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SERVING THIS MORNING

Assisting Minister Mike Frye
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Lector Renee Beaver
Ushers Bev Frye and Laine Phelps
Greeters Linda Sassaman and Jean Corry
Altar Flowers for next Sunday Lisa Wagner
Altar Guild for May Deanna Bickhart and Teresa Hoffman
Councilperson in Charge for May Chloe Wagner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 5 —

Easter 6
Pastor Schuster
9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Holy Communion

MONDAY, MAY 6

9-12:00 Church Office Open

TUESDAY, MAY 7

9-12:00 Church Office Open
5:30 Parish Choir

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

9-2:00 Pre-School Graduation
5:30 Worship & Music
6:00 Council

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Ascension Day
9-12:00 Church Office Open

SATURDAY, MAY 11

9:00-? Suds, Buds & Grub

SUNDAY, MAY 12 —

Easter 7
Thomas Booth, ALWL
9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Holy Communion



HOLY COMMUNION

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Holy Communion Setting One
Sunday, May 5, 2024 • 10:15 a.m.

**Please stand as you are able.*

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GATHERING

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Gathering Song** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! — #385

*Greeting


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Canticle of Praise

“This is the feast”

Refrain



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain




hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER LIST

We ask your prayers for all these persons listed below, as well as for all those in need.

•For families and friends of those who have recently died:
Diana Fisher Sherman, Marvin Wagner.

•For those hospitalized or with other immediate needs:
Dee Hockenberry, Jack Wagner, Clair Bowersox, Terry Sassaman, Brooke Walters, Carole Nollau, Joe Feehrer, Sr., Hilma Rigel, Delilah, Greta Wagner, Mona Lou Gilbert, Teresa Hoffman.

•For those homebound, in care centers, or being cared for by others:

From our Family of God at Beaver: **Paul Lepley, Joan Snook.** Also: **Marlene Grim, Nancy (Weisen) Schug, Violet Zechman.**

•For those with ongoing needs:

Joey Adams, Jackie Alters, Clinton Barnett, Stacy Boyer, Richard Bucher, Dan Conrad, Carol Cook, Colleen Davidson, Lewis Ettinger, Jim K. Etzler, Karen Ferrinjer, Dallas Fisher, Patrick Fromm, Will Folk, Galen Goss, Bruce Hassinger, Dee Hockenberry, John Hollenbach Jr., Lee Hollenbach, Agnes Hufnagle, Michele Hummel, Patricia Jones, Ben Keiser, Guy Kerstetter, John Krouse, Justin Krouse, Cheri Lepley, Evelyn Lepley, Gary Louder, Lois Martin, Tom Martin, Tracy Mattern, Carole Nollau, Ralph Oberlin, Shirley Pheasant, Lynn Rager, Sherry Reich, Kurt Reichenbach, Richard and Sandy Reichley, Shirley Rheam, Tom Rigel, Craig Ritter, Martin “Mike” Romig Sr., Logan Roush, Larry Sassaman, Terry Sassaman, Lindsey Shultz, Chris Simonetti, David Ski, Jonah Stetts, Irene Sweigart, Sam Sweigart, Paul Will, Brian Wray, Crystal Wray, Gary Wray, Madeline Wray, Laurie Zechman, Patricia Zerby, Austin Zimmerman, Chad, Chelynn, Donna, Gary, Jamie, Kathy and baby.

•For those with cancer:

Dawn Anspach, Marci Barlett, Dawson Bishop, Mike Bobb, Dorothy Boyer, Thomas Burns, Mindy Callendar, Nancy Coder, Gabby Deadman, Laurin Didyoung, Steve Drake, Jennifer Ebright, Mary Ewing, Todd Fegley, Joan Fetterolf, Jeff Fike, Cheryl Folk, Kim Goodling, Jim Grifford, James Hackenburg, John Hollenbach Jr., Marcus Josey, Ruth Kantz, Betsy Ann Klingler, Cathy Kratzer, Windy Kuntz, Audrey Zerby Lickenwainer, Sarah Masser, Dave Middlesarth, Ben Moyer, Donald Moyer, Doug Moyer, Tena Norman, Amber Shaw, Virginia Shawver, Richard Shirey Jr., Sandie Snook, Rose Snyder, Rhonda Straw, Gary Stroup, Jeff Wagner, Galen Wagner, Sue Will, Janice.

•For those in the military and recent veterans:

Jaycen Goodling, Christopher Lepley, Jordan Lepley, Terry Romig, Emma Shirey, Jake Thomas, Ty Wagner, Joseph Zerby.

Altar Flowers – The altar flowers the morning are presented by Craig and Greta Wagner to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary. The altar flowers are a joyful symbol of the resurrection of Christ.

With Sympathy — We extend our deepest sympathy to Dave Wagner and family. Dave’s father, Marvin Wagner, passed away last week. Through his death on the cross Jesus joins us in all our sufferings. Know that Christ’s loving arms are wrapped tightly around you, and your brothers and sisters in Christ hold you in prayer during this difficult time.

Clothing Needed — A local family lost everything in a fire this past week. They have gone through what was available in our Closet. However, there is still a need for clothing. The mother wears XL shirts and size 12 jeans. There are two girls that wear XS-S tops and 2-3 jeans. Also needed are boys size 10. The ladies are also in need of size 7.5-8 shoes, while the boy needs size 3. *In addition*, a young mother is also in need of help for herself and her three children. She has two boys — sizes 6 and 8; and a daughter, size 8. The mother wears a size medium. Please see if there is something that you can donate and contact Linda Sassaman.

