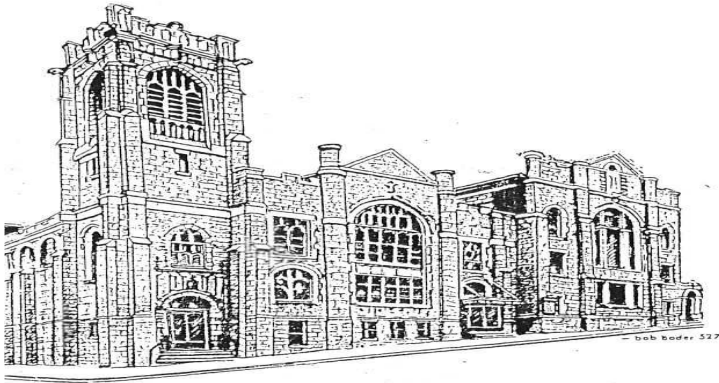


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**May 9-10, 2026**

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## Confession

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation: **Amen.**

Leader: 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.**

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

Leader: 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.**

**Leader:** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake  
God forgives us all our sins.  
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 of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**Prelude:** Blessed Holy Trinity

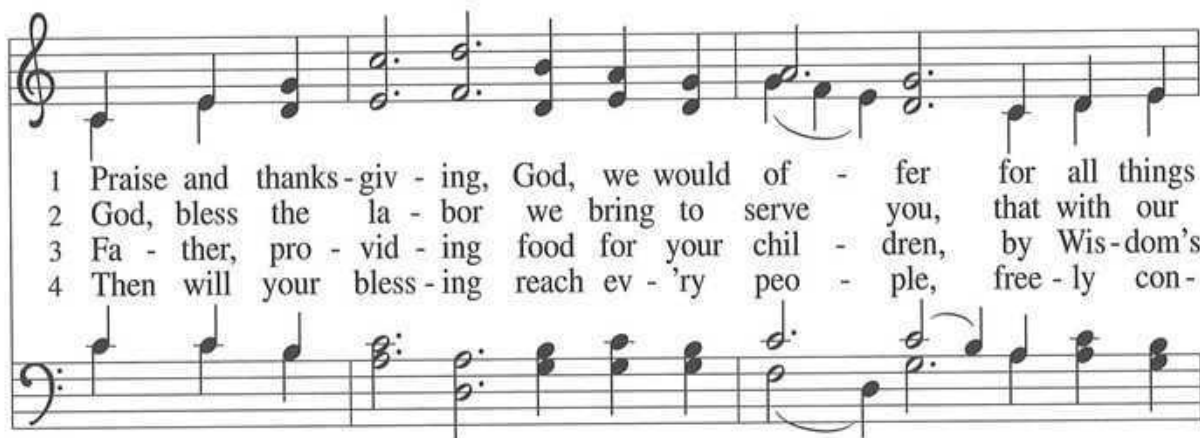
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**Entrance Hymn:** #689 Praise & Thanksgiving

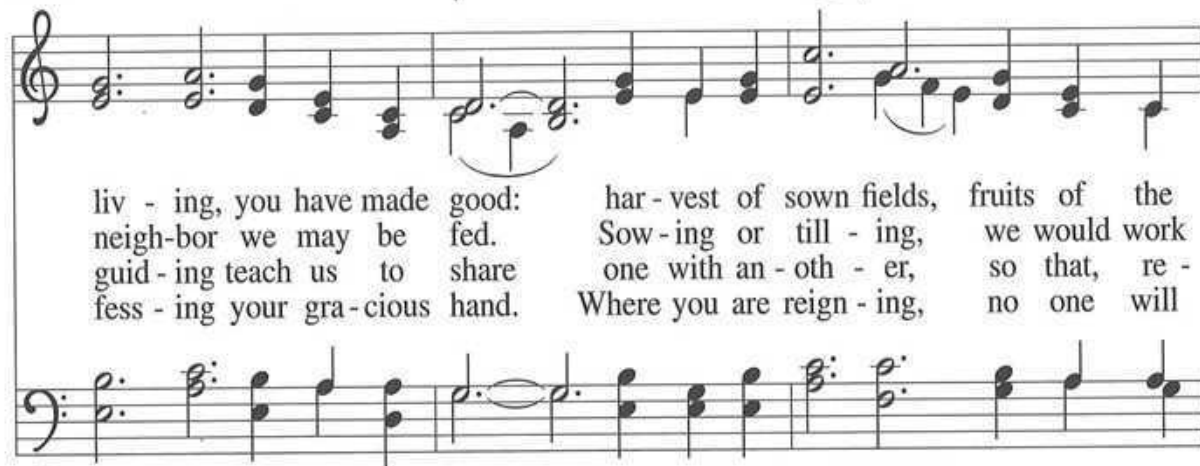
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# Praise and Thanksgiving

