St. Peter's Church



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 29, 2018

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 Religious 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

47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901 Rectory Phone: 570-724-3371~ Fax: 570-724-6322 Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789 Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.org ~ Email: stpch@ptd.net

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 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.

God's blessing to
Norb and Nona Josten
as they celebrate their
50th wedding anniversary.

Happy50 Anniversary

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
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Fundraising Dinners – Paul Urner 570-723-9970
Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085,
Marilyn deGuzman 570-376-5427

Samaritan House – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 7/30	No Mass	
Tuesday 7/31	7:30am	In Memory of Tom Sticklin (Family)
Wednesday 8/1	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Doris Sampson (Frank & Ida Dziengowski)
Thursday 8/2	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Doris Sampson (Tom & Linda Sampson)
Friday 8/3	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Anna Beuter (Family)
Saturday 8/4	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Agnes Buchko (Sue Randall Ellison)
Sunday 8/5	8:30am	In Memory of Robbie Butler (B.J. Butler & Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Agnes Buchko (Sue Randall Ellison)

The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, July 31, 2018

Adoration – 8:00am-6:30pm; Benediction 6:30pm

FRIDAY, August 3, 2018

Rectory Closed

Parish Center under renovation and closed to Parish Groups and outside organizations.

GOODIES FOR OUR TROOPS

This month's Goodies for our Troops items are: popcorn, eye drops, "to go" powdered drink mix, travel size wet ones, beef jerky, & personal notes (cards, letters, drawings from children.) Note: No chocolate items during the summer. A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are: *Canned Tuna*, *Ham*, *or Chicken*. A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

ST. THOMAS/ST. CATHERINE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening – 7:00pm, St. Catherine, Westfield Sunday Morning – 10:30am, St. Thomas, Elkland

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

August 4th/5th

5:00pm

Servers: M.Mann, A.Osborn, W.Steinbacher

Lectors: L.Gordon, D.Gordon

E. Min.: V.Anthony, M.Osborn, B.Butler, T.Straniere

8:30am

Servers: J.Lubera, B.Levindoski, A.Dunkel

Lectors: D.Bleggi, N.Bickham

E. Min.: T.Gamble, N.Ostapowicz, N.Josten, D.deGuzman

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 if 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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

This incident takes place during the time of famine. When Elisha receives a gift of bread, he immediately gives it to a large crowd. When met with some resistance that it could not possible feed the number of those lacking bread, Elisha repeats the command, with the assurance that God will work yet another miracle through the prophet. And true to the powerful word of God spoken through the prophet, that promise is fulfilled. Given the option of hoarding or solidarity, God shows us how to choose that which promises greater life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145

The refrain provides the obvious connection to the First Reading, as it affirms how the Lord's hand feed us and how the Lord answers our needs. The reference in the second stanza to the Lord providing the faithful the food they need also relates to the feeding story from 2 Kings. The psalmist conveys the bounty of the Lord's goodness toward his people and for that we give thanks.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6

The Second Reading is the third of several Sunday Scriptures from Ephesians, the Pauline letter that repeatedly emphasizes oneness in the Church as the body of Christ with Chris as head. "Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received." That might be the one command necessary for a Christian life. It reminds us that we are called by God and that, day by day, we must choose whether or not to accept the grace we are offered for the good of the whole. The goal of oneness and the spirit of Christ that empowers Christians to strive for it, are two tightly interwoven strands in this reading.

GOSPEL: John 6:1-15



Today's Gospel begins a lengthy section on the meaning of Christian Eucharist found in John. The multiplication of loaves is the only miracle story included by all four Evangelists. John does not use the term "miracle" but

"sign"; he uses certain wondrous acts of Jesus to reveal who Jesus truly is: God's own Word incarnate. The "sign" of bread includes great generosity and trust. The self-sacrificing generosity of the child who offered all his food, prepared the way for everyone to share, not keeping or taking more than they needed, and offering the rest to the others. At this point in John, however, the sign only partially reveals Jesus' true identity to fellow Jews. They recognize him as "the Prophet," but they do not yet see what John wishes them to perceive. They do not yet understand that the Christ given in Eucharist is his very life, given that we may have life to the full.

