

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, PA**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (10:30)

This Is the Feast

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Let us pray...O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

During the Easter season the first readings are from the book of Acts, rather than the Old Testament. The first part of Acts follows the progression of the Gospel, as Jesus commanded "in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Peter has already converted a Roman centurion, but Philip (one of the people set apart to administer food aid in the Jerusalem community) now encounters a Gentile who could not have descendants, whose "life is taken away from the earth."

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22: 25-31 (read responsively at 8:15, chanted responsively at 10:30)

While Psalm 22 begins with the cry of abandonment Jesus quoted from the cross (in Matthew and Mark), it ends with this song of praise, celebrating not only the singer's rescue by God, but the global reach of the good news.



From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the Lord.

**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
May your hearts | live forever**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

Indeed, all who sleep | in the earth
shall bow | down in worship;

**all who go down to the dust, though | they be dead,
shall kneel be- | fore the Lord.**

Their descendants shall | serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

**They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | Lord has acted!"**

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

During the Easter season this year, we will be reading from John's letters to his community. A central part of John's message was the love Jesus's followers had for one another, and the unity which faith provides. This correspondence, however, comes from a time when his community was divided and splintering.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love

because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (8:15)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GRADUAL ANTHEM (10:30)

Christ the Vine
Chancel Choir

Robert Powell

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is always from Jesus' last lecture, the night before he was betrayed, to his followers. He has just warned them that he would be leaving, but promising to send them Spirit to continue their connection with him and with the Father.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said: ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Herr

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 449

We Know that Christ is Raised

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition of the prayers: A Lord, in your mercy, C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEAL

PEACE

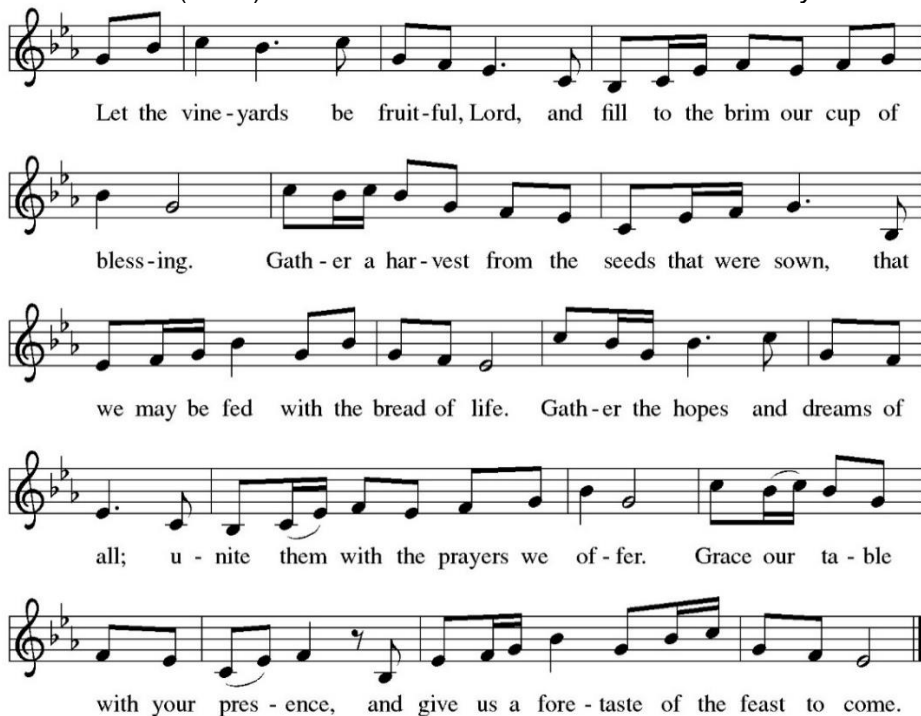
OFFERING

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| Organ Offertory: (8:15) | <i>Bread of the World</i> | Mark Davis |
| Handbell Offertory: (10:30) | <i>Campana Sonos (Bell Sounds)</i> | Kathleen Wissinger |
| | Christ Lutheran Handbell Choir | |

Please stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY ELW 184 (10:30)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

