

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Gun Violence Prevention Sunday



June 8, 2025

**St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Des Plaines, Illinois**

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Welcome to all who worship with us today.

We are blessed by your presence.

*In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship,
please refrain from conversation within the sanctuary
10 minutes before and after the service.*

*Please silence your cell phone during the service
as a sign of respect for God and the worshipping community.*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Hail thee, festival day*

H225

The people remain standing for the Acclamation.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***People:* Amen.**

THE LESSONS (*All sit*)

The First Reading - Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with

new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Second Reading – Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *Come though Holy Spirit Bright*
(All stand)

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THE HOLY GOSPEL - John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

["I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

WEAR ORANGE – PREVENT GUN VOILENCE SUNDAY LITURGY

In Every Body, a Sacred Heart

Adapted from a Nuns Against Gun Violence prayer vigil for National Gun Violence Awareness Day | June 7, 2024 | this section by Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark-King

The Lament

Celebrant: Let us lament with all those who are touched by gun violence.
Let us lament the shooter's choice for violence.
Let us lament laws that allow the violent easy access to guns.
Let us lament our politicians' unwillingness to work for change.
Let us lament with the hearts broken by loss today.
Let us lament all the lives cut short today.
Let us lament, O God, and then let us rise from our knees to work for change.
In the name of Christ, the prince of peace.

People: **Amen.**

Petitions of Lament

Leader: As we pray petitions of lament. I invite you to place your hand on your sacred heart and become aware of the sacred hearts whose beating is stopped by gun violence, of loved ones whose hearts are broken. Loving God,

People: ***Fill our hearts with your transforming love.***

Leader: Giver of Life and Love, you created all people as one family and called us to live together in harmony and peace. Surround us with your love as we face the challenges and tragedies of gun violence. For our dear ones, for our neighbors, for strangers and aliens, and those known to you alone, Loving God,

People: ***Fill our hearts with your transforming love.***

Leader: God of Righteousness, you have given our

leaders, the President, the members of Congress, the judges of our courts and members of our legislatures, power and responsibility to protect us and to uphold our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For all who bear such responsibility, for all who struggle to discern what is right in the face of powerful political forces, Loving God,

People: ***Fill our hearts with your transforming love.***

Leader: Merciful God, bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence, those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, and those who struggle to get through one more day. Bless them with your presence and help them find hope. For all whose lives are forever marked by the scourge of gun violence, Loving God,

People: ***Fill our hearts with your transforming love.***

Leader: God Who Remembers, may we not forget those who have died in the gun violence that we have allowed to become routine.

Names of all the children in Illinois lost to gun violence in 2024 are read aloud

...and those we now name.

Receive them into your heart and comfort us with your promise of eternal love and care. For all who have died, those who die today, and those who will die tomorrow, Loving God,

People: ***Fill our hearts with your transforming love.***

Leader: God of Justice, help us, your church, find our voice. Empower us to change this broken world and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Give us power to rise above our fear that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change. For your dream of love and harmony, Loving God,

People: *Fill our hearts with your transforming love.*

Blessing of water

Celebrant: God of abundant life, bless this water. Help us to remember the rivers of living water, of divine love that flow in every heart. Fill us with the conviction that every body contains a sacred heart. Let us remember those sacred hearts we have lost this year to gun violence, both those who have died and those who have been wounded as well as those sacred hearts who committed these acts of violence. As these waters remind us, we are all one body; our sacred hearts are connected to one another. As we receive this blessing, may we commit ourselves to helping one another recognize our sacredness and the living water that flows from within. From that place of believing in our sacredness, empower us to work to create communities and societies where nonviolence and peace are the norm and not the exception.

People: **Amen.**

The congregation is sprinkled with the water.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for all who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader: Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers as follows:

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

Announcements

PRESENTATION HYMN *Come down, O Love divine*

H516



DOXOLOGY *(sung – H380 v. 3)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Her above the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EOW - Eucharistic Prayer 2

(The people stand as able)

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise."

