



# The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Holy Eucharist**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28, 2024**  
**9:30 a.m.**

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **Prelude**

*The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell.*

*At the entrance of the Nave:*

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Apostolic Greeting**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** In Christ's dying and rising, we are reborn; we are no longer dead in our sin. Let us return to the shepherd and the guardian of our souls, confessing our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P God, who loves you dearly, forgives you all your sin, raises you to new life in Jesus Christ, and renews you by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **Gathering Song**

*Let All Things Now Living*

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THE ASH GROVE

**1 Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2 God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

# Entrance Antiphon

P Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds;

C he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia. (*Psalm 97:1-2*)

# Canticle of Praise

ELW pp. 139-140

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading

**Acts 8:26-40**

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

A A reading from Acts.

<sup>26</sup>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.

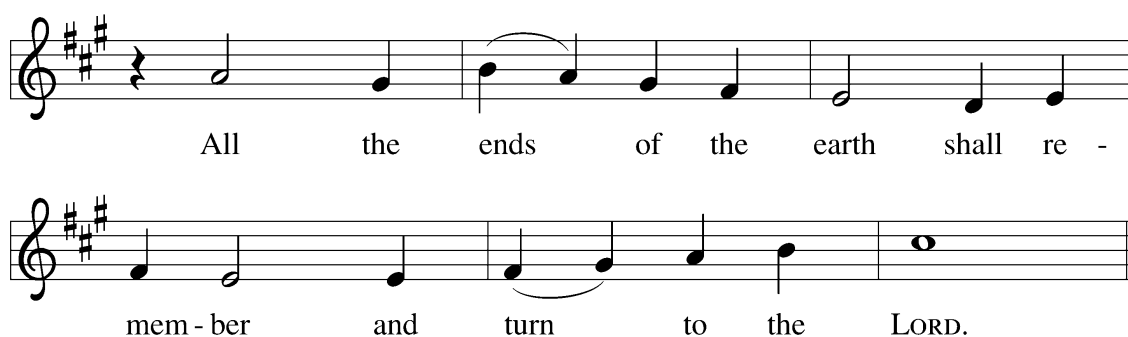
- A The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

### Psalm 22:25-31

*The antiphon will be sung by the Cantor and repeated by the congregation.  
The antiphon is then repeated as indicated R.*

#### Psalm Refrain



All the ends of the earth shall re -  
mem - ber and turn to the LORD.

#### Psalm Tone



- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- <sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations. R**
- <sup>29</sup>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.
- <sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" **R**

## Second Reading

1 John 4 :7-21

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

A A reading from 1 John.

<sup>7</sup>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.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.*

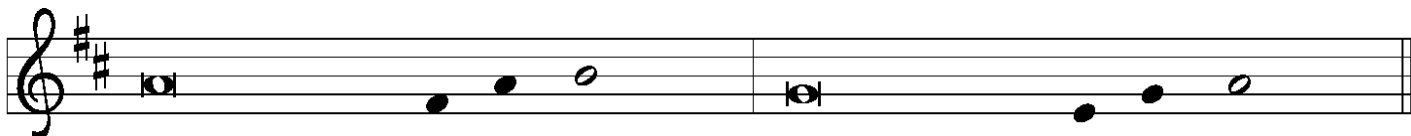


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



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

### Verse tone



### Cantor

*I am the vine, you | are the branches.\* Those who abide in me and I in them | bear much fruit. (John 15:5)*

## Gospel Reading

**John 15: 1-8**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

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

C



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C

Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly may be seated.*

### Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### Hymn of the Day

*We Know That Christ is Raised*

*The assembly stands at the last stanza.*

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- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Hallelujah!**
- 2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ.  
Hallelujah!**
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Hallelujah!**
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing:  
Hallelujah!**



**Profession of Faith  
The Nicene Creed**

**ELW p. 104**

**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 The People**

*Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

- A God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:*

- C **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The words of the Peace are an ancient and solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.*

- P Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*Please share some sign (a handshake, an embrace, etc.) with one another as you exchange the greeting of peace.*

*Greeting: Peace be with you.  
Response: And also with you.*

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **Offering**

### **Offertory**

*Offering plates are located by the font and inside the West Nave entrance.*

## Offertory Song

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*There in God's Garden (verses 1 through 3)*

*The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the gifts.*

**1** There in God's garden  
stands the Tree of Wisdom,  
whose leaves hold forth  
the healing of the nations:  
Tree of all knowledge,  
Tree of all compassion,  
Tree of all beauty.