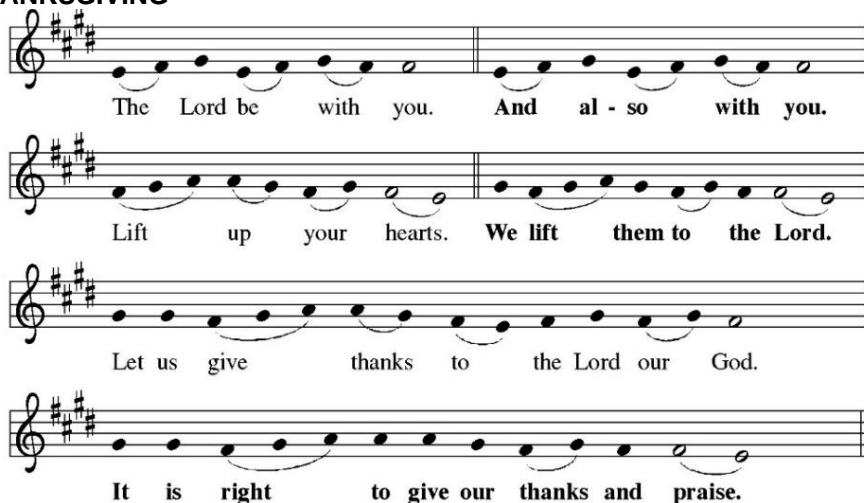


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

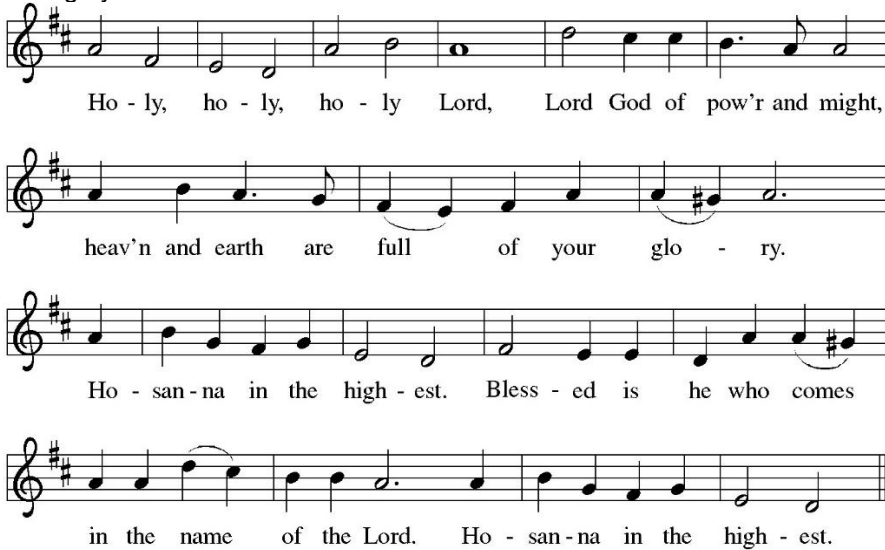
A Let us pray... Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
 his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
 we await your promised life for all this dying world.
 Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
 carry us in your arms from death to life,
 that we may live as your chosen ones,
 clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
 Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

LORDS PRAYER

**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,
 forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**A: Reveal yourself to us O Lord,
 C: as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray...Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

DISMISSAL P Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell the good news. **C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Paul Manz

Altar flowers are given in memory of Ray & Sally Harner by Larry & Darla Conover.

Altar flowers are given in honor of Henry Meissner by Claire Meissner

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ABOUT TODAY'S HYMNS

Today's Gathering Hymn, *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*, originally titled "**Good Christian Men, Rejoice**", was written by English priest and headmaster of Eton College, **Cyril Alington (1872-1955)**. He wrote "**Good Christian Men, Rejoice**" to be published in "**Songs of Praise**," set to the tune of **Melchior Vulpus, *Gelobt sei Gott im höchsten Thron (Praise be to God on highest Throne)***. The hymn was later altered and renamed "**Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing**" to avoid confusion with the earlier Christmas carol, "Good Christians All Rejoice."

Today's Hymn of the Day, *We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More*, is a 20th-century hymn with rich meaning for the celebrations of baptism and the Resurrection. The author of the text, **the Rev. John Brownlow Geyer (b.1932)**, was ordained by the Congregational Union of Scotland, grew up through the end of the Great Depression and witnessed the Second World War.

The hymn is based on Romans 6:3-11, the first line drawing heavily upon Romans 6:9, *“We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.”*

In the history of the church, baptism and Easter are inexorably linked. Catechumens—those studying the doctrines of the church during Lent—enter into the mystery of baptism during the Easter Vigil.

