

HAVEN MESSENGER



HAVEN MISSION STATEMENT

(adopted 2/26/06 by Haven Church)

"To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ."

May 2021

WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON & FACEBOOK LIVE Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion in person in the church sanctuary
(social distancing and masks required)

Worship Service LIVE on the Haven Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Haven-Lutheran-Church-134647913268366> or access by clicking the F icon in the upper right corner of the Haven website www.havenlc.org)



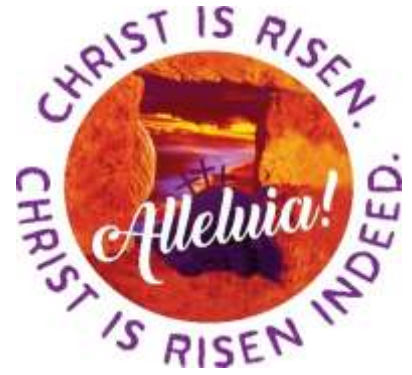
Dear Haven Guests, Friends and Members,

Is it only me or does the yearly cycle seem wonky? Maybe it's because Lent and Easter were so early. Maybe it's because COVID keeps tripping up the "normal" of senior years, spring concerts and plays, the line between the school year and summer, or the regular meetings of committees, fraternal organizations or pinochle, domino and Mahjong groups. Then again, maybe it seems wonkier because it has been going on now for over a year. As more of us get vaccinated... as more of us step out, with care, to restaurants and visit children and grandchildren... as we try to grab hold of something as concrete as a vegetable garden or taming our yards... it feels like coming out of a long hibernation. Except, unlike the bear, we've been awake in our dens, turning calendar pages but feeling out of touch with time, seasons, holidays and what "normal" is. It's a bit unnerving, this reentry into a world that still must deal with a pandemic but is gradually allowing us to move toward ... well, what exactly? Which brings me to the truth and wonder of Easter, the season of resurrection --- moving from death to life, from what was to what seems impossible, from fear and grief to a changed life with yet-to-be-seen possibilities. This is what Easter means to us. Not a return to what was but to unwrap the gift of new ways of seeing and living. And it is these very truths of Easter that we need to lay over the unfolding of our post-COVID-19 lives and world.

Christ's resurrection and the Holy Spirit sets us free, expands our vision and sends us out with energy and strength to be God's Easter people. When Jesus was raised from the dead, the world was changed. We have also been changed by this time in a pandemic. In a very real way, we are entering a time of resurrection. Like those first disciples, we are called to sort through what use to be "normal" and what new things we have discovered and then choose what we keep, what we give thanks for but put aside, and what we see as important and helpful as we journey with our Lord in serving God and our neighbor. I pray we will keep our craving for worship and community. I pray families, couples and friends will remember the importance of keeping in touch and the new ways they created to do that. I pray that families will continue to reserve time for meals, fun and conversations together. I pray that this "valley"

has freed our grip on what is not important and strengthened our understanding and commitment to what is. Easter reminds us that it's a new day. It's a new day with the power of the resurrection and Spirit coursing through those who shout, "He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!" What new life will we discover with our Risen Lord in these coming months? Be not afraid. "Christ is risen! Alleluia!"

Your pastor and partner in ministry,
Linda M. Alessandri



FAITH RAISING TOGETHER



ROOF AND STEEPLE PROJECT – Thank you all for your generous donations. We will be posting the current donation totals in the narthex. Reminder, when sending in or dropping off your donations towards this project please use a separate envelope marked Roof/Steeple Project OR a separate check to help the money counters easily keep track of all

Roof/Steeple contributions. **IF** you really prefer to use one check, PLEASE write on the memo line the amount that is offering and the amount that is for the roof project. You can also make an electronic donation towards the project directly from your checking account by contacting our Administrative Assistant, Mary to arrange it. Thank you for your prayer filled donations!

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM TO CONTINUE THROUGH MAY 27th – We look at the Bible readings for the following Sunday. Pastor Alessandri leads but everyone is invited to add their questions, observations and insights. Masks and social distancing are required. Use the door nearest the Big Brothers Big Sisters office & follow the signs We learn... we laugh... we support each other. ALL are welcome.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Women will meet for study & discussion of Scripture at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, May 6th**. Please use the Big Brothers/Big Sisters entrance at the far end of the building & follow the signs to the left. This month's study can be found in the May issue of "Gather" magazine. Copies will also be available from Elaine Michael. All women are invited & welcome.

