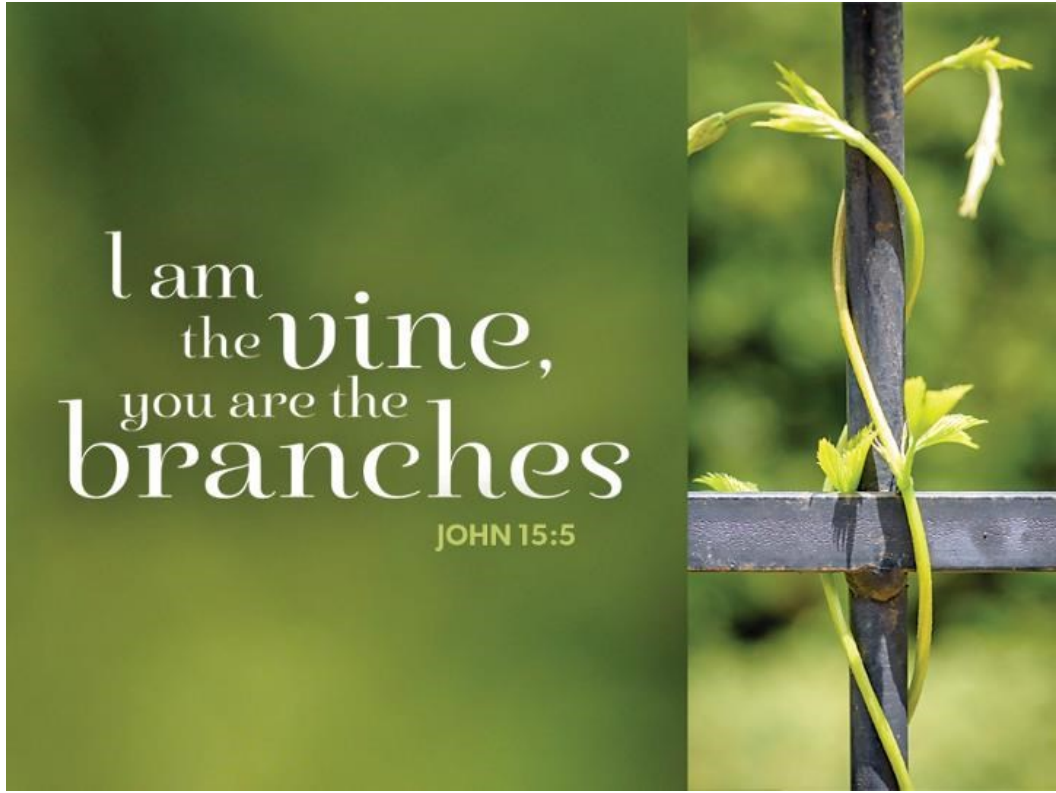


THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024



Christ Lutheran Church

29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

Our Mission:

Reflect God's love in the heart of York

Our Vision:

To be a vibrant congregation in the heart of York praising God,
connecting people to Christ,
and serving the people of York and the world

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Konde Diocese,
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania*

The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Prelude on the Easter Sequence

(W. Held)

Processional Hymn “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LBW 143



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!”



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!”
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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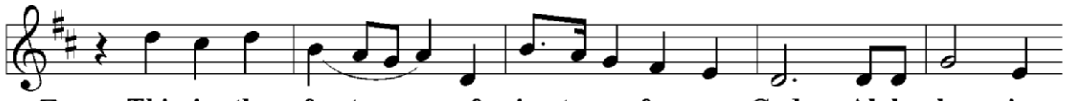
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Apostolic Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

Hymn of Praise *(Sung by Congregation)*



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



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



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



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



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



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



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



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ 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.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was



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.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: Amen.

Announcements

Children's Message

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31 (*Sung in unison*)

²⁵**From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.**

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

²⁷**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.**

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gradual



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "There in God's Garden"

WOV 668



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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Nicene Creed

P: Let us profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

The Eucharistic Meal

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offertory

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

(arr. M. Josephs)

(Sung in unison)

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

Offertory Prayer

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

The Great Thanksgiving



Preface and Sanctus

P: It is indeed right and salutary. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
 might- y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

Lord's Prayer

P: Joining with all those who in every time and place have turned to you, we pray as Christ himself taught us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction and Agnus Dei

P: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

☐ 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.

*All who are baptized are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Worshipers have the choice of intinction (dipping the wafer into the intinction chalice) or using individual cups to receive the wine. Please use the side aisles to come forward, beginning in the rear of the nave. Hand-sanitize, and pick up a communion cup **before** coming to the rail, if choosing to receive individually. Worshipers may stand or kneel at the communion rail to receive the sacrament. Return to your pew by way of the center aisle. Place used cup in basket and sanitize hands. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Hymns during Distribution “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LBW 126



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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- 1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con- quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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The Dismissal

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

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

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn "Let All Things Now Living"

LBW 557



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Prelude on Lasst uns erfreuen

(A. Fedak)

Please join us for coffee hour after the service.



