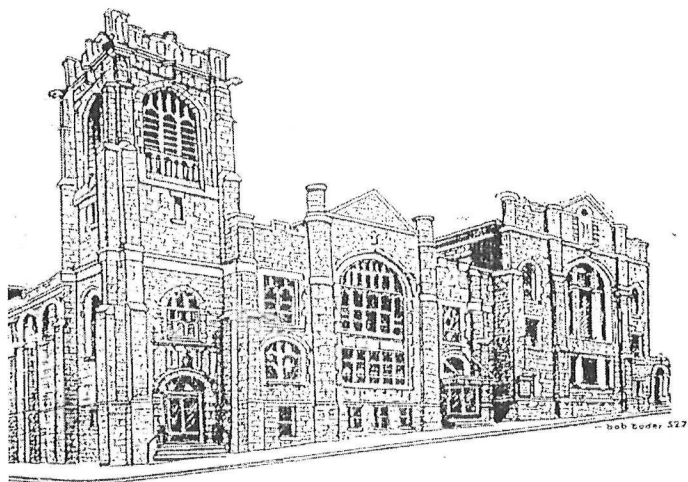


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## Confession

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin  
to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness,  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: Most merciful God,  
**Congregation: we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you  
In thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;  
we have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake  
of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

**Pastor:**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake  
God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ  
And by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:**

**Amen.**

**Prelude:**

**In the Upper Room**

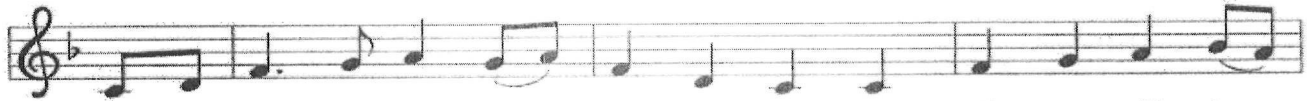
**Edward Broughton**

**Entrance Hymn: #641 All Are Welcome**

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## All Are Welcome

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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



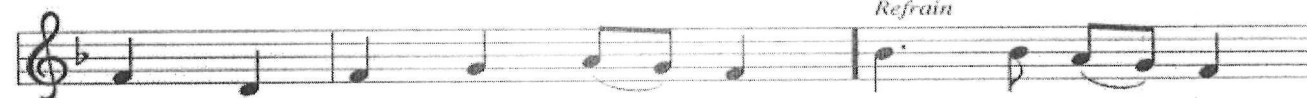
live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## **Greeting**

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

## **Kyrie**

**Cantor** Ky—ri—e e—le—i—son:

**Congregation:** Lord, have mercy:

**Cantor** Chri—ste e—le—i—son:

**Congregation:** Christ, have mercy:

**Cantor** Ky—ri—e e—le—i—son:

**Congregation:** Lord, have mercy:

**Congregation:** *Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.*

**1.** Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship  
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

*Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.*

**2.** Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of  
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are  
seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayers.

*Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.*

**3.** For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you  
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
glory of God the Father. Amen

*Final refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the Highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and  
peace to God's people on earth.*



# Today's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

## First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An 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.) <sup>27</sup>So 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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now 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."

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

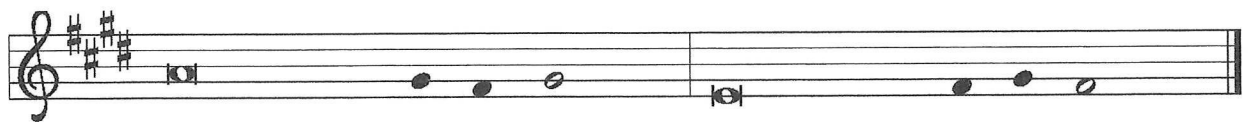
<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

<sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As 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?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When 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.

<sup>40</sup>But 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.