GOD SQUAD EXPLORERS – The God Squad has three more activities before Sunday School is adjourned for the summer. The children will work with crafts and puzzles that depict the ascension along with the great commission of Jesus and will visit with Philip the disciple when he introduces the Ethiopian officer to the saving gospel of Jesus. The Sunday School year will conclude with a family drive through at the church on May 23, 10:45 am, where our God Squad Explorers will get a goodies bag filled and receive a well-done certificate of completion along with good wishes for an enjoyable summer vacation. We hope those who come to worship at church that day, will come outside after service to wave their encouragement for our faithful God Squad Explorer children and parents.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING – Whatever the "new normal" will mean for Haven Congregation, there will still be a place for adult study and discussion during Sunday School hour. Hopefully that will happen in the fall, but meanwhile it's not too early to discuss, maybe formulate some

preliminary plans and enjoy the wonderful fellowship tradition of the class: first Sunday lunch! Let's do all of that on **May 2nd** (first Sunday in May) right after worship. We'll meet in the current Adult Bible Study space – passed the “regular” adult Sunday School room, through the doors and to the left of the accordion doors (if you need directions, I'll be in the narthex for a while). After our sharing, we'll go to Tony's (north on Penn Ave) for lunch served by Theresa, who remembers us from the old pre-pandemic days when we thought zoom was the sound of a speeding car! All class members and interested (or just curious) adults are invited.

PARISH LIFE

HAVEN'S BOOK CLUB – Plan now to join us for our **Thursday, May 20th** meeting at **2:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. We are going to discuss **WHEN WE BELIEVED IN MERMAIDS** by Barbara O'Neal.

WORSHIP

WORSHIP READINGS

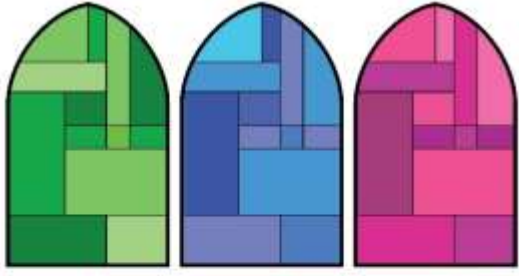
May 2	Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8
May 9	Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
May 16	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19
May 23 (Pentecost)	Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 30 (Trinity)	Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

SONG LEADER SCHEDULE

May 2	Aura Wiles, Bill Clark
May 9	Margaret McKee, Charlotte Loveless
May 16	Aura Wiles, Grant Wills
May 23	Margaret McKee, Bill Clark
May 30	Charlotte Loveless, Grant Wiles

WORSHIP LEADERS & HELPERS SCHEDULE

	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
May 2	Marge Cunningham	Danny Kiblinger	Doug Wright, Dave Resh, Amy Mason
May 9	Danny Kiblinger	Austin Suchy	Bob Snyder, Elaine Michael, Marge Cunningham
May 16	Terry Trovinger	Maddie Haupt	Susan Stobl, Amy Mason, Doug Wright
May 23	Aura Wiles	Danny Kiblinger	Marge Cunningham, Elaine Michael, Bob Snyder
May 30	Marge Cunningham	Austin Suchy	Doug Wright, Amy Mason, Dave Resh



Welcome to Livestream Worship

to our internet connection and download speed. Secondly, we could benefit from some improved camera and sound equipment. Lastly, if we want to be able to post the worship responses and music on the screen, we will need to have several members who are willing to learn how to do that during worship.

One important lesson we have learned is that sharing our worship on the internet has connected us not only with members who are unable to attend in person worship but beyond our known members and friends. So, this is a ministry we hope to continue even when our sanctuary is fully opened and most have returned to in-person worship. Though many of us are loathed to accept it, the internet has broadened our ability to reach out with love and the gospel to our members and neighbors.