**2** Its name is Jesus,  
name that says, "Our Savior!"  
There on its branches  
see the scars of suff'ring;  
see where the tendrils  
of our human selfhood  
feed on its lifeblood.

**3** Thorns not its own  
are tangled in its foliage;  
our greed has starved it,  
our despite has choked it.  
Yet, look! it lives!  
its grief has not destroyed it  
nor fire consumed it.

## Offertory Prayer

**P** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**C** **Blessed be God forever!**

**P** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**C** **Blessed be God forever!**

**A** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Dialogue

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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.


## Preface

### Holy, Holy, Holy


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

*At the Presiding Minister's invitation: "...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

C   
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The Presiding Minister continues the prayer, and concludes: "... with all your saints in light."*

C   
A - men, a - men, a - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

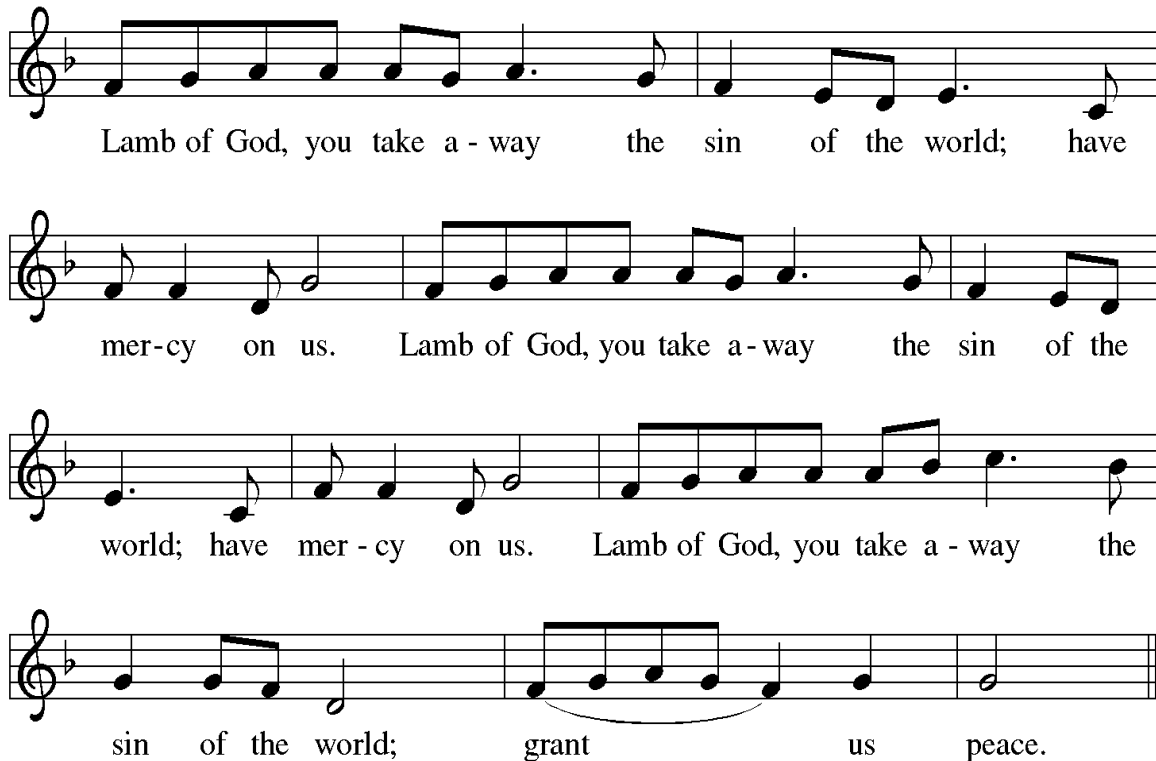
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P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**



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.