## Psalm

Psalm 22:25-31; tone 5



From you comes my praise  
in the <sup>1</sup> great assembly;  
I will perform my vows  
in the sight of those  
who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat <sup>1</sup> and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD  
give praise!  
May your hearts <sup>1</sup> live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;

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*Psalm, continued*

all the families of nations  
shall bow <sup>l</sup> before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs <sup>l</sup> to the LORD,  
who rules o- <sup>l</sup> ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth  
shall bow <sup>l</sup> down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust,  
though they be dead,  
shall kneel be- <sup>l</sup> fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants  
shall <sup>l</sup> serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim  
to genera- <sup>l</sup> tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance  
to a people <sup>l</sup> yet unborn,  
saying to them,  
"The <sup>l</sup> LORD has acted!"

## Second Reading

## 1 John 4:7-21

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

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of

God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So 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. <sup>17</sup>Love 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. <sup>18</sup>There 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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those 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. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## Gospel

## John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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**Prayer of the Day:** 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**

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40 Today's Readings Insert  
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Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21 Today's Readings Insert

**Congregation:** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia.**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Saint John the 15th Chapter  
**Congregation:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 15:1-8 Today's Readings Insert

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.  
**Congregation:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Chris

**Hymn of the Day: #838 Beautiful Savior**

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# Beautiful Savior

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677*; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
 Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
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. Amen.**

**Offering**

<u><b>Anthem:</b></u>	<b>Jesus, Our Song in the Night</b>	<b>Mark Patterson</b>
	<b>(9:30) Senior Choir</b>	

**Offertory Response: #185 Create in Me**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not  
away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the  
joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart,  
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Prayer Hymn-#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

**Prayers**

**Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**Congregation:(sung) And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
**Congregation:(sung) We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Congregation:(sung) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Congregation:(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**Congregation: And also with you.**  
Pastor: Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

**Hymns during communion:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.


Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion hymn: #484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

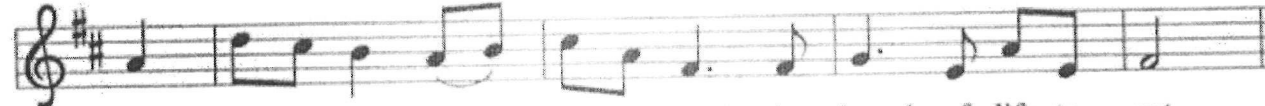
**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**  
*Gift of Finest Wheat*

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*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam - ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Canticle #200**

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go--in—peace: your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people:  
a light—to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A—men.**

**Lord's 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.**

**Blessing**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Worship Assistant: Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn: #705 God of Grace and God of Glory**

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God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

*God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

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**Family Members/Friends:** Ada, Karen Alban, Michelle Ambrose, McKenna Archibald, Millie Bachert, Brianne Barket, Sando Barnes, John Barnetsky, David Bechtel, Timothy Beissel, Olivia Bensinger, Heather Boltz, Linda Borchardt, Ron Boris, Rose Brehony, Doug Broughton, Joan Buehner, Connie Burns, Irene Conway, Betty Coyle, Donna Dando, Ellsworth Davis, Hayden Daubert, Alice Davis, Eliana Denning, Lynn Denmon, Justin Dicello, Marilee Ebert, Gaylene Ebling, Margaret Ebling, Tracey Ebling, Scarlett Eckers, Virginia Ehrich, Dale Felker, Betty Gerinda, Charlie Gerinda, Kim Gerthoffer, Nancy Gullob, Connie Hale, David Hallman, Maureen Hill, Helen Holley, Bobby Hosler, Vicki Jarvis, Warren Jefferson, Lindsay Kastner, Barry Kellner, Cody and Kime Kimberlin, Kaylynn Klunk, Blayne Kopinetz, David Krall, John Kruss, Diane Laine, Butch Lasco, Phil Lasco, Margaret Ledford, Regnal Leibensperger, Kenneth Leister, Bernadette L. Lord, Lorraine, John Olfhinski Sister Jo Magdalinski, Gladys & Joseph Matz, Maria Masteller, Shawn Matz, Paige Marshall, Melissa Martin, Rose Maurer, Melissa L. Martin Lenny, Larry Lonergan, Karen McHugh, Joe McNulty, Alethia Meyer, Ariel Miller, Frank Miller, Marie Minder, David Mohn, Alyssa Morissey, Joan Moyer, Vincent Murray, Charlotte Naley, Brenda Nungst, Tom Orrs, Mark Oshman, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, Robert Pomian, Ava Potts, Evelyn Potts, Kathy Pritchard, Jack & Dot Rebeck, Debbie Reed, Jerry Reed, Bryan Reinhold, Tina Robinson, Nancy Roshannon, Don Roth, Dave Rothermel, Milly Sheehan, Lisa Schaeffer, Julia Schemanski, Sandy Schlemmer, Pastor Jim Seifert, Adam Selfridge, Aimee & Ethan Selfridge, Brian Shishlo, Donny Smith, Joshua Sophy, Ann Marie Souchak, Allen and Jack Spotts, Lindsay Spotts, Scott Sterner, Jessica L. Steward, Diane Sumoski, Jack Thomas, Shirley Uhler, Charlie Wagner, Barry Ward, Glynn Ward, Emily Wetzel, Andy Wollyung, Anne Schock Womack, Mike Zawaski

***STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MISSION: TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH***

Trinity Lutheran Church is a worshipping, learning, witnessing, and serving community of baptized Christians. It is a welcoming place where the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are celebrated according to the Gospel. As a community of believers, we challenge each other to respond to the call of our Lord to love and minister to persons at home and throughout the world. We encourage each other to share our time, our talents, and gifts to further the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. In these ways, we bear witness to the love we have first received from God through Jesus Christ.

***Adopted by the Congregation  
January 25, 1998***

**TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>Saturday, April 27th</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sunday, April 28th</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Monday, April 29th</b>	<b>6:30pm-8:30pm</b>	<b>Adult Volleyball</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 30th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Senior Exercise</b>
<b>Thursday, May 2nd</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Circle V @ C&amp;C Restaurant</b>
<b>Friday, May 3rd</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Seniors Exercise</b>

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Pastor/Vicar</u></b>	<b><u>Worship Assistant</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>
<b>Sat. April 27th</b>	<b>Pastor Chris</b>	<b>Christina Linder</b>	
<b>Sun. April 28th</b>	<b>Pastor Chris</b>	<b>Michael Ward</b>	<b>Sharon Haffey</b>

**“THE CONNECTING LINK”**

*Sunday mornings, WPPA, 1360 AM at 11:00 a.m.*

**Trinity Lutheran Guest Account**

**Password: TrinityWIFI**  
(password is *case sensitive*)

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Michael Kiehner, Organist & Choir Director

Jim Honicker, Sexton

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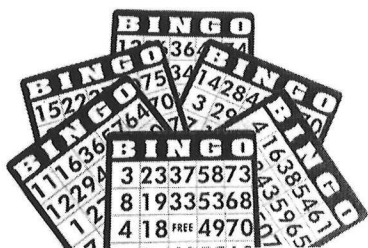
YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

*ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA - July 16-20, 2024*

Our Youth Gathering Committee continues to meet and plan for our trip, as well as more events for congregational support.

We are currently planning a bingo event for Sunday May 5th in Trinity Hall following worship; and a car wash at Trinity for Sunday June 2nd following worship.

Please stay tuned for upcoming details, and thank you for supporting our youth!



Many thanks to all for a successful Rock-A-Thon . At this point, our rockers have raised over \$1600, which will be distributed between Camp Dragonfly and the Weekender Program. As with any event, it takes a lot of folks working together to make it happen. So, to the kids, parents, donors, chaperones, chefs, sponsors and those who offered prayers and support – thank you! We couldn't have done it without you.

Once again, a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all!