Pray for this new facet of our ministry. Pray that we will find persons who will push aside their age, computer angst and COVID-lethargy to help us stay on-line to serve our neighbor.

THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE

As you know, we have been learning a lot of new technology as we move through the pandemic. Sometimes it works wonderfully or adequately or not as good as we hoped. We thank you for your calls or e-mails letting us know when the sound or picture quality interferes with meaningful participation in the now live-streamed worship.

We think we have gathered some new information that will help us improve this resource. The major problems are due

SUMMER WORSHIP PLANS THUS FAR

After much discussion in the Worship Team and Congregational Council, the current decision is to have one worship service each Sunday inside the church building.

While our outdoor and drive-up worship service was a great gift for us last summer, it took a load of effort by a few people to set up tents and equipment and take it down after worship each Sunday. Also, inside we will not need to worry about the weather and whether to cancel worship due to rain or extreme heat. We are still thinking of having an outdoor/drive up service for a special occasion --- like blessing the roof when it's completed.

Saturday's 5 pm service? As we try to bring our congregation back into worship in the sanctuary, we were hesitant to have an additional weekend worship at this time. After a year of being separated for the sake of safety, it seems important at this time to be "together." We are just beginning to see more folks returning to in-church services and express pure joy at "being back." Many are choosing to return after being vaccinated. For the comfort and safety of all, we continue to follow safety protocols (masks, 6-foot distancing, encouraging use of hand sanitizer.). We've still had room for more to safely attend. So, at this time, we will not have a Saturday worship service in June and July and hope we can further grow our Sunday morning worshipping community and let the Holy Spirit work to draw us together in Christ and love.





ORDER YOUR RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Each geranium will be **\$4.00** and you can order as many as you wish. **Deadline is May 9th.**

TO ORDER VIRTUALLY

Step 1: Please **e-mail** your order to **havenoffice@havenlc.org** OR call the church office voice mail (301-733-5056) with the following information:

Your name _____

The number of plants you wish to order _____

In whose memory or honor you wish to dedicate the plants _____

The total amount of payment _____

Step 2: Mail in your payment or drop it off in the offering box on the parsonage back porch. Be sure to put "geraniums" on the memo line of any checks and/or on an envelope with cash.

IN-PERSON ORDERING

Ordering envelopes are available in the narthex.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

May 4 Team 4 – Sue Strobl, Millie Strange, Valerie Wills, Sandy Powell

May 14 Team 3 – Joan Schupp, Kathy Wright, Linda Clark, Kris Fignar

HUNGER TEAM



CALLING ALL GARDENERS! – Buzz, do you hear that? Bees buzzing and Haven Garden Buddies feeling the Easter Spring renewal, the feeling of hope as we work towards getting the garden refreshed and weed free. Thanks to Kris Fignar she saw beet tops growing, with some TLC, I hope to get these planted for 2021, since my attempt at beets in 2020 was less than stellar. By the time you are reading this message, the garden space will be ready for tilling, with a healthy dose of fertilizer.

Thank you Cliff Britton for organizing the tilling for us. We have plenty of space to share and welcome you to take a row or two to plant vegetables or flowers. Please contact me, Amy Mason by phone at 301-393-0794 or by email at amy.mason64@outlook.com or Scott Rhodes at sdrhodes0569@gmail.com. We have tentatively set our garden blessing day for immediately following worship on Sunday, May 16. We plant and harvest vegetables and flowers for our Harvest for Hunger table every Sunday. Those donations then help those in our community. The collected funds are equally divided between a Haven Hunger project (like Micah's Backpacks,) a local hunger fighting organization (like the St. Mark's Food Bank,) and ELCA World Hunger.

No formal garden buddies' meetings ---- Just informal meets as when two or more of us happen to be in the garden at the same time to plant, weed and water. Lots of mutual encouragement, learning and celebration. We pray you will consider joining this ministry, it is a God adventure

Respectfully submitted, Amy Mason

THANK YOU NOTES

Haven Lutheran Church

First and foremost, friends and acquaintances of Haven Lutheran Church - thank you for the beautiful cards, food, gifts and flowers. So beautiful flowers!

Especially, thank you to the Pastor for taking the time to come visit me. The colorful pot of daises brightens my day.

