



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026
9:30 a.m.

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Gathering

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

Prelude

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Martin & Gabriel

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

Lord God, We Praise You

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**1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is over,
active and watchful, standing here before you;
singing we offer prayer and mediation; thus we adore you.**

**2 Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
bring us to heaven, where our saints united joy without ending.**

**3 All holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;
yours is the glory gleaming and resounding through all creation.**

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)**

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

A A reading from Acts.

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

A The Word of the Lord.

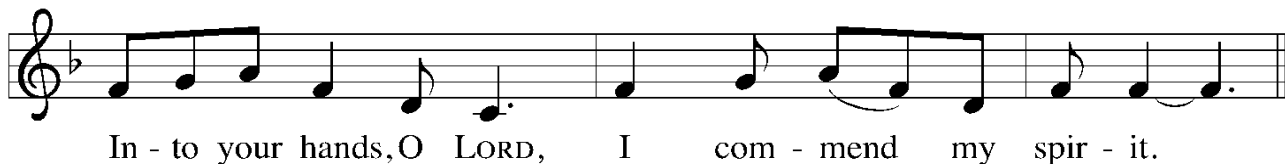
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

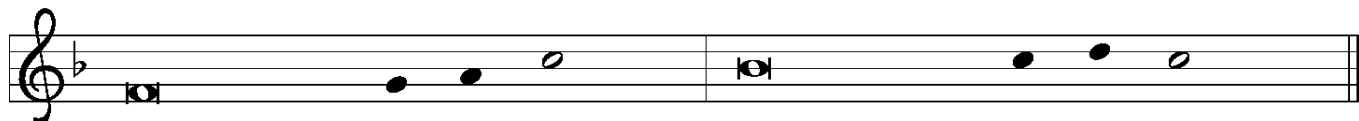
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



- ¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.
- ² **Incline your | ear to me;**
make haste to de- | liver me.
- ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my strong-
hold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.
- ⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,**
for you are my tow- | er of strength. R
- ⁵ Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.
- ¹⁵ **My times are | in your hand;**
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love." R

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

A A reading from 1 Peter.

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

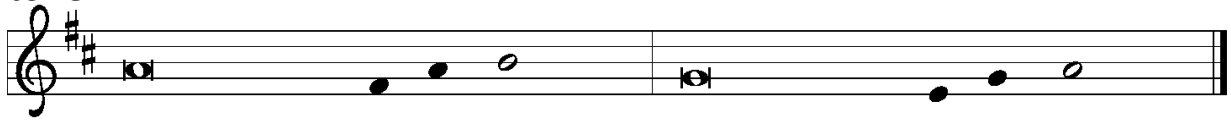
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Verse tone



Cantor

I am the way, the truth, | and the life.* No one comes to the Father ex- | cept through me.

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

The assembly stands at the last stanza

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- 1 **Hallelujah! Jesus lives!**
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 **Jesus lives! Why do you weep?**
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.
- 3 **Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,**
life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head,
where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand,
as a victor you shall stand.
- 4 **Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.**
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.
- 5 **Hallelujah! Angels, sing!**
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!

**Profession of Faith
The Nicene Creed**

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**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 Merciful God,

C **receive 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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (verses 1—4)

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

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DUKE STREET

**1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.**

**3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.**

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 have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.
- C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
Dialogue

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The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with performance markings 'P' and 'C' above the staves. The first staff has 'P' above the first measure and 'C' above the second measure. The second staff has 'P' above the first measure and 'C' above the second measure. The third staff has 'P' above the first measure. The fourth staff has 'C' above the first measure.

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

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.


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."

Song After Communion

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I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (verses 5—8)

DUKE STREET

The assembly stands.

- 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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 God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song

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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

TRURO

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.**

- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Dismissal

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

Sundays beginning May 24—8:30 a.m. in the Nave and 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

Daily Readings

M Exodus 13: 17-22, Acts 7: 17-40, Psalm 102: 1-17

T Proverbs 3: 5-12, Acts 7: 44-56, Psalm 102: 1-17

W Proverbs 3: 13-18, John 8: 31-38, Psalm 102: 1-17

Th Genesis 6: 5-22, Acts 27: 1-12, Psalm 66: 8-20

F Genesis 7: 1-24, Acts 27: 13-38, Psalm 66: 8-20

Sa Genesis 8: 13-19, John 14: 27-29, Psalm 66: 8-20

Su Acts 17: 22-31, 1 Peter 3: 13-22, John 14: 15-21, Psalm 66: 8-20



Worship Dedications

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of Meredith and Janice's birthdays
by Randy Breon and family.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God
by Kristen Stewart.

