are items for all ages, including a few books and videos for younger age children.

CAN YOU HELP? DO YOU NEED A RIDE?

At various times parishioners are in need of a ride to Mass or church related events. If you need a ride or if you are able provide transportation, please call the rectory. We would like to establish a list of those who can offer a ride, so that we can match them with anyone who is in need.

SUGGESTION BOX

There is a suggestion box hanging on the near the handout table. If you have suggestions please write suggestions and place them in the box. We will empty the



box from time to time and talk about the suggestions at the parish council meetings. If you would like a personal response to your suggestion, please include your name and phone number on the card.

That's The Way It Is!



Now that we are in the Easter Season it is certainly appropriate to reflect more fully on the resurrection. This week I wanted to explain why I think belief that Jesus was raised from the dead is a rational belief. I will fully grant that anything I say will not

be satisfying to a skeptic. I suppose the only thing that would satisfy a skeptic would be me literally producing the risen Christ. Obviously I cannot do that. What I can do is explain why I think the resurrection is not as farfetched as the skeptics would like us to believe. My explanation is in no way meant to be exhaustive.

When you read the Gospels you immediately find that they do not read the way you would expect them to read if the resurrection was nothing more than a fairytale or legend. The heroes of the Christian Faith; the foundation of the Christian Faith are the apostles. The apostles are the origin of the message of the resurrection. Without their preaching we would not have known about the resurrection. The Gospels do not gloss over the fact that the apostles are a bumbling bunch of idiots who don't get it. The Gospels are brutally honest about the apostles. We see no "Peter was so honest that when he chopped down the cherry tree he said 'I cannot tell a lie; it was me who chopped down the tree" kind of stuff. No. What we see is the Gospels telling us that Peter ran out on the Lord and denied him when Jesus needed him the most. I note that Peter is the key apostle, the one whom Jesus founded and built His church upon. The apostles and all their faults are presented in brutal honesty. In my mind, if the Gospels were legend or fairytales the writers would present the heroes of our Faith in a far better light.

When you read the Gospels you also find that the apostles, those closest to Jesus, those whom Jesus had been personally instructing, despite everything Jesus said, were not predisposed to believe in the resurrection. When Mary discovers the empty tomb, her reaction is what any of our reactions might be if we discovered the tomb of our loved one empty. We would conclude that someone stole or otherwise took the body. That is what exactly what Mary concluded. This is so much so that she began to cry and begs who she thinks is the gardener to tell her where the body of Jesus is. It turns out that the person she spoke to was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him at first. She then tells the apostles what she encountered. They run to the tomb because they don't believe her. This, again, suggests that they were not expecting a resurrection. John's Gospel explicitly tells us in 20:9 "For they did not yet understand from the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead." The very natural and honest reactions

of the apostles to the news of the risen Lord of disbelief suggest to me that the resurrection happened. If the Gospels were narrating legend, I would think the apostles would have been more predisposed to believe the in the resurrection. I would not expect to see natural human reactions of disbelief and even fear when the apostles hear the news that Jesus has

Anyone who disputes the claims of the Gospels on the resurrection also has to take into account Paul's conversion. If the resurrection is a fairy tale, how do we explain Paul's conversion? Paul was Jewish and persecuted Christians. He was present at the stoning of Stephen. How many Christians did he see killed? How many Christians did he persecute? What caused Paul to go from the chief persecutor of the Christians to one of the pillar apostles and author of 60-70% of the New Testament? If I grant that the original apostles were hallucinating their encounters of Jesus, was Paul hallucinating his encounter with Jesus; Paul who was Jewish, thought the resurrection claim was a fraud and was persecuting Christians? If I suppose with the skeptics that the apostles made up the resurrection, was Paul's conversion made up too? Was Paul in on the gag somehow?

Anyone who disputes the claims of the Gospels also needs to explain why the apostles went willingly to their deaths for a claim they made up. It is true that religious martyrs do not prove their religion true by their willingness to die for their religion. People can die for a lie. Their willingness to die proves only that they believe the claims of their religion. However, the apostles were not simply adherents of a religion who bought into a story that was told to them and died for the story because they believed it to be true. The apostles themselves are the foundation of our religion. Without their preaching, Christianity does not exist. They themselves are the origin of the message about the risen Christ. Does it make sense to suppose that all of them not only died for a lie—but a lie that they themselves made up?

Finally, anyone who disputes the claims of the Gospels needs to explain the origin of the Christian Church. If there was no resurrection, if there was no risen Christ, for that matter, if there was no Jesus, from where does Christianity come? Who founded Christianity? Why does Christianity exist? Where did the message of the risen Christ originate? Why did people buy into it? All religions have a founder and a reason for existing. If there is no resurrection, why does Christianity exist?

The above are some of the reasons I believe that the resurrection is true. The above are some of the reasons I believe that belief in the resurrection of Christ is rational.

That's the way it is! The Reverend David W. Bechtel

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for April 8th: \$6,194.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,750.00

Difference: \$ 444.00

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$4,779.93 Cemetery Collection: \$ 965.00

We are grateful to all those who financially sacrifice

every week to support our parish and its ministries!

