

The Chi-Rho  
May 2026



**Christ Lutheran Church**

29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

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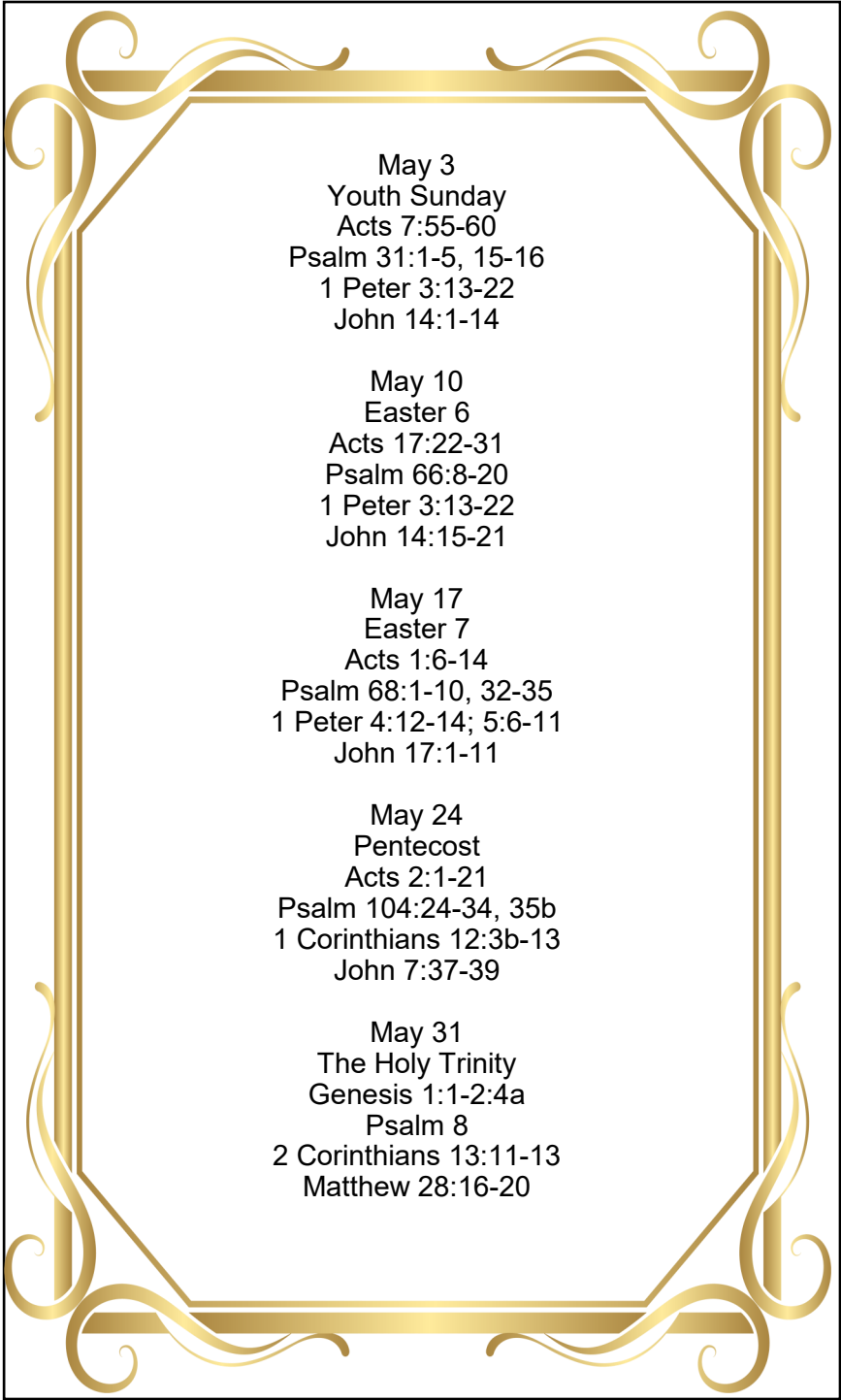
**Our Mission:**

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.

*Companions with the Itete Hospital  
of the Konde Diocese,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania*



May 3  
Youth Sunday  
Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:1-14

May 10  
Easter 6  
Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

May 17  
Easter 7  
Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

May 24  
Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 7:37-39

May 31  
The Holy Trinity  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20



Youth Sunday  
Sunday, May 3

Finance Meeting  
Monday, May 11, 7:00pm

Guys Night Out  
Tuesday, May 19, 6:00pm

Council Meeting  
Monday, May 18, 7:00pm

Community Meal  
Sunday, May 31, 12:00pm

Devotions  
Wednesday's, 12:15 in the chapel





## From the Pastor

I appreciated Council President Keith Stoltzfus encouraging parish envelope giving in his article in the March newsletter. Indeed, he moved me to reflect on Psalm 24:1 where we read “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.” In my own journey of discipleship, I find it to be comforting and reassuring knowing that our God is our all in all. All that we are and all that we have comes from God. This, of course, has significant stewardship implications. To be sure, stewardship is not just about paying the church’s bills. It is also not just about giving of our time and talents to enhance the church’s programs. It is about using all that God has given us faithfully, generously, and wisely. We are stewards, or caretakers, of God’s creation and all that we are and have are gifts from God. In an effort to be faithful stewards, let us always look at the scriptures for help in understanding who we are, what we are called to be, and to whom we (and all that we have) belong. Giving comes easier and is even exciting when we focus first and foremost on our awesome God.