Suds, Buds & Grub — The Youth Group will hold its annual Suds, Buds & Grub fundraiser Saturday, May 11 beginning at 9 am. Come on out to support the youth! While you have your car washed (for a donation), buy your mom a beautiful planter or hanging basket from Hilly Springs Flower Farm. Remember that Mother’s Day is May 12! And, there will be some yummy baked goods for sale. (*Donations of baked goods are needed!*) Please see Bryon or Leslie if you have questions.

Confirmation — We will be celebrating our Confirmands on Pentecost Sunday, May 19 when they are confirmed. The service will begin at 10:30 am. Please note the time and remember to wear red!

Kids Sunday School — May 19 will be the last day for the children’s Sunday School. Class will resume in the fall.

Graduates — We are in search of graduates! If you have someone close to you who will be graduating from high school or college this spring, please submit a brief paragraph about your graduate and a photo to Sara no later than May 20. We will recognize our graduates May 26.

2024 Altar Flower Chart — The 2024 Altar Flower Chart is located in the narthex. The cost of the altar flowers is \$55.

Rose Garden — Members of Beaver Lutheran Church are invited to attend the annual Community Rose Garden Service June 9 from 9-10 am at the Beavertown Rose Garden.

Remembrance Walk — Hospice of Evangelical will sponsor a Remembrance Walk May 19 from 1-4 pm at Shikellamy State Park Marina located off PA-147 (Bridge Avenue) on Packers Island. Walk the entire path or just part of it. Refreshments will be available at the pavilion.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48 (NT p. 135)

Psalm 98



Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands.



¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have ¹won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹all you lands; lift up your voice, re-¹joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹with the harp, with the harp and the ¹voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹of the horn shout with joy before the ¹king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹all that fills it, the world and those who ¹dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers ¹clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to ¹judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹world with righteousness and the peo-¹ples with equity. **R**

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6 (NT p. 261)

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel

John 15:9-17 (NT p. 113)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Schuster

*Hymn of the Day

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! — #383

*Nicene Creed

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.**

*Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

*Sending Song

O God beyond All Praising — #880

*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace

In the name of God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Postlude

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! We are so glad you're here! We gather to encounter Jesus; to praise God for all that God has done for us; to experience forgiveness and mercy; and to proclaim God's love for all of creation. A few notes for you: restrooms are located on the left in the education wing. Children are always welcome in worship — never feel self-conscious of their chirps, cries, and loud whispers. If, however, you feel you need to step out of worship, feel free to take your child to the nursery, which is located across from the restrooms in the education wing. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask! We are a friendly bunch!

Pastoral Care — If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the office at 570-658-2001 or Pastor Matthew Schuster at 717-357-3475 or 570-658-2040.

Welcome — This morning we are happy to welcome back Pastor Matthew Schuster to the pulpit. Please take a few minutes following worship to thank him.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me will not hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Come, for all is now ready.

Communion

All those who hear our Lord's invitation are welcome to receive the sacrament. An usher will dismiss each pew. Make a line in the center aisle to receive the bread first with an open hand and eat, and then the wine. (Grape juice is available.) Individual cups are provided. Please return to your pew by the side aisle. If you choose not to commune, you may come forward with folded hands to receive a blessing, or you may remain in your pew and pray.

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

Please, you are encouraged to sing during communion ...

All Are Welcome#641

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing #389

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 Intercession

God of grace,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Parish Choir

Lord, Fill My Heart with Thankfulness

S. Kramer; arr. W. Krueger

Presentation of the Gifts



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - 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.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

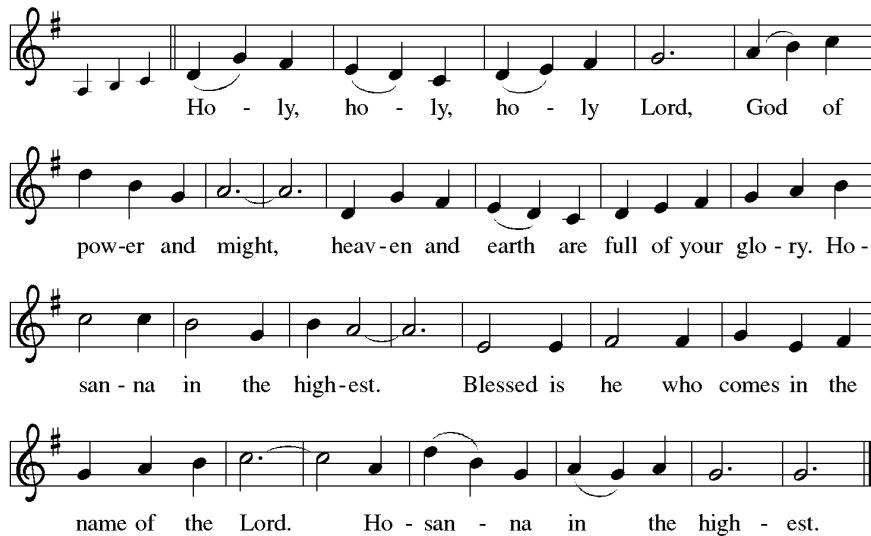
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

Amen