Though originally intended as a hymn for the sacrament of baptism, it has also become popular as an Easter hymn, in part because of the text changes to the second stanza of the hymn. The original version of this stanza argues against the scientific advancement of in vitro fertilization:

*We share by water in his saving death.
This union brings to being one new cell,
a living and organic part of Christ.
Alleluia!*

Later Geyer changed the words of the second and third lines of this stanza to: *“Reborn, we share with him an Easter life /as living members of a living Christ.”* This small difference refocuses the meaning of the hymn from an ethical agenda to a celebratory declaration of the Resurrection of Christ.

Mr. Geyer’s hymn was written for the tune **ENGELBERG** by **Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)**. Composed in 1904, this tune had fallen out of use until Mr. Geyer wrote this hymn for it.

Today’s Communion Hymn, *Now the Green Blade Rises* was written by English chaplain, priest and bishop, **John MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)**, who wrote the text to be paired with the popular French carol melody **NOËL NOUVELET**, sometimes referred to by the name **FRENCH CAROL**.

This hymn text first appeared in the 1928 edition of the *Oxford Book of Carols*, and for those living in the northern hemisphere where springtime usually coincides with Easter, the image of growing plants and vegetation speaks clearly. The simple phrase *“Now the green blade rises”* reminds us that Jesus is risen today and every day, just as he rose on that first Easter morning.

Today’s Sending Hymn, *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*, was written by **Paul Zeller Strodach**. He was born in March of 1876 into a family of German immigrants, who settled in southeast Pennsylvania: the Pennsylvania Dutch. He attended Muhlenberg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, becoming ordained in 1899.

In addition to serving in several Lutheran churches, Strodach also worked as an editor at the publication house for the United Lutheran Church, wrote a handful of books, translated some Lutheran works into English, and aided in compiling a hymnal. Finally, he wrote a small collection of hymns, containing most notably the Easter hymn, *“Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound.”*

Strodach chose an old familiar German hymn tune, **LASST UNS ERFREUEN**, to pair with his hymn. The original text for this tune was called *“Laßt uns erfreuen herzlich sehr”* or *“Let Us Rejoice Heartily”* and was composed for Easter.

This tune was made popular because of English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams’s involvement with *The English Hymnal of 1906*, who took the older tune and composed his own arrangement with harmonies. This arrangement is what is found in today’s Lutheran hymnals, as well as in most English hymnals. This tune was typically paired with *“All Creatures of Our God and King,” “From all that Dwell Below the Skies,”* and *“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones.”*

PRAYER CONCERNS

The following persons have an immediate need for prayers for healing: **Walt Hess, Larry Barbour, Rene Fredette, Virgil Gibson, Jeff Evans, Karl Held, Charles Bedsworth, Gregory Kuzniar** (Fran Wagner's brother), **Suzanne Schwarz** (wife of Marie Chantelau's nephew), **Diane Curtis, Beverly Weisenreder, Ron Frew** (brother of Dolores Jordan), **Morris Richey** (friend of Jim and Lyn Badger), **Linda Sochowski** (Charity Heaton's mother), **Rob Ferree**, (Jim and Lyn Badger's son-in-law), **Kathy Johnson** (friend of Barbara Pendley), **Douglas Barbour** (son of Larry and Nancy Barbour), **Andrew Nyblade** (son of June Nyblade), **Jim Gallagher** (brother of George Gallagher), **Susan Kohler, Craig Ground** (husband of Chris Ground), **Donna Marie Bates** (friend of Mark Snell), **Will Chantelau** (Bill and Marie Chantelau's grandson), **Bill Deptula** (friend of Steve Herr), **John Schumann** (brother of Jill Schumann), **Lauren Hotaling** (daughter of Sharon and Mike Saunders)

We pray for those mourning the loss of loved ones: **Marie Medcalf** (mother of Janet Schroeder)

We pray for those serving in our nations armed forces: **Chase David, Bryce Evans, Jacob Romero** (grandson of Pat Kint), **Elizabeth Gelner and Gregory Sprowl** (Mike and Kathy Gelner's daughter and son-in-law), **Alex and Benjamin Vogel** (grandsons of Martha Nelson), **Anthony Saunders** (son of Mike and Sharon Saunders) **Scott Wilkinson** (Mary Jo Bedsworth's nephew), **Lee Nyblade** (grandson of June Nyblade)

We pray for those currently living in Personal Care Facilities: **Phyllis Hale, Anna Jane Moyer, Walter Nyblade, Jane English, Paulette Izydorski, Betty Myers, Pam Vingsness**