### Invitation to Communion

**P** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**C** **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

### Communion Of The Faithful

*All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.*

*Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "Amen."*

### Music During Distribution

*Speak, O Lord*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

## Song After Communion

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*There in God's Garden (verses 4 through 6)*

*The assembly stands.*

- |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| 4 | See how its branches<br>reach to us in welcome;<br>hear what the Voice says,<br>"Come to me, ye weary!<br>Give me your sickness,<br>give me all your sorrow,<br>I will give blessing." | 6 | All heav'n is singing,<br>"Thanks to Christ whose passion<br>offers in mercy<br>healing, strength, and pardon.<br>Peoples and nations,<br>take it, take it freely!"<br>Amen! My Master! |
| 5 | This is my ending,<br>this my resurrection;<br>into your hands, Lord,<br>I commit my spirit.<br>This have I searched for;<br>now I can possess it.<br>This ground is holy.             |   |   |

## Prayer After Communion

### Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### 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.

C **Amen.**

## Sending Song

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

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TWENTY-FOURTH

- 1 **Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.**
- 2 **With grateful joy and holy fear,  
God's charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love God in return.**
- 3 **Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;  
as members of each body joined,  
in him we are made one.**
- 4 **Let strife among us be unknown;  
let all contentions cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
be his our only peace.**
- 5 **Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.**

## Silent Prayer and Dismissal

A The Liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

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## **A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.**

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder. Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with WOV are in the blue soft cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room is located off the Narthex.
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

### **Holy Eucharist**

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

### **Daily Readings**

M	Isaiah 5: 1-7, Galatians 5: 16-26, Psalm 80
T	Isaiah 32: 9-20, James 3: 17-18, Psalm 80
W	Isaiah 5: 1-7, Galatians 5: 16-26, Psalm 80
Th	Isaiah 49: 5-6, Acts 10: 1-34, Psalm 98
F	Isaiah 42: 5-9, Acts 10: 34-43, Psalm 98
Sa	Deuteronomy 32: 44-47, Mark 10: 42-45, Psalm 98
Su	Acts 10: 44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5: 1-6, John 15: 9-17

## **This Week**

Sunday April 28 5 Easter	9:30 a.m.	Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpxtang.com</a> )
	10:30 a.m.	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (Nave)
	6:30 p.m.	Living Room Dialogue (Gathering Room)
Monday April 29	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday April 30	9:30 a.m.	Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH)
	10:00 a.m.	Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Wednesday May 1	9:30 a.m.	Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Friday May 3	11:00 a.m.	Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Saturday May 4	1:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social (ASH)
	2:00 p.m.	Keystone Concert Band Performance (ASH)
	5:00 p.m.	Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday May 5 6 Easter		Food Pantry Sunday
	8:30 a.m.	Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at <a href="http://www.goodshepherdpxtang.com">www.goodshepherdpxtang.com</a> )
	9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room)
	11:00 a.m.	Word and Sacrament (Nave)



## **Worship Dedications**

The flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of Jayona's 18th birthday  
by Sue and Dave Boyne

The bulletins are given  
and the lamps are burning  
to the Glory of God.

## **Adult Faith Formation**

Adult Faith Formation will be in recess Sunday, April 28.

## **Last Week**

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week	\$ 4,654.00
Total Received	2,665.00
Difference	1,989.00

## **Announcements**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

**THE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL** will be held Saturday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. in All Saints Hall. The Keystone Concert Band will perform at 2 p.m.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE:** Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button on [goodshepherdpxtang.com](https://goodshepherdpxtang.com).