Parish News and Activities

PARISH CENTER RENOVATIONS TO BEGIN



Renovations on the parish center (bathrooms and doors) are in progress and scheduled to be completed by Friday, August 17th. During this time

period, the parish center will be not be available to parish groups or outside organizations. For the first two weeks, our restrooms will be out of commission. In the event that a restroom is needed during Mass, a single person bathroom is available off of the robing room. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Following the renovations of the Parish Center, work will begin on the Rectory. New basement windows will be installed, and finishing work will be done to the reception area. All work has a completion date of September 1st.

MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Do you sing or play the piano or guitar? The Music Ministry is reaching out to those who have an interest in singing or playing at Mass. Please call Christina Simonis at 570-724-2085, or the Rectory for more information.



50th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES

As we approach the 50th Anniversary of our Church on Central Avenue, we are asking those who have memories or stories to tell, pictures, keepsakes,



etc. to please share them with the Rectory. We would like to compile a remembrance book of the time leading up to building the current church, and memories of the last 50 years. Submissions can be made in hard copy, through email, or in person. Copies can be made and original items returned to you. Please stop in or call the Rectory if you have any questions.

Stewardship

Due to an early printing, the Stewardship report was not available for inclusion in this week's bulletin. The weekend of July 22nd will be reported in next weekend's bulletin, along with this weekend's report.

"Do we know how to silence our hearts and listen to the voice of God?" Pope Francis

That's The Way It Is!



"Once Militantly Anti-Abortion Evangelical Minister Now Lives 'With Regret." The article chronicles an interview with an Evangelical Pastor Rob Schenck. The interview is too long for me to summarize. What I want to deal with is the following statement from Rob Schenck in his book Costly

Grace: "I no longer believe you're excluded from God's grace if you're a homosexual or if you've had an abortion or if you perform them. I no longer believe Muslims are dangerous marauders or that Democrats and liberals are apostates."

Apparently there is a lot of misinformation being spread about what it means to be Christian and what it means to profess Christian moral values. I want to make it clear that no Christian who is anti-abortion, against gay marriage, believes that homosexuality is a sin, or believes that Jesus Christ is the one true God, believes that those who have had an abortion, are homosexual, liberal, Democrat, Republican, Conservative, everything in between, or not Christian are beyond God's love or outside His Grace. Christians believe that God loves people who have had an abortion, people who support abortion, doctors who perform abortions, Non-Christians, homosexuals, Liberal Democrats, Conservative Republicans, Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Samuel Alito and everything in between.

Whether or not God loves everyone is not the question. Whether or not God desires the salvation of all is not the question. That God loves all of His children does not entail that God condones everything they do, believe, embrace, etc. God loves women who have had an abortion. It does not entail God is pro-abortion. God loves doctors who perform abortions. It does not entail God supports the career path they choose. God loves those who support abortion. It does not entail God condones their value system. God loves non-Christians. Non-Christians can be saved as much as any Christian can be saved. On the Day of Judgment, I dare say we are going to be shocked to find out that some Non-Christians were actually more Christian than those who professed to be Christian! But none of this entails that it does not matter what you believe, that all religions lead to God or equally express the Truth of God.

As for political ideology, God is neither conservative nor liberal, Republican or Democrat. That means the Church is neither conservative nor liberal, Republican or Democrat. God is about Truth; therefore, the Church is

Both political parties get things right and about Truth. get things wrong in terms of their policies and values. Neither political party perfectly embodies the values of Christians in the social policies they support or do not support. Catholics are pro-life and believe that the rights of the unborn are of utmost importance in any political discussion about policy. It does not entail that we believe the candidate who runs as pro-life is loved by God while the candidate who runs as pro-abortion is hated by God. God cannot do anything but love. God and Hate are an oxymoron. Whatever a candidate running for political office believes and supports, or does not believe and does not support, whatever political party they are from, they are equally loved by God. God could not love them anymore than He already does.

The Church is a hospital for sinners not a museum of saints. All who have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God are welcome in the Church. It must be kept in mind that when the church condemns sins like abortion, homosexuality, contraception, supporting abortion, etc, what is being condemned are the sins themselves--- not the people who may have committed them. I will say that again: when the church condemns sins like abortion, homosexuality, contraception, support of abortion, etc, what is being condemned are the sins themselves----<u>not</u> the people who may have committed them.