We pray for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week: **John Spangler, Tara Barnabei, Stephen Herr, Mimi Schlichter, Marty Henderson, Alice Boeshore, Ronald Rock, Charity Heaton, Samuel Meighan, Connor Peterman, Jackson Romero, Linda Bell, Carson Conover, Kathryn Gelner**

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister: Pastor Stephen Herr
Organist: Cantor Cathy Elkiss
Counters: Virgil and Peggy Gibson
Acolyte: 10:30-Ansley Peterman
Communion Preparation: 8:15-Todd Ozydorski
10:30-Gail Jones
Lector: 8:15-Todd Izydorski 10:30-Walter Wagner
Ushers: 8:15-Randy Walleth, Bill Conover 10:30-Kristi and Andy Peterman
Communion Assistants: 8:15-Tiff Rudisill 10:30-Connie Pheiff, Lyle Ask

Staff

Pastor: Stephen Herr
Admin. Assistant: Heather Ahn
Cantor: Cathy Elkiss
Preschool: Lori Weaver, Jane Clements
Security: Randolph Fullerton
Nursery Supervisor: Vicki Crouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Worship – 8:15 and 10:30am (Of the Lands and Seasons)
Christian Education – 9:15am
Worship Leadership training-12:00pm-nave
Confirmation class-3:00-5:30pm
- MONDAY:** Gettysburg Children’s Choir – 6:30pm
- TUESDAY:** Preschool Chapel/Music Time – 9:15am
Pitter, Patter, Play – 9:30am-3rd floor CE building
LWR Quilting-1:30pm-SR
VBS planning meeting-6:30pm-St. James
- WEDNESDAY:** Preschool Chapel/Music Time – 9:15am
Bible Study-10:00am-Zoom
Bell Choir-6:00 pm
Into the Danger Zone – 6:30pm-Zoom
Chancel Choir-7:00 pm
- THURSDAY:** Agape-10:00am
Gettysburg Children’s Choir-7:00pm
- FRIDAY:** Church office close
Youth Rise & Shine breakfast-6:30am-SR
Agape meeting-11:00am-DR
Crossroads band rehearsal-5:00pm-nave
- SUNDAY:** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Worship – 8:15 and 10:30am
Christian Education – 9:15am
Ordination service-2:00pm-nave
Contemporary worship – 5:00pm-nave

Save the Date! - June 14, 2024

Flag Day

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! We will be having a potluck luncheon to celebrate Flag Day at 12 noon on June 14 in the Social Room. Think red, white, and blue in your food preparation and your attire.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Christ Lutheran will be hosting an Ordination Service for Libby Baker-Mikesell on Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. We are looking for a few hosts to direct people when they arrive. You would need to arrive around 1:00 p.m. If this is something you are able and willing to do, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Adams County Office of Aging is looking for Volunteers to help with the Meals on Wheels program. The delivery process takes an hour or less to complete. In addition to providing lunch, volunteers also serve as a daily check-in for people who live alone. For many participants, the volunteer is the only visitor they will have all day. If you want to make a difference in the lives of our seniors, please contact ACOFA to learn more about our volunteer opportunities 717-334-9296 or 1-800-548-3240 or visit acofa.org

SPRING CLEAN-UP TIME IS HERE AGAIN! The Property Committee needs your help to finish some projects and work on some new ones on **Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 8:00a.m. – noon.** You don't need to come and spend the whole day, just give one hour to help take care of our church facilities. The Property Committee will provide job cards and the supplies needed to do the job. We all have our own homes to maintain, but we must work together to maintain God's house. If you have any questions call Bill Chantelau 337-9623. william_chantelau@comcast.net

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Contemporary Worship –May 5. Join us at 5:00 p.m. for our monthly contemporary service. Instrumentalists and vocalists interested in participating in the *Crossroads* band are welcome and should contact Gretchen Carlson at glm5cz@virginia.edu

WORSHIP LEADERS continue to be needed. Sign up at www.christgettysburg.org or by calling the church office.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TRAINING...if you are interested in serving as a lector, usher, assisting minister or communion assistant and need training, please join us today **following the 10:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary.**

May 19 is Pentecost Sunday....again this year we will read the morning Scripture readings in different global languages. If you would like to help read that Sunday at either service contact Pastor Herr and share the language you would like to read.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 19. We will honor our high school seniors at the 10:30 a.m. worship service followed by a reception.



Spring is here, and summer is not far behind. Now is the time to sign up to sponsor altar flowers for the summer months. Available dates are June 2, 9, 30, July 7, 14, 28, August 18.

