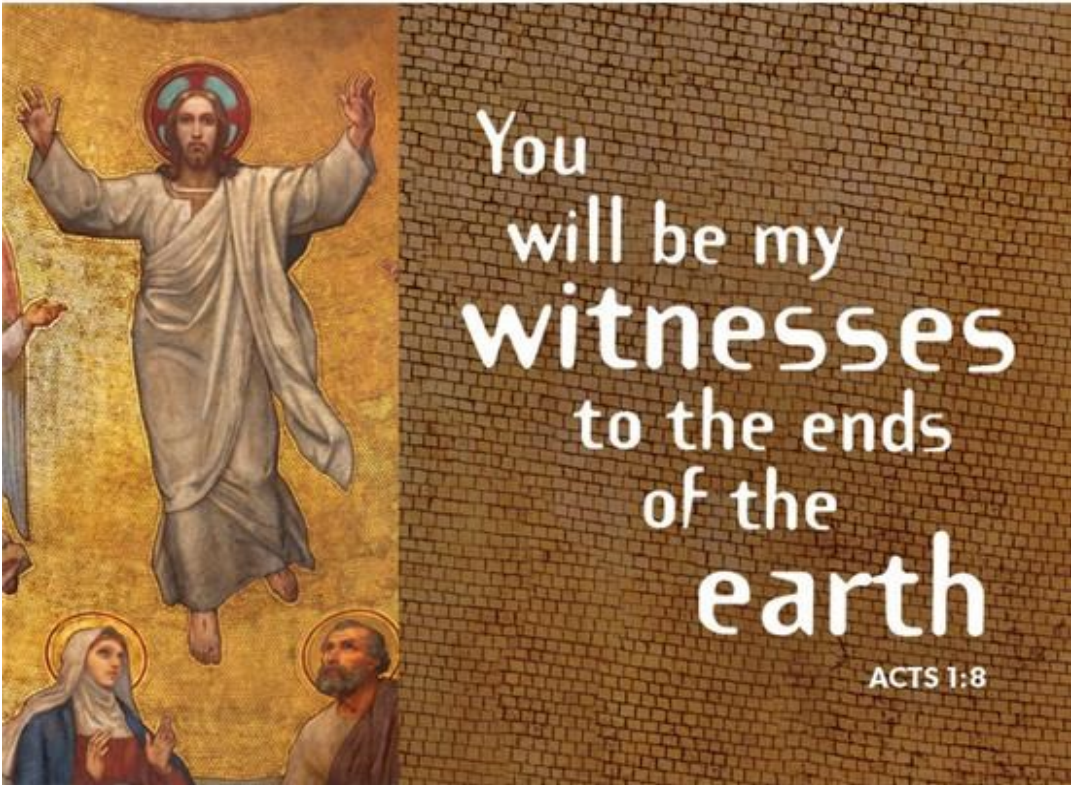


THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
MAY 12, 2024



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

Bread of Life

(arr. C. Callahan)

Processional Hymn "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

ELW 645



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

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...Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 (*Sung in unison*)

¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

²For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:
a great king over | all the earth,

³who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;

⁴who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.

⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

⁶Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.

⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.

⁸God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

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

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gradual

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

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW 655



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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

See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

(H. Smart)

(Sung in unison)

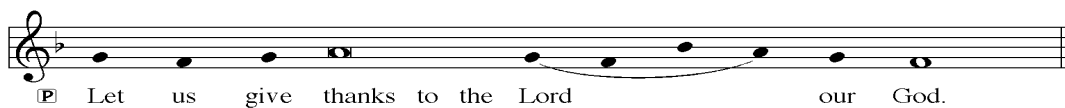


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

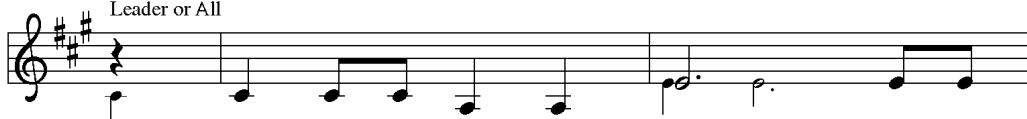
C: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

☐ 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.

Hymns during Distribution "I Am the Bread of Life"

WOV 702

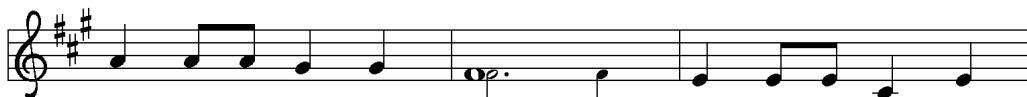
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. . . . If you be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

*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.*

Refrain
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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Second Hymn “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

LBW 200



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.
 Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631
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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