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

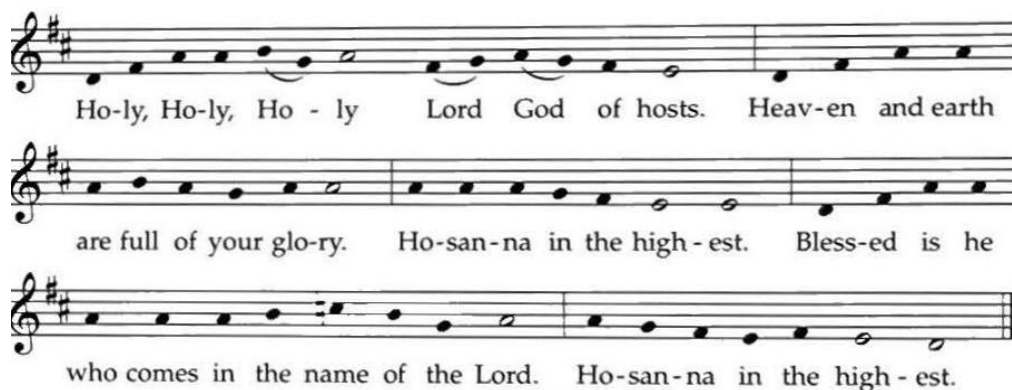
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary the God bearer, Martin and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER ~ said in ANY language!

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
 we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

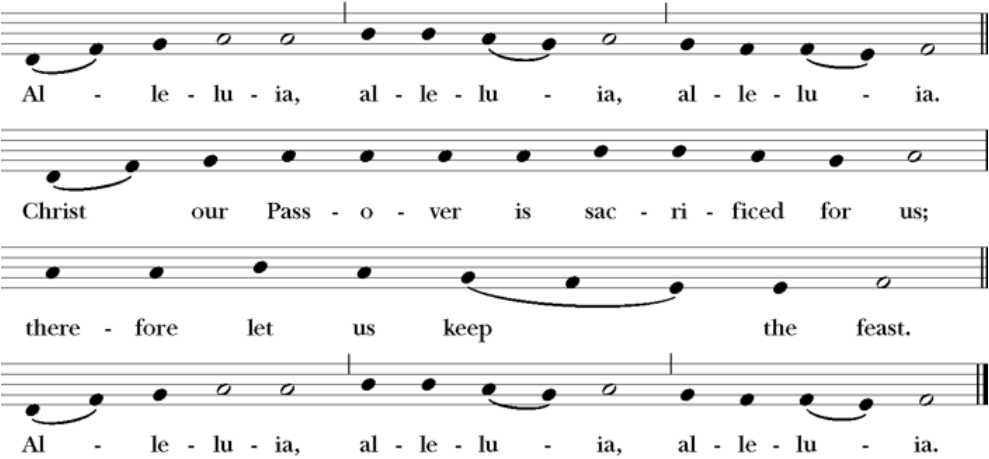
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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etting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

Instructions for distribution will be given at the announcements; please follow the Usher’s prompts. Please hold your hands out to receive the bread. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

All are welcome!

COMMUNION HYMN *Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove* **H510**
vs. 1,3,4

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *(stand or kneel)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***People:* Giver of life and love,
 we thank you
 that in this heavenly banquet
 you invigorate and renew us.
 Living in the unity of the Spirit,
 may we boldly use your gifts
 to continue your work in the world. Amen.**

THE BLESSING *(stand or kneel)*

FINAL HYMN *O Spirit of the Living God* (LEVAS 117) **vs. 1,2,4**

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THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: ... Alleluia! Alleluia!

***People:* Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

O Spirit of the Living God (LEVAS 117) vs. 1,2,4

First system of musical notation. The treble and bass staves are in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble staff consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note tied to the next system. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "I'm goin' - a sing* when the Spir - it says sing."