Sign up on the bulletin board on the bridge. Provide wording for the bulletin and billing information by either completing a paper form located near the calendar OR completing the form online:

<https://forms.gle/mUKcrE4apgK8TR4N8> Please use a separate form for each date you'd like to sponsor. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to the altar flower coordinator, Lori Lupolt, lglupolt@gmail.com

MUSIC! Gettysburg! Today at 4:00 p.m. we'll present the Hershey Ringers for the first time – a group which shows the range of delightful music for handbells.

On May 5, the Gettysburg Children's Choir (a nationally acclaimed group) will end its season, and bid farewell to its director, Matt Carlson, as he ventures on to graduate study.

On May 12, the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra will be joined by the sterling pianist Thomas Pandolfi for its traditional Mother's Day concert.

On May 19, we'll welcome Eric Fennell, a Gettysburg College grad now a star of European opera theaters, in a concert with James Day, the director of the Sunderman Conservatory on the guitar.

All of these are at 4 PM and all are free. Please join us at the Seminary Chapel.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Save the Date! - June 3-7, 2024

Vacation Bible School

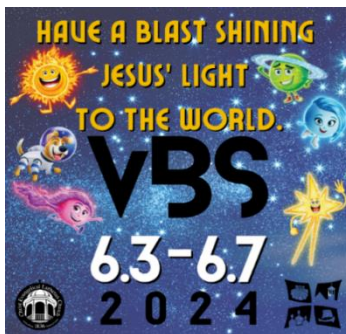
9:00 -11:45 p.m.

St. James Lutheran Church

Sponsored by Christ Lutheran and St. James Lutheran Churches
Thrivent members...if you are willing to help provide funding by using a
Thrivent Action Team to support VBS - please contact Pastor Herr.



Register your child here.



Volunteer to help here.

The Good Books Group will meet Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joe and Debra Vought (389 Friendship Lane, Gettysburg). The group will discuss the book of Esther in the Old Testament. Please contact Debra Vought (dvought56@verizon.net or 540-421-0896) if you have questions. In June, the group will discuss The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES Sundays at 9:15 a.m. **Adult Forum** meets in the social room or on Zoom. **Sunday School for children ages 3 through 5th Grade** is held on the third floor of the Christian education building.

ADULT FORUM - Sundays in May: 9:15-10:15 a.m. Social room or via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88632774631> Meeting ID: 886 3277 4631

BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 10:00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86770814205>

Meeting ID: 867 7081 4205 By phone: +1-301-715-8592

THEOLOGY STUDY *Into the Danger Zone*, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82470018992?pwd=Q1FmeWk5VG55U2lNb1FpbGdrenphdz09>

Meeting ID: 824 7001 8992

Passcode: 755815

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Cost - \$6.00

Deadline to order – May 10

Please complete the form and mail to the church office.



No. of pots _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

To the Glory of God _____



TREASURE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 18

8AM - 2PM

We are excited to learn that many are interested in participating in the Treasure Sale to be held at Christ Lutheran on May 18, the same day as the Gettysburg Antique Sale. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support historic Christ Lutheran Church. Ways to participate:

Bring your Items to Sell

1. Contact a committee member (list below) and request a table(s) to display your items. Items should be clean and in good condition and able to be displayed on participant's table(s) or in boxes under table, visible to shoppers. All items should be priced by the participant. **Unacceptable items: Clothes** (accessories, such as purses, scarves, gloves are acceptable)
2. Deliver and arrange your priced items on the table(s) you requested during the week of May 13-17. Church will be open to receive items that week at any of the following times:
Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 1 -3 PM
Tuesday, Friday from 5-7PM
3. Pick up unsold items at one of the following times:
 - a. Saturday, May 18, 2-5PM
 - b. Sunday, May 19, 1-2PM (those items not picked up on Saturday will be available for sale Sunday morning after worship through 1:00).

Bake Cookies, Brownies, Fudge to be sold at the Treasure Sale

1. Sign up on the Bridge
2. Prepare and package individual zip-lock bags, each containing two servings (reduces handling)
3. Deliver on Friday, May 17, 1-3PM or 5-7PM

Volunteer for a Two-Hour Shift on the Day of the Sale

Sign up on the Bridge or contact a committee member (see below)

Shop on the Day of the Sale and Spread the Word

Questions: Just ask any Treasure Sale Committee member

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Mission Statement

Continually refreshed by the Fountain of God's love in Christ Jesus, we of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church are sent by the Holy Spirit to direct that flow into the lives of our neighbors, so that they, too might be refreshed and renewed.



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