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1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

## **Greeting**

Leader: 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.***

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31 Celebrate Insert  
Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20 Celebrate Insert  
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22 Celebrate Insert

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

Leader: The holy gospel according to Saint John the 14th Chapter.

**Congregation:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:15-21 Celebrate Insert

Leader: The gospel of our Lord.

**Congregation:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Bob Thomas

**Hymn of the Day:** #726 Light Dawns on a Weary World (Next Page)

# Light Dawns on a Weary World

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1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

### **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**

**Anthem:        We Are the People of God (9:30)  
Senior Choir**

**Joseph M. Martin**

### **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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:(sung) And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation:(sung) We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation:(sung) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: When our congregation last gathered in worship, we heard again of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We shared in the holy meal of the Lord's supper. Now we bring you this word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, so that you may share in these same gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

**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.**

Leader: Gathered around our Lord's table, we remembered with Thanksgiving the words of the Apostle, Paul. For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Leader: 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: #465 As the Grains of Wheat**

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As the Grains of Wheat



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Leader: 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**

Leader: 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: #717 Let Justice Flow like Streams**

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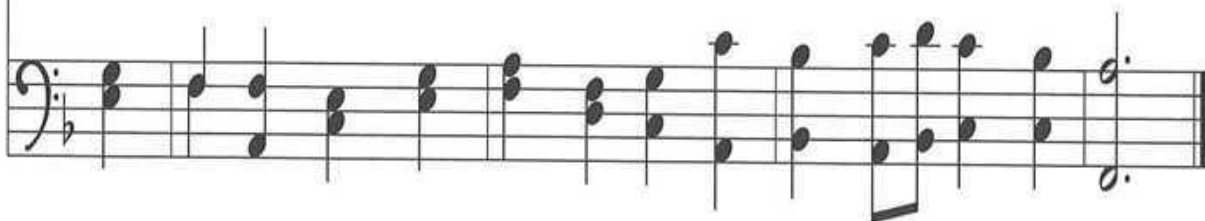
## Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.



*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.*

## **Organ Postlude**

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### **Altar flowers provided by: *Forget Me Not Florist***

*Altar Flowers* are presented to the Glory of God in memory of our mother, Ruthie Ebling, by her daughters, Judy, Jean, Janice, & Joy and her son, John.

In memory of Betty Charowsky Ralph & Gail Hoffman.

In memory of my beloved mother, Catherine S. Gall by daughter, Linda

*Bulletins* are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our mother/grandmother, Grace Stoffregen, by Conrad, Teresa, Andrea, & Kylie.

Also in honor of Millie Hobgood May 18th, Kevin MacCarthy on May 19th, Pat Wishousky on May 20th, & Rachel Kugler on May 21st by Pat Wishousky.

*Children's Bulletins* are presented to the Glory of God and by members of the Craft Class.

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## **MEMORIALS**

In memory our mother, Margaret Reed, on Mother's Day by daughter, Peggy Schappell, and son, Jerry Reed, and Family.

## Prayer List

**Members of Trinity with immediate concerns:** Donna Albert, Andrea Antolick, Dolores Barton, Cindy Bohr, Gary Bruen, Mike Ciccanti, Tony Downey, Paul Ebert, III, Susan Fees, Debbie Fritzinger, Carolyn Gauntlett, Colleen Kline, Richard Kline, Kathy Kritak, Thelma Mansfield, Missy White Marshall, Meagan McGeever, Brandon Miller, Harry Reed, Ross Rismiller, Owen Rossachacj, Cindy Seltzer, Harold Seltzer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Alyvia Vigoda, Barbara Wagner, Helen Walasavage, Pat Wishousky

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**Those who mourn:** Especially the family and friends of Albert Ebert, Marion Gideon, Gwen Holden.

**TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

<b>Saturday, May 9</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sunday, May 10</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Monday, May 11</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Adult Volleyball</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Exercise Club</b>
<b>Thursday, 14</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Strawberry Social</b>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Black Rock District Meeting</b>
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Exercise Club</b>

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Pastor</u></b>	<b><u>Worship Assistant</u></b>	<b><u>Lector</u></b>
<b>Sat. May 9</b>	<b>Bob Thomas</b>		
<b>Sun. May 10</b>	<b>Bob Thomas</b>	<b>Mike Ward</b>	<b>Desiree Weikel</b>

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**YOUTH / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

*Sunday School for all ages has returned!!!*

Join our beginners Sunday school class (for ages 3 years to Kindergarten) on an adventure...we will travel back in time to experience stories of the Bible. We'll join Chris, Joy, and Gizmo the Robot as they help tell all the stories.

There will be snacks and craft time after the story.

First Communion & Confirmation for youth 5th grade & above.

Adult Sunday School Class

*The last of Sunday School will be May 24th and it will resume in the fall.*

**Our kids would love YOUR help!**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!!!**

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Bulletins: 5/26/2026, 6/14/2026, 6/28/2026**

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If you would like to sponsor any of the dates above, please call Melissa in the church office (570) 622-9910

**PENTECOST GERANIUMS**

*We have 9 geraniums left...so if you want them they are going FAST!!!*

It is that time of year again, we are selling red geraniums for Pentecost which is May 24th this year! If you would like to purchase any, please stop by the church office. The cost of a geranium is \$6.00.



**BASKET AUCTION**

We would like to thank everyone who helped with and participated in our first basket auction. All of your help is what made the event so successful, looking forward to using the proceeds to help cut the cost of trips for our seniors and youth.

# SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

To date, more than 65 shawls have been distributed to recipients experiencing difficult times. Please keep that ministry in mind if you identify someone in that situation. Anyone is welcome to pick up and deliver a shawl/blanket/lap cover to anyone in need. Please just sign out in log so each recipient doesn't receive duplicates. As pages are filled, please just place new one on top, but filled pages are always available. Anyone talented in crocheting and knitting is welcome to participate so this ministry can continue. Start-up supplies are available in the Prayer Shawl room off Main Sunday School for your use. Thank you.

## Recycling Projects

Please continue to save newspapers, prescription and non-prescription glasses and sunglasses. We are also restarting our collection for pull-tabs from aluminum cans. All your efforts to date have been greatly appreciated and will continue till the end of the year.

## Blessing Bags

We will be making blessing bags to give to My Father's House—Servants for All. We will be collecting items for the bags such as: Toiletries: Travel-sized items like toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, & moisturizer/hand cream.

Personal items: Feminine Hygiene, washcloths or face/body wipes, Body wash, Shaving Cream, Dental floss, & a comb/brush.

Non-perishable foods: Granola bars, Energy Bars, Tuna/cracker packs, Trail mix, Raisins, Peanuts, & Fruit cup.

Hydration: Water bottles or disposable cups.

Basic necessities: Socks, Men & Women's underwear (new).

Gift Cards: For additional resources or meals.

## SENIOR/FAMILY MINISTRY

**Strawberry Social May 14th at 1pm** in the lower social hall.

**Sunday, May 17th**, Join us for another **Paint Party with Shannon!** \$25.00/ person includes your painting and snacks. Join us for a great time!

Join us **Thursday, May 21st**, for a picnic and fishing trip.

Any afternoon on the lake is better than an afternoon inside!

Trip to the **National Civil War Museum** in Harrisburg with lunch to follow at **Duke's** on the waterfront **Thursday, May 28th**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Night at the Reading Phillies

Trinity night at the Reading Phillies! Sunday, August 2nd. We will be in the Moyer Auto Group Deck like we were last year. The buffet will from 4:15pm-6:45pm with the game starting at 5:15pm. The Phillies are playing the Binghamton Rumble Ponies. Join us for a great day at the ball park! Cost is \$36/person

for your ticket. If you are interested, please stop in or call the Church Office,



### SCHUYLKILL CHORAL SOCIETY

Caribbean Cruising

May 16, 2026 7:00pm

Sch. Haven Area High School Auditorium

Concert featuring Reggae, Jazz, & Pop Music from Chorus' upcoming tour. Tickets available at the door.