The Church can only judge actions as being right or wrong. The Church cannot judge people. I will condemn abortion till the day I die—it does not mean that I will condemn a woman who has had an abortion, or the doctor who performed an abortion. I will defend life and love and hope those who support abortion will see why being pro-life is the superior way; the way of love, but I would never condemn those who support abortion. I will never marry a gay couple even if a law is passed that requires churches to marry gay couples. I would condemn the law but not the people who passed the law. I would condemn homosexuality, but not those who are homosexual. I will work to convert hearts and minds to Christ and-- if I can manage it-- to Catholicism. It does not entail that I believe you must be Catholic in order to be saved. Remember: on the Day of Judgment—there are going to be many surprises!

Condemnation of sin is not the same as condemnation of sinners. God loves everyone and desires the salvation of everyone. When it comes to condemnation of sin, the church will condemn sin. When it comes to condemnation of people or judging people, only God is the judge.

That's the way it is,

The Reverend David W. Bechtel, Pastor

News from the Vatican

FORGIVE, LOVE OUR ENEMIES

In his homily at Mass in the Casa Santa Marta last Tuesday morning, Pope Francis says Christians should forgive, love, and bless our enemies, to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Pope Francis said the mystery of

Christian life is loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors. He drew inspiration from the day's Gospel (Mt 5:43-48), in which Jesus invites his followers to a higher standard of human relations, so as to be "perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Holy Father said forgiveness, prayer, and love for those who seek to destroy us is the path Jesus has laid out for us.

Forgive to be forgiven -The challenge of Christian life, he said, is asking the Lord for the grace "to bless our enemies" and to love them. "To pray for those who want to destroy me, my enemies, so that God may bless them: This is truly difficult to understand. We can recall events of the last century, like the poor Russian Christians who, simply for being Christians, were sent to Siberia to die of cold. And they should pray for the executing government that sent them there? How can that be? Yet many did so: they prayed. We think of Auschwitz and other concentration camps. Should they pray for the dictator who sought a 'pure race' and killed without scruple, even to pray that God should bless him? And yet many did so."

Learn from Jesus and martyrs- Pope Francis said Jesus' "difficult logic" is contained in his prayer for those who put him to death on the Cross. Jesus asks God to forgive them, he said. "There is an infinite distance between us — we who frequently refuse to forgive even small things — and what the Lord asks of us, which he has exemplified for us: To forgive those who seek to destroy us. It is often very difficult within families, for example, when spouses need to forgive one another after an argument, or when one needs to forgive their mother-in-law. It's not easy... Rather, [we are invited] to forgive those who are killing us, who want us out of the way... Not only forgive, but even pray that God may watch over them! Even more, to love them. Only Jesus' word can explain this."

Perfect like the Father - Finally, Pope Francis said it is a grace "to understand this Christian mystery and be perfect like the Father, who gives good things to the good and the bad." "It would do us well, today, to think of our enemy – I think all of us have one – someone

who has hurt us or wants to hurt us. The Mafia's prayer is: 'You'll pay me back.' The Christian prayer is: 'Lord, give them your blessing, and teach me to love them.' Let us think of one enemy, and pray for them. May the Lord to give us the grace to love them.

Pro Life News

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

Abortion and Contraception - "It is noteworthy that as acceptance and use of contraception have increased in our society, so have acceptance and use of abortion. Couples who unintentionally conceive a child while using contraception are far more likely to resort to abortion than others. Tragically, our society has fallen into a mentality that views children as a burden and invites many to consider abortion as a "backup" to contraceptive failure. This is most obvious in efforts to promote as "emergency contraception" drugs that really act as early abortifacients.

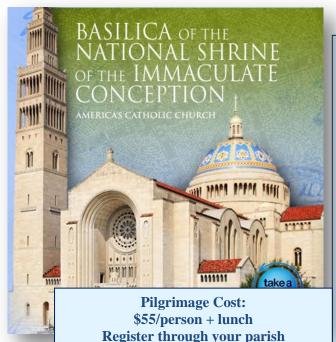
"With Pope John Paul II we affirm that contraception and abortion are "specifically different evils," because only "the latter destroys the life of a human being," but that they are also related (The Gospel of Life, no. 13). It is important to remember that means that are referred to as "contraceptive" are, in reality, sometimes also abortifacient. An end to abortion will not come from contraceptive campaigns but from a deeper understanding of our human sexuality, and of human life, as sacred gifts deserving our careful stewardship" (2001: US Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life).