**Confirmation** – Our final confirmation class for this year will be held on Sunday, May 5, following worship. For those who will be confirmed on May 19, we are asking parents to keep an eye on their email for important information about that service.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

### Prayer Group

A monthly prayer group is meeting the fourth Thursday at 1 pm and the second Tuesday at 11 am (after exercise group) in the large Sunday school room. Everyone is welcome to join us!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please keep in mind our Prayer Shawl Ministry. There are a variety of colorful shawls and lap blankets available in our storage area in the Main Sunday School room. This ministry was started to provide a gift of love and comfort to people in life transitions. If you know someone who could use prayers and the loving embrace of a shawl or blanket to assist them to navigate life's challenges, please feel free to stop in our room to select an appropriate item. They are not just for Trinity members - anyone in need is welcome to receive! Those of you who visit shut-ins at home or in nursing homes to provide communion, may recognize someone in need in your travels. Feel free to take one with you so you have one if that opportunity arises. It could be the only bright moment in their day or week! (Their reaction may also be the highlight in your day, as well.) Just remember to sign the log so that we can pray for the shawl recipient. Supplies are also available in that same room for those of you gifted with knitting and crocheting talents. We invite you to join us in creating these items so our available supply continues to be replenished.

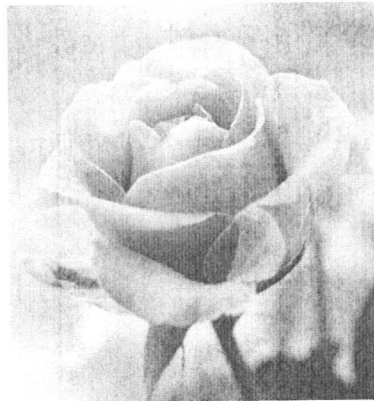
Thank you for all your consideration in supporting all these outreach efforts!!!

Our recycling efforts are underway and will continue throughout 2024. 1) We added an effort to collect newspapers for Hillside SPCA mid-February and we already made two deliveries to their shelter. 2) 90 pr of prescription and non-prescription eyeglasses to the Lions Club have been delivered. 3) We received a very generous donation of 100 lb of aluminum can pop tops which have been taken to the recycle center and cashed-in for our first \$50.00 to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. We are well on our way to add to that as you can see at our display table. 4) We continue our collection of new and used shoes, boots and cleats for "In Ian's Boots" efforts. Keep that in mind as you clean out your closets and find those treasures you no longer wear, but could make a huge difference for someone in need.

Next scheduled Bloodmobile at Trinity on May 29th.

### **Trinity Lutheran Day at the Reading Phillies**

Please join us on Sunday April 28th for our third annual Trinity Lutheran Day at the Reading Phillies. This event is open to all members, families and friends of Trinity. Tickets are \$25.(children 4 and under are free) and include a buffet lunch and seats in the Club 67 picnic area along third base. First pitch is scheduled for 3:15pm. The picnic area will open at 2:15pm. Please contact Mike Vigoda at 570-527-4258 or mpvigoda@gmail.com or the church office if you are interested. I hope to see you at the ballpark.



### **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST BRUNCH**

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

At 11:00 am

## **UPCOMING GROUP MEETINGS AT TRINITY**

### **CIRCLE V**

**Next scheduled meeting is May 2nd at 12:30**

A luncheon outing at C&C Restaurant in Friedensburg.

Several members will be driving and able to provide transportation if needed. We will be leaving from the church parking lot around noon.

*For more info, details or transportation contact Teresa Stoffregen at  
(570) 622-7918*

### **FRIEDA HOH**

**Next scheduled meeting is May 21st @ 6:30**

Will be making health kits for Lutheran World Relief. Members are asked to bring the following: 1 bath towel dark color, 2 or 3 bath size bars of soap, 1 adult toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb, 1 metal nail clipper (removed packaging).

*Hostesses: Linda Rist and Marie Weikel*

*Any questions, contact Marie Weikel at (570) 449-6484*

## **Senior and Youth Coordinator News!**

### **Youth Activity**

**Tie Dye and Pizza at Trinity on Saturday May 11th from 11am-1pm.**

Please bring an item of your choice to dye all other supplies will be provided. Pizza will be served following the activity. Please call the church office to sign up or see Danielle Crestuk .

### **Senior Activity**

**Wine or Beer tasting at The Vineyard at Hershey!**

More details to follow

**Geranium's for Pentecost**

**Cost \$5.25**

**Money due by Friday May 10th**

**Pick up Monday May 20th**

**Please call the church office at**

**570-622-9910**