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.

COMMUNITY AID: When dropping off your donations at a Community Aid center, **please note Good Shepherd's partner number—10055**—so the church will receive appropriate credit for donations. Thank you!

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 .



LIVING ROOM DIALOGUE: The next meeting of Living Room Dialogue will be Sunday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP: Summer is approaching and that means continental breakfast (snack) socials between the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. We will gather on the Wilhelm Street side of the Education Building, to the left of the St. Mary's Chapel steps. Please volunteer to sign-up for one or more Sundays, **beginning May 31 and ending on September 13, inclusive. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the St. Stephen's room.** Volunteers are responsible for set-up, food and beverage and clean-up. If you would like to share a Sunday with someone, you are welcome to do so. Necessities (table, table cloth, napkins, cups, plates, plastic ware) will be located behind the door in the St. Stephen's room. Other needs can be obtained in kitchenette 1. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Master.

The **Mission and Ministry Committee** is in the process of setting up "transportation solutions"! If anyone would be willing to volunteer to drive people needing rides to appointments, please call the church office at 717-564-0385. If you are in need of a ride to an appointment, please call the church office and make that known. Hopefully we can get this up and running as soon as possible., This same committee is also trying to set up meals for those who need them. We would need volunteers to make and deliver those and we also need to know if you are in need of a meal. Please call the church office if you fit into either of these categories. Thank you so much for everyone's assistance with this project. Blessing, Sue Bricker, Committee Chair

REMEMBER OUR MEMORIAL FUND: Thank you. The Memorial Fund has regained some of its available punch, but we still need your help. Your donations and gifts have added more than \$4,000 to the fund, topping \$20,000, since we used about \$15,000 last spring to help finance our new fans in the Nave and mini-split air-conditioning in All Saints Hall. However, the council wants to remind the congregation of our goal to completely replenish the Memorial Fund. Please prayerfully consider continuing this effort. Thank you again.

Adult Formation: The Adult Formation Class will be taking a deeper look into the Biblical references used in the award-winning 1971 musical “Godspell.” Fred Sprunk will serve as leader for the class, which meets between services Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45a.m. in The Gathering Room. The class will be in recess on Sunday, May 3, due to the single 9:30 a.m. service prior to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

250th USA Anniversary Committee: The 250th USA Anniversary Committee is seeking Good Shepherd members who have served in our country’s armed forces. The goal is to honor our veterans in association with our nation’s 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Veterans are asked to contact a member of the Anniversary Committee or place a note with details of their service (i.e. branch of military served, dates of service, rank and honors achieved) in the offering plate. Committee members include Bill and Sandy Baum, Greg and Karen Borzok, Dix McCauley and Fred Sprunk.

Thank you for your service.

Mission and Ministry Committee: There will be a meeting on THURSDAY, May 14 at 10 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

From the Broader Church and Community

I Love to Tell the Story Workshop

May 9, 2026, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Tree of Life, Harrisburg

Learn to explore the Bible as an oral storytelling tradition! The first generation of Christians did not read about Jesus; they heard stories about him. It is important for us to remember that the messenger is as important as the message when we experience the Good News. In this workshop, we will learn more about the oral character of the gospels and about biblical storytelling with an aim to discover how we can become better storytellers ourselves and confident in sharing the Good News of Jesus. We are thrilled to welcome the Rev. Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman as our presenter! Dr. Vitalis Hoffman served in parish ministry for 14 years and has been Professor of Biblical Studies at United Lutheran Seminary since 2002. Among numerous published articles, studies, and websites, he co-authored the Atlas of the Biblical World (Fortress, 2019). Recent work has focused on biblical performance and the Gospel of Mark. He is working on a new translation and commentary on Mark with those perspectives in mind. This workshop is open to all, with a free will donation graciously accepted for participation. RSVP to Deacon David at deaconht@tree-of-life.us

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 17, 2026.**

_____ To the Glory of God

_____ In Memory of

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Soloist		Jasmine Graham
Ushers	9:30 a.m.	Georgia and Don Rehm

The Parish Staff

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