Pro Life News

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

The readings today make it clear that the events of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday were foretold, and that they occurred for the purpose of repentance. In the same way that God foresaw these events, he foresaw each of us having the opportunity to receive the grace and salvation that these events bring. The way to celebrate the Easter season, in other words, is to actually repent, to take hold of the transforming power of Christ's death and resurrection, and as a result to be "made perfect in love," as John describes in the second reading. What happens in our lives - and what can happen still – is just as much in God's sight, from all eternity, as what happened to Christ. Peter, furthermore, calls Christ "the author of life" in the first reading, and the Gospel passage clearly reveals that this author of life is not a ghost, but a person who has real flesh and blood.

As we are transformed by Easter and grow in God's love, we grow in our deep appreciation for the gift of life (natural and supernatural), and our appreciation of the body. One key theme of the culture of death is the false separation of the body from the person. In other words, people "do what they want with their bodies," and even look the other way when the bodies of children are aborted, because they often believe that the body is not important, or is not as much an aspect of the person as is the soul. But the physical resurrection of Christ is a revelation of the sacredness of the human body, and of the fact that the love we are called to have, the commandments we are called to obey, and the repentance we are called to practice all involve a deep reverence for physical human life. www.priestsforlife.org

Diocese of Scranton News

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

World Youth Day will be held in Panama City, Panama from January 22 - 27, 2019. World Youth Day is an initiative from St. John Paul II to gather Young Catholics of the world every two to three years in a celebration of faith and culture. The World Youth Day events gather millions, including Pope Francis, young Catholics, clergy, and religious brothers and sisters. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring two separate pilgrimage packages for young adults ages 18 -35. If you, or a young adult you may know, are interested in learning more about the World Youth Day Pilgrimage, contact Shannon Kowalski, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at (570)207-2213 ext. 1155 or email Shannon-Kowalski@dioceseofscranton.org.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

All are welcome to attend the World Day of Prayer for Vocations Diocesan Celebration on Sunday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 702 West Fourth Street, Williamsport. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Diocese and Vocation Directors of Religious Communities will display materials at a light reception following the Liturgy. For more information, vocations.dioceseofscranton.org or call (570) 207-1452.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE MAY 5th

Our 4th annual "Be A Man" Catholic Men's Conference for the Scranton Diocese will be held at King's College in Wilkes Barre on Saturday, May 5th, from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Based on our 2018 theme "Christ is Here, Come and See," our three nationally-known presenters will highlight various aspects of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: Tom Peterson - founder of Catholics Come Home Inc.; Fr Michael Gaitley MIC – author of 33 Days to Morning Glory; Jesse Romero – a full-time bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist. Bishop Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Various exhibitors will be present with a full array of Catholic products, as well as information concerning ministry opportunities.

St. Peter's will provide transportation through Benedicts Bus Company and will pay half of the registration fee for those interested in attending. Registration forms can be found on the hand out table on the side of the church. Please register by April 15th.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



St. Peter's will provide transportation through Benedicts Bus Company and will pay half of the registration fee for those interested in attending.

News from the Vatican



CHRISTIAN LIFE IS SUSTAINED BY PRAYER & DAILY EFFORTS

In the joy of this Easter season, we now begin a new cycle of catecheses on the sacrament of Baptism, by which we receive the forgiveness

of sin and are reborn to new and eternal life in Christ. Our Christian life, as a journey of faith and union with the Lord, is sustained by prayer and by our daily efforts to grow in the imitation of Christ. During this Easter season, may we come to appreciate ever more fully the unmerited gift we received on the day of our Baptism, and resolve to live faithfully the new life we have received in Christ.



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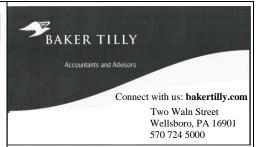
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A Gift in Your Will

We hope you'll consider including a gift to St. Peter's Church in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share this sample bequest language for St. Peter's Church with your estate planning attorney:

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

Parish Prayer List



Nettie Mays, Nan Bowser, Trish Knowlton, Judy Nagel, Sue Evert, Valerie Tobin, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Donna Brennan, Mary Mekos, Antoinette Davis, Jonathan Hardman, Stephen Hurd, Stephanie Hemighauf, Suzie Alexander, Larry Sasani, Wendy Doan-Newcomb, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Rita Grinnan, Bob Murphy, Sylvia Smith, Susan Cleveland, Tom Mohr, Carol Weatherby, Carol

Shine, Teresa Pavlock, Jerry Pierce, Joann Black, Gabriel, Melissa & Daniel Espinoza, Lori Lopaz, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Grace Bickham, Floyd Williammee, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Elsa DiBernardo, Fran Rose, Christine Palmer, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Virginia Shaefer, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Kohler, Victoria Salerno, Tony Pranses, Bob Snyder, Don Brooks, Paul Beuter, Jerry Eckert, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Margaret Barnett, Richard Nowak, Frank Dziengowski, Jr., Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Gus Vargas, Helene Carpenter, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Delores Scuderi, Colleen Rose, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Denny Young, Jack Worden, Teagan Kohler, Cindy Copp, Carolyn Tester, Tom Brown, Richard Stankiewicz, and Jim Callahan.

Eternal Rest Grant (1)

Let the Perpetual Li

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Dorís Sampson, Wally Keck

Lord, this we know, no matter how difficult life may be at this time, we know you will not stop loving us and will always hold us in the palm of your hand. We are reaching to you, Lord, to hold us, comfort us, and heal us. Lord, this we know, you are faithful in your love for us today and forever. You are with us, and we are with you. Amen.