Second system of musical notation. The melody continues with a half note tied to the next system. The bass staff includes a measure with a circled '2' below the staff. The lyrics are: "I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing."

Third system of musical notation. The melody includes a sharp sign (F#) in the treble staff. The bass staff includes a measure with a circled '2' below the staff. The lyrics are: "I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing, and o ."

Fourth system of musical notation. The melody concludes with a half note tied to the next system. The bass staff includes a measure with a circled '2' below the staff. The lyrics are: "bey the Spir - it of the Lord."

*2. pray 3. moan 4. shout

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you Noreen Coussens for planning and taking care of the details for this evening's Ethnic dinner. We hope you enjoy yourself.

June 29 - Dinner Out

Dinner as a group following the service will be at Kappy's.

Kappy's was suggested because it is accessible and has a wide variety of food and beverages on their menu

<https://www.kappysrestaurant.com/menu>. I plan to make reservations for 6 pm to allow travel time. Please text me if you plan to attend so I can make an accurate reservation.

Kappy's American Grill

7200 Dempster

Morton Grove, IL 60053

RSVP by June 26 Noreen Coussens TEXT:224-567-3974

Chill'n With The Lord

Air Conditioning Service Fund

We are starting to head to a cooler space. As of publication time, we have **\$2750** in the A/C fund. Let's keep the ball rolling!



The Sanctuary air conditioners are in need of extreme TLC. It is estimated, *at this time*, that the cost of getting the Sanctuary air conditioners running properly will be around \$20,000. If you would like to contribute to the Air Conditioner Service Fund you can put your contribution in the collection plate, drop it off at the office, or use Zelle. Just make sure your contribution is marked appropriately.

Preparing for Pride Month in the Diocese of Chicago

Five things you need to know!

Pride month began June 1 and across our diocese churches are making plans to show The Episcopal Church is a place of belonging and inclusion. We'll have more updates in the coming weeks but

for now, here are five things to know:

- The Diocese of Chicago will have a small group marching with the [Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches](#) in the Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday, June 29. Watch for more information if you're interested in marching.
 - Also on June 29, [St. Peter's Church in Chicago](#), located on the Chicago Pride Parade route, invites all to join their ministry of welcome. St. Peter's doors will be open beginning at 8:30 am, with accessible bathrooms and hospitality for all.
 - We want to know about your Pride celebrations taking place around the diocese. Please send dates, details and a contact name [to Jen Boyle Tucker](#) for a listing on our website. And please send photos for our #DioChiPride album!
 - Share Bishop Clark's message of "Leading with Love" with our [Diocese of Chicago Pride T-shirts from Threadless](#).

At Trinity Lutheran

Saturday, June 7 from 1 to 5 PM
our Green Team will have a
Sustainability table at the Des
Plaines Pride Celebration at the
Des Plaines Christ Church UCC.



Sunday, June 22 at 11:30 AM – we are hosting a presentation on
composting that will be open to the community.

A prayer for peace

in Israel + Gaza

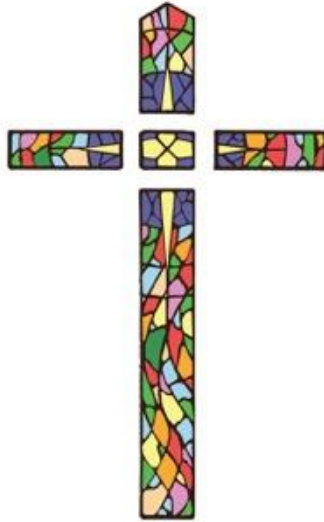


Courtesy worldrelief.org



Acts of hate target people based on their actual or perceived race, creed, color, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, citizenship, immigration status, or national origin. Such acts are deeply harmful.

Truth tellers are changemakers. When you report hate, you can access vital resources, build awareness, and help make Illinois safer and more inclusive for all.



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