There is so many things I miss about going to church. I especially miss seeing each and every one of you. Hopefully sometime in the near future, I will be able to join you in our usual church activities.

This is all in the Lord's hands. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers always. Love always, Dolores Carson

Dear Haven Family,

I would like to share my most sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness during my recent minor medical issue, shown to me by my Haven family. It's actually amazing how much a phone call or card can mean when you are down! My shouts of appreciation and ongoing prayers for peace, Karla Pile.

Dear Haven,

*Thank you for your kindness, generosity and your desire to let the Meritus Healthcare **Heroes** know they are in your thoughts and prayers. Please know how grateful we are for your donation of 20 subs from Tony's (Williamsport), to support our **Heroes!**... Jen C. Maust Bowers, Ex. Director*

Dear Friends of Holly Place,

On behalf of the residents, staff and board of directors of Senior Living Alternative, Inc. I would like to thank you all very much for the generous \$270 and \$149 donations to Holly Place. Your donation means the world to us; because of you we can continue to serve at risk seniors, and provide them a loving, safe, and affordable place to call home... Melanie J. Davis, Ex. Director

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Look who's celebrating special days this month!!!



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Tatiana Defriece	05/02	Emily Butsch	05/17
Piper Meredith	05/04	Ohna Baker	05/20
Simon Lightfoot	05/05	Ed Yelinek	05/20
Tanaya Richards	05/07	Millie Strange	05/21
Prue Yelinek	05/10	Madison Haupt	05/25
Jane Muse	05/11	Kyleigh McNabb	05/28
Brian Pile	05/11	Katie Muse	05/28
Sue Nelson	05/12	Lynda Byers	05/29
Barbara Miller	05/13	Scott Rhodes	05/29
Ethan Rhodes	05/13		
Morgan Haupt	05/15		



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Stephen & Georgetta Kauffman 05/01

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

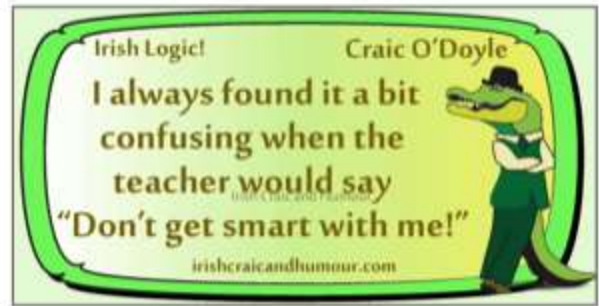
Tatiana Defriece 05/03
Jensen Richards 05/07
Jean Carbaugh 05/13
William Byers 05/14
Kathy Amos 05/18
Doug Wright 05/18
Margaret Manspeaker 05/21
Hannah Tice-Stouffer 05/21
Benjamin Lightfoot 05/29



MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 (Noisy/Hunger offering) 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	3 6:30 Boy Scout #103	4 1:00 AFG	5 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103	6 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 BBBS Board Committee Mtg. 6:30 Coda	7 5:30 AFG	8
9 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook Mother's Day	10 6:30 Boy Scout #103 7:00 Worship Team Mtg (Parlor)	11 1:00 AFG	12 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103	13 Ascension Day 5:00 BBBS mtg. 6:30 Coda 6:30 Lioness' Mtg (Gathering Room)	14 5:30 AFG	15
16 (Holly Place offering) 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook Haven Garden Blessing after Church Service	17 6:30 Boy Scout #103 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Council Meeting	18 1:00 AFG	19 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103 6:30 BBBS Board Mtg.	20 2:00 Book Club 5:00 BBBS Big/Little Act. Nights 6:30 CoDa 7:00 ZOOM Parish Ed. Mtg	21 5:30 AFG	22
Pastor will be on jury duty the week of May 17-21.						
23 Pentecost 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook 10:45 God Squad Explorer Drive Through Celebration	24 6:30 Boy Scout #103	25 1:00 AFG	26 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout #103	27 6:30 CoDa	28 5:30 AFG	29
30 Trinity 9:30 Worship In-person and Live on Facebook	31 6:30 Boy Scout #103					

BECAUSE WE NEED TO LAUGH



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