Prayer List

We strive to keep the prayer list current, especially in these uncertain times. Please notify us whether there are additions to this list or whether a name should be removed.

Members

Beverly Bowers, Sondra Boyd, Betsy Buckingham, Shirley Cook, Mel Dick, Naomi Duncan, Rodney Flinchbaugh, Sonja Flinchbaugh, Barbara Geesey, Tom Gross, Barbara Gruver, Ron Heilman, Daniel Helwig, Bill Hullman, Pat Kronk, Linda Lightner, John Long, Jr., Patricia Lowe, Rev. Ron Mease, Richard Meckley, Adrian Patches, Joyce Paules, Sonia Paules, Jen Risser, Doris Ritter, Rick Smith, Sally Smith, Natalie Steir and Caroline Olson and families, Susan Thomas, Doris Weaver, Robert Weikert.

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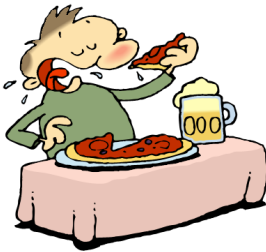
Serving in Worship

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| Assisting Ministers | Matthew March Bill Cooley |
| Acolyte | James Anderson |
| Reader | Paul Schendel |
| Lower Narthex | John Ports |
| Back Door | Vicki Craun |
| Altar Guild | Marlene Coval, Vicki Craun, Margaret Kauffman, Leslee Yoder |
| Ushers | Phyllis March, Beverly Bowers |
| Coffee hour host | Lynn and Steph Myers |

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Nyman by his wife, Rochelle, and family.



Today and May 5-Noodles will be out for pick-up.
May 12-Hamburger out for pick-up



Guys Night Out

Tuesday, May 14, at 6:00 p.m. at The First Post. See you there for food, fun, and fellowship. Please call Chaplain Hank Steinhilber at 717-881-2578 to make a reservation.



Don't miss our youth participating in the worship service
next Sunday, May 5th!

They will be greeters, ushers, readers, prayer readers,
choir, and assisting ministers!

Come and support them in their new roles!



Vacation Bible School

**Sunday June 9th to Thursday June 13th
6:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Your can register on-line at [www.vbspro.events/p/
christlutheranyorkpa.com](http://www.vbspro.events/p/christlutheranyorkpa.com)**

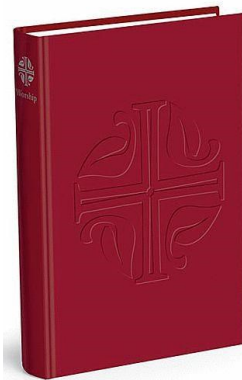
For more information contact Katie Schriver at 717-854-5589



As we did last year, the Social Ministry Committee is collecting hygiene items during April for the neighborhood distribution done by Communities of Hope and Family First.

Items needed are feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, dishwashing liquid and all sizes of diapers.

Please place items in the box in the Lower Narthex. All donations will be appreciated.



At our February meeting, the council unanimously agreed to add the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal to our collection of pew resources. The ELW draws extensively from earlier worship books but incorporates hymns in a variety of new styles yet still retaining many of the classics. We ask you to prayerfully consider during the season of Easter to donate an ELW in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Each hymnal will include a bookplate with an inscription inside the cover.

Complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office, 854-5589.

No. of hymnals ____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____

Envelope # _____

In memory of _____

In honor of



**Pentecost Flowers
Deadline to order:
Sunday, May 12th.**



Complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office, 854-5589. The flowers will decorate the Nave and Lower Narthex for Pentecost

No. of plants ____ @ \$6.50 \$_____

Envelope # _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Other _____

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Welcome!

So we can know you better, please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in an offering plate. If you have no church home, we invite you to membership at Christ Lutheran Church. We hope you return to worship and participate in our life in Christ!

The Liturgy

Our worship is the historic liturgy of the Christian Church - a celebration of Word and Sacrament, the means through which God gives forgiveness, life and salvation. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the understanding of the Lutheran Confessions that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Children are always welcome at worship!

We value the participation of our children in worship! As members of the church, children participate in the worship service. They listen to God's Word, gather at the Lord's table, serve as readers, acolytes, choir members, and more. Feel free to take children in and out as necessary.

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Founded in 1733 with the baptism of Maria Catharina Beyer, Christ Church was the first Lutheran congregation west of the Susquehanna River. Christ Church remains an active and vibrant congregation carrying on the mission of Christ and approaches the future with confidence and hope. Christ Church strives to minister in faithfulness to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Its ministry centers in the weekly liturgy of Word and Sacrament and pursues particular Lutheran emphases in art and music, fellowship, education, and pastoral care. Three buildings have been used for worship. A log building was erected in 1744; a stone building replaced it in 1760. Two bells from the 1760 stone building still call people to worship in the present building, built in 1812. Three Lutheran congregations in York are descendants of Christ Church.