## **From the Broader Church and Community**

**SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR:** Swatara Township is hosting a Senior Resource Fair on Wednesday, April 24 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the LCBC Church (4150 Chambers Hill Road, Harrisburg). This fair is specifically designed for those individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who care for seniors. The event is free and open to the public.

**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH** invites the Good Shepherd community to its Spring Banquet, Wednesday, May 8 at 6 p.m. at Our Saviour Lutheran Church (420 N. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg). Entertainment will be provided by the Harrisburg Scottish Country Dance Society. A baked stuffed chicken breast dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Tickets are \$18 (children under 10—\$5) and are available by contacting the Our Saviour Church Office ([ossec@comcast.net](mailto:ossec@comcast.net)). **The deadline for purchasing tickets for the event is April 28.**

**CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNITED UPCOMING EVENTS:** CCU will hold its **2024 Spring Assembly** Monday, May 13 at Charlton United Methodist Church (5920 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg). Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:15 p.m. and the program to follow. We will enjoy an evening of fellowship and conversation about how we can work with local congregations and other supporters to provide love and support to our most vulnerable community members. **R.S.V.P. by May 6** online at [ccuhbg.org/assembly](https://ccuhbg.org/assembly) or contact Laura Dalton (717-230-9550 or [ldalton@ccuhbg.org](mailto:ldalton@ccuhbg.org)). We hope you can join us!

**The 2024 CCU Highmark Walk** will be held Saturday, May 18 at Harrisburg Area Community College (One HACC Drive, Harrisburg) with registration at 7:45 a.m. followed by the walk at 9 a.m. All who raise \$30 will receive a free t-shirt. To walk, form a team, or donate: [ccuhbg.org/walk](https://ccuhbg.org/walk).

**LUTHERAN DAY IN THE CAPITOL 2024:** Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) is sponsoring Lutheran Day in the Capitol—May 9, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. beginning at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill. For more information about this day of learning and advocacy and to register for this as well as for the 45th Anniversary Gala dinner to be held that evening at the Harrisburg Hilton, scan the QR code at right or go to [lutheranadvocacy.org/](https://lutheranadvocacy.org/).



**THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD ASSEMBLY EDIFICATION DAY** will be held May 18 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Edification Day is open to all—it is being offered digitally, so once registered you will receive an email with the link to the videoconference link for that day. The cost is \$25.00/person. For more information and to register, go to [lss-elca.org/synod-assembly/edification-day-2024/](https://lss-elca.org/synod-assembly/edification-day-2024/).

#### **LUTHERAN CAMPING NEWS:**

**SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN:** It might just be the best week you've ever had! Don't wait, sign up today for a summer camp program at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa. Youth Camp, Family Camp, Elder Camp...something for everybody! Spirit, adventure, growth, acceptance! We hope to see EVERYONE at camp! **Register Today!** **Please note: new for 2024, the camp week will end on Friday at 6:30 p.m.** For more information, go to [lutherancamping.org](https://lutherancamping.org).

**NOW HIRING SUMMER STAFF:** Both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa still have positions available on their summer camp staffs. Those interested in serving the church in the capacity of camp staff may apply online or download an application on the Camping Website. The camp season runs from the beginning of June to mid-August. For details regarding employment, please visit [lutherancamping.org/employment](https://lutherancamping.org/employment) or call Zach Weiss (Kirchenwald) or Pastor Cliff Eshbach (Nawakwa) at 717-677-8211. **If you know of someone that would be a great addition to the summer staff at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa, please share this information with them!**

#### **Current Needs are:**

Kirchenwald: Craft Director, Lifeguard

Nawakwa: Counselors, Kitchen Staff, Lifeguard, Maintenance, Program Staff



## Decorations for Pentecost

Red geraniums will be used to decorate for Pentecost. After the plants have been used in the Nave and Chapel, they will be planted around the building to beautify our grounds for the summer. If you wish to contribute to this project, please submit your donation with your completed slip to the church office **by Sunday, May 12, 2024.**

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