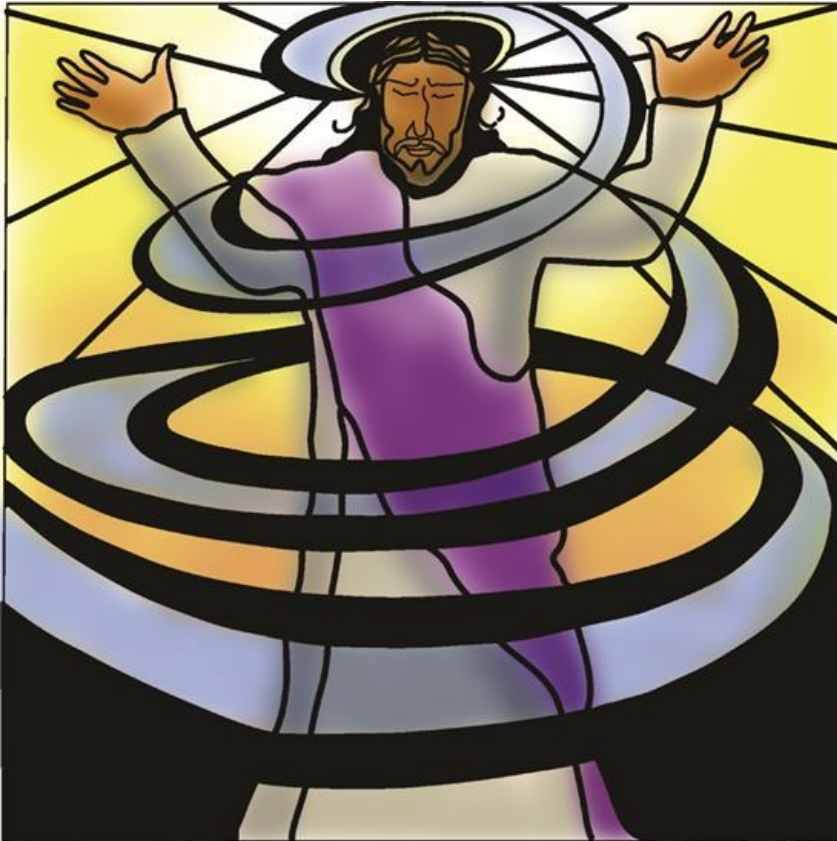
P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer.

C: Amen.

Benediction

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

C: Amen.



Recessional Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

ELW 855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied,
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Fantasia in D minor

(J. Pachelbel)

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.

Others

Robert Appleton, Anees Ayay, Greg Beck, Kelly Bell, Edward Bender, Jr., Roman Bondarevskiy, Audrey Brubaker, Duane Caouette, Don Chamberlin, Bill Crowley, Bob De'Rouch, Susan Ellison, Carl Fetterman, Terry Flinchbaugh, Richard Fox, Gus Frank, Bill and Shellia Gaskins, Lee Geesey, Lynda Godfrey, Pat Hall, Daniel Hertig, Bishop Penrose Hoover, Kristin Klinedinst, Ellen Meyers, Jeff Miller, Dottie Morris, April Paske, Dan Piccolo, Herbert Poe and family, Nancy Pufall and family, Cindy Schroeder, Robert Settee, Sophia Shearer, Alma Spangler, Michael Stabley, Selina Strine, Denny and Jan Stroshane, Dan Sutton, Robert Taylor, Robert Wagaman, Rebecca Winand, Rev. Allan S. and Bonnie Wysocki, Connie Zero.

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Diane Einsig

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Coffee hour host

Worship Committee

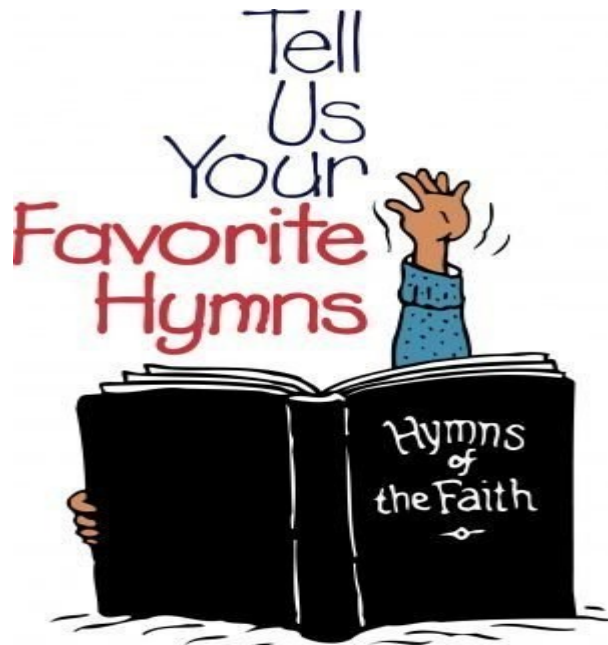
Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ritzie King by Lynn and Deb King.



Today -Noodle and hamburger return
May 19-Baked goods due.



Our next meeting will be May 18th
from 10:00am to 12:00 pm.
Vicki Craun will be providing refreshments. She will also
lead the group in the Women of the Bible study for the
month. For May it is Mary, the mother of Jesus.
There will be a craft available using pressed flowers.
Come to enjoy each others fellowship, good food,
and a lot of fun!



As announced this morning, this Summer we are asking you to choose some of your favorite hymns to sing and they will be programmed into the worship services!

Please fill out a paper copy in this bulletin on Sunday or check the link below.

Hymns will be collected until June 2.

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Thank you!

Scott Crowne

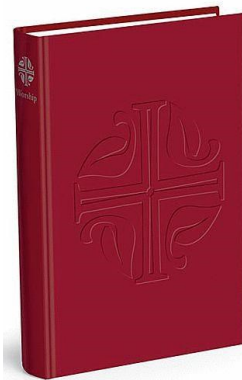


Vacation Bible School

**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



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.