As we are faithful stewards, we are generous people that give abundantly of our time, talents, and treasures (our three “T’s” as I like to call them.) We give joyfully as we realize and contemplate how richly blessed we are as a people. Stewardship really is an exciting venture for Christians. We are blessed with the time, talents, and treasures with which God has entrusted us. We give to support the spread of God’s work in the world.

Financially speaking, we give offerings to the Lord who has created, redeemed, and sanctified us – to the one from whom we receive everything we have in life. As we know from the scriptures, ours is a God of love. May that be the prime motivating factor in the giving of our finances to the church. Sure, give recognizing that the church is an institution in a monetary society that has many expenses to pay. Sure, give because the Bible stresses tithing. But contemplate your blessings and God's wondrous love for you; and return to God a growing portion of what God has first given you, knowing that your offerings help proclaim the gospel in this world. When we give lovingly and gratefully we find ourselves appreciating God's blessings all the more. I encourage all of us to meditate on God's blessings to us and to then give joyfully - not just to help Christ church meet its expenses, but even more so, to thank and praise God and grow in our spiritual lives. All the while we are helping spread God's work in the world and we are indeed growing spiritually. What can be better than that?

### **Social Ministry Committee**



International Children's Day is Sunday, June 14, 2026. We are planning to celebrate this with a Blessing and Recognition of the items collected and donated by our congregation.

Items needed are new infant clothing, diapers and wipes, gently used toddler clothing and baby blankets and quilts. These items will be donated to Community of Hope and to the Lehman Center.

The donation box will be in the Lower Narthex beginning next Sunday, May 3. Please bring the items by Sunday, June 7 and place them in the indicated box in the lower narthex.

Thank you for your support of this support of our most precious resource - our children.

Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

Sunday, May 3rd is Youth Sunday, and our youth will be leading the service. It is always encouraging to see their presence, enthusiasm, and leadership on display. Having the support of our church family means a lot to all of our youth. I hope everyone can take a moment to recognize and encourage them as they take on this important role in worship.

I would also like to provide a brief update on our Call process. I have been informed by Larry Young, chair of the Call Committee, that a candidate will be moving forward in the process. While it is still too early to share specific details, this is an exciting development, and we are grateful to see continued progress. Please keep this process in your prayers.

On a more personal note, I had the opportunity to assist with the community meal in April. Tom and Cindy do a wonderful job organizing this ministry each month, but they cannot do it alone. It was a truly fulfilling experience serving the people of York. If you have not yet participated, I strongly encourage you to reach out to Tom or Cindy and consider getting involved in this meaningful outreach.

Keith Stoltzfus  
Council President





Sunday, June 7th

Come join us after service on June 7th for the Annual Strawberry Festival. We will be having strawberries, ice cream , shortcake and other light refreshments.

We will have a donation basket for contributions for the Itete Hospital Renovation Fund.

We will also be collecting items for the Hannah Penn Community of Hope. They are in need of new baby clothes, gently used toddler clothes, diapers and wipes. These items will be blessed at service on June 14th.

Thanks, Cindy

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PRESENTS

# BABYLON THE STORY OF DANIEL



**JULY 6 TO JULY 9**  
**6 PM TO 8 PM**

Sign-up and register online at:

<https://www.myvbs.org/christ-lutheran2026-daniels-courage>

Or scan the QR code:



Please contact Alexa Sheaffer at (717) 825-8920 or  
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## Child of the Month



This month our child spotlight is on Zay'Sean. Zay'Sean is one of our older toddlers. He started with our center just a short time ago, and has already grown so much.

Zay'Sean loves to run, build, and explore whenever he can. He especially loves to play outside with his new friends. Zay'Sean enjoys circle time, learning new songs, and dancing.

### Attention Please:

Our tissue donations have dwindled down to almost non-existent and we are currently in desperate need for the upcoming runny-nose/ allergy months ahead.

Other items we are constantly in need of are animal crackers, graham crackers, and goldfish.

Please consider making a donation to our child care center.

As always, thank you for your support of our center!



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**END OF MONTH GIVING REPORT**

February 2026 Report

Actual envelope giving for the month	19,735
<u>Budgeted envelope giving for the month</u>	<u>27,500</u>
Monthly deficit in envelope giving	-7,765
YTD actual envelope giving	41,745
<u>YTD budgeted envelope giving</u>	<u>55,000</u>
YTD deficit in envelope giving	-13,258



## Pentecost Flowers

**Deadline to order: Sunday, May 17**  
Complete the form below and mail to the church or call the church office, 854-5589.

No. of plants \_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by \_\_\_\_\_

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