Reflection on Today's Readings - The multiplication of food (First reading; Gospel) is really about the multiplication and extension of life. The signs that God offers in the Old and New Testaments of his ability to multiply food in miraculous ways are really a message to us about his dominion over life, which is the theme echoed in the Second Reading — the "one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Along with the theme of God's dominion, we see the theme of human solidarity. The crowd that had to be fed were united with each other in their need. Moreover, even the miraculous solution to their need was not fulfilled without the active collaboration of the boy who gave of the little he had.

The Church's witness to the sanctity of life is rooted in these two themes – God's dominion over life, and human solidarity. The God who made us entrusted us to the care of one another. No human choice can trample upon his decision that another human should live, or contradict the solemn duty we have to care for each other rather than destroy each other. www.priestsforlife.org

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 150th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA of the NATIONAL SHRINE of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

6:00 a.m. Buses begin to depart from various locations DIOCEST OF SCRANTON

9:30 a.m. Morning prayer on individual buses

11:00 a.m. Arrival at the Basilica of the National Shrine

12:00 p.m. Welcome in the Upper Church, Fr. Hvozdovic

12:10 p.m. Tour of Faith - Upper Church – Director of Pilgrimages

12:30 p.m. Rosary for World Peace - Upper Church **1:00-3:00 p.m.** FREE TIME for lunch, touring, private prayer

2:00 p.m. Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church

3:00 p.m. Gather in the Upper Church to prepare for Mas

3:15 p.m. Pontifical Mass

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist

4:45 p.m. Buses depart National Shrine

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on individual buses

10:30 p.m. Approximate return time to point of departure

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For more information, call:

Office for Parish Life 570-207-2213

1. How do I make my reservation to participate in the pilgrimage?

Registration for the pilgrimage is being taken in each parish – contact your parish office to be included in their bus roster and to pay the \$55 fee. If your parish is not participating, you may contact the Office for Parish Life to learn of another nearby parish with whom you may register.

2. Does the \$55 fee cover everything, or do I need to bring any additional money?

The fee covers your round trip bus fare and the pilgrimage program. You will need to either bring your lunch or purchase it in the Shrine Cafeteria. Also, each bus will determine when and where to stop for dinner on the return trip. You may also plan to contribute to a tip for the bus driver. There is a gift shop at the Shrine, from which you may choose to make purchases.

3. What is the deadline for registering?

Parishes reserving a full bus with at least 50 pilgrims are asked to confirm registrations with a full bus roster and fee paid by July 31st; for parishes with a smaller delegation joining with others on Diocesan sponsored buses, the registration list and fee is needed by August 14th.

4. How do I know the exact departure time and location for my bus? How about return?

If your parish has filled a bus, it will depart directly from your parish. If you are joining other groups of pilgrims, the exact departure location will be sent to you after registrations are received in mid-August. We will make every effort to select locations in close range for all pilgrims. The exact departure times will vary between 5:00-6:00am, depending on which part of the Diocese is your point of origin. The time and the location will be confirmed with all pilgrims through your bus captain. All of the buses will depart as close to 4:45pm as possible and will return to their same point of morning departure – the final return time will also depend on the plan your bus captain and drive make for a dinner stop, and the distance of your eventual return location.

5. Can the buses accommodate special needs?

The buses will be equipped with restrooms, ramps for wheelchair access, and basic first aid supplies. If you have medical needs and/or dietary restrictions, you will need to evaluate and plan for these as you see fit.

6. Could we break this into a two day trip?

There is a Friday/Saturday overnight option – but it is being arranged directly with TravelWorld. If you are interested in this option, contact your parish office to see whether they are interested in hosting this type of pilgrimage through TravelWorld.

If you are interested in going, please contact the Rectory by July 30th



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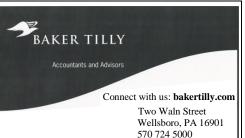
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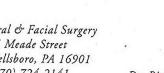
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"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."



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Kenneth Mitchell Owner

Parish Prayer List

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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, Teagan Kohler, Cindy Copp, Carolyn Tester, Tom Brown, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Barb Bechtel, Mary Antoniw, Ruth Russell, Edward "Turk" Cruttenden, Jack & Agnes Worden, and Mary Freeman.



Fternal Rest Grant (Into Them, Ol ord and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

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.