### 34th Annual BESH Invitational

Monday, May 25, 2026 Modified Shotgun 8am and Picnic starts at 11am. Interested in Golfing Contact Ris at 570-640-3635.

\$80— Golf, Drinks, & Food  
\$25—Picnic

Pay via Venmo (Kemjris) or Cash.  
Proceeds go to The Besh Rismiller

Carillon Fund at Trinity Lutheran Church.



# UPCOMING GROUP MEETINGS AT TRINITY

## FRIEDA HOH

**May**—Frieda Hoh will meet May 19th at 6:30pm. Hostesses are to be determined. We will be putting together health kits for Lutheran World Relief.

**June**—Frieda Hoh will meet at the home of Susan Morgan on June 16th at 6:00pm. Members are asked to bring desserts.

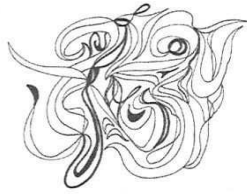
## CIRCLE V

**May**—Circle V members will meet at noon on Thursday, May 7, 2026 in the Church parking lot. From there we will travel to Freidensburg Country Restaurant for our annual May Luncheon.

Also Personal Care Kits will be collected on May 7th.

**June**—In June we are planning a visit to the BAA Girl Weavers at Walk In Art Center in Sch. Haven. After our visit there will be a picnic lunch to follow at Bubeck Park in Haven. Tentative sate for June outing is Tuesday, 6/23/26. Details on outing and lunch to follow.





# Celebrate

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026

*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

## Prayer of the Day

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Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

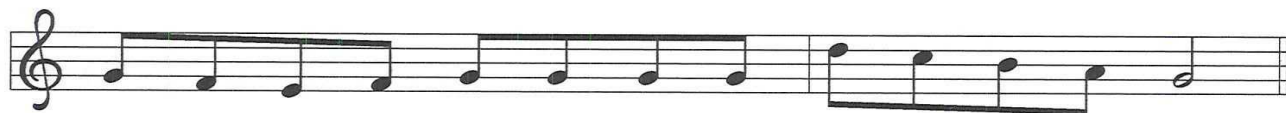
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*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they

would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'  
<sup>29</sup>"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

- Bless our <sup>1</sup> God, you peoples;  
 let the sound of <sup>1</sup> praise be heard.
- <sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a- <sup>1</sup> mong the living  
 and has not allowed our <sup>1</sup> feet to slip. **R****
- <sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have <sup>1</sup> tested us;  
 you have tried us just as sil- <sup>1</sup> ver is tried.
- <sup>11</sup>**You brought us in- <sup>1</sup> to the net;  
 you laid heavy burdens up- <sup>1</sup> on our backs.**
- <sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through <sup>1</sup> fire and water,  
 but you brought us out into a place <sup>1</sup> of refreshment.
- <sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house <sup>1</sup> with burnt offerings  
 and will pay <sup>1</sup> you my vows—**
- <sup>14</sup>those that I promised <sup>1</sup> with my lips  
 and spoke with my mouth when I <sup>1</sup> was in trouble.
- <sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the <sup>1</sup> smoke of rams;  
 I will give you ox- <sup>1</sup> en and goats. **R****
- <sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you <sup>1</sup> who believe,  
 and I will tell you what God has <sup>1</sup> done for me.
- <sup>17</sup>**I called out to God <sup>1</sup> with my mouth,  
 and praised the Lord <sup>1</sup> with my tongue.**
- <sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil <sup>1</sup> in my heart,  
 the Lord would <sup>1</sup> not have heard me;
- <sup>19</sup>**but in truth <sup>1</sup> God has heard me  
 and has attended to the sound <sup>1</sup> of my prayer.**
- <sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject- <sup>1</sup> ed my prayer,  
 nor withheld unfailing <sup>1</sup> love from me. **R**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamiation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous,

in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## Gospel

John 14:15-21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”