

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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5th Sunday of Easter ~ May 18, 2025 ~ 8:30

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

C: Amen

HYMN: *Praise the Savior, Now and Ever*

Praise the Savior, now and ever;
Praise him, all beneath the skies;
Come before him and adore him,
God's own perfect sacrifice;
Vict'ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory see him rise!

Day of gladness! Gone is sadness;
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger;
Hell itself is captive led.
Christ our Savior lives forever; o'er the tomb his light is shed.

Anthems glorious, hymns victorious,
Raise we to our paschal King.
Bonds are broken, heav'n is open;
Sing, O ransomed mortals, sing!
Christ is risen from death's prison, healing in his wings to bring.

Earth rejoices; all its voices
Glory to the Father sing!
Praise the Savior, laud him ever,
Son of God, our Lord and King!
Praise the Spirit, through Christ's merit
Life eternal see him bring!

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: *This Joyful Eastertide*

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

ANTHEM: *Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone* ~ Choir
Lily Brubaker, pianist

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the church officially authorizes the mission to the Gentiles.

A: The First Lesson is from the 11th chapter of Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was

pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 21st chapter of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;

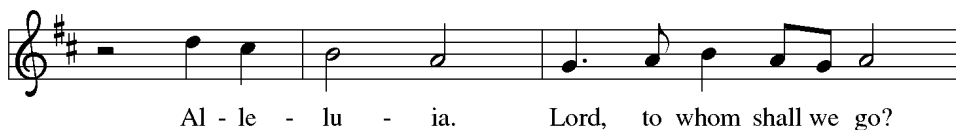
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:



GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:33-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

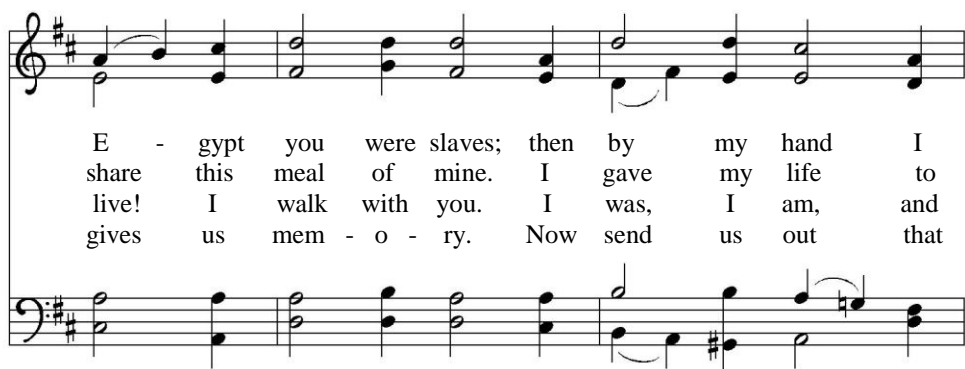
SERMON:

Pastor John

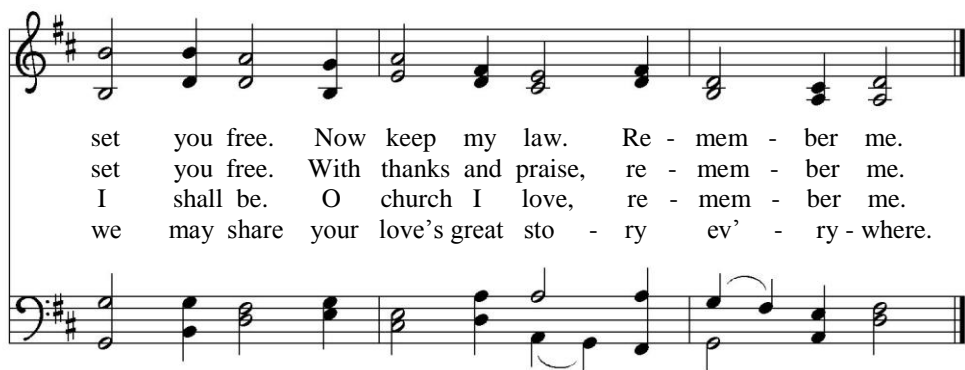
HYMN: *Remember Me*



Re - mem - ber me the God who saves for back in
Re - mem - ber me in bread and wine when - e'er you
Re - mem - ber me in all you do, for I'm a -
Our God, we hear! We're called and freed! Your Spir - it



E - gypt you were slaves; then by my hand I
share this meal of mine. I gave my life to
live! I walk with you. I was, I am, and
gives us mem - o - ry. Now send us out that



set you free. Now keep my law. Re - mem - ber me.
set you free. With thanks and praise, re - mem - ber me.
I shall be. O church I love, re - mem - ber me.
we may share your love's great sto - ry ev' - ry - where.

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

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

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

OFFERING:

We collect the offering as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



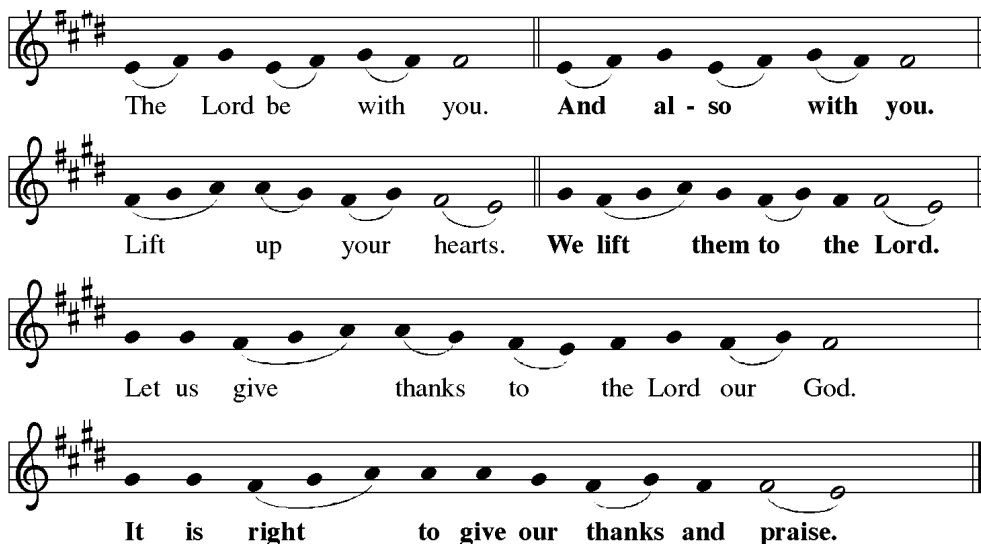
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Blessed are you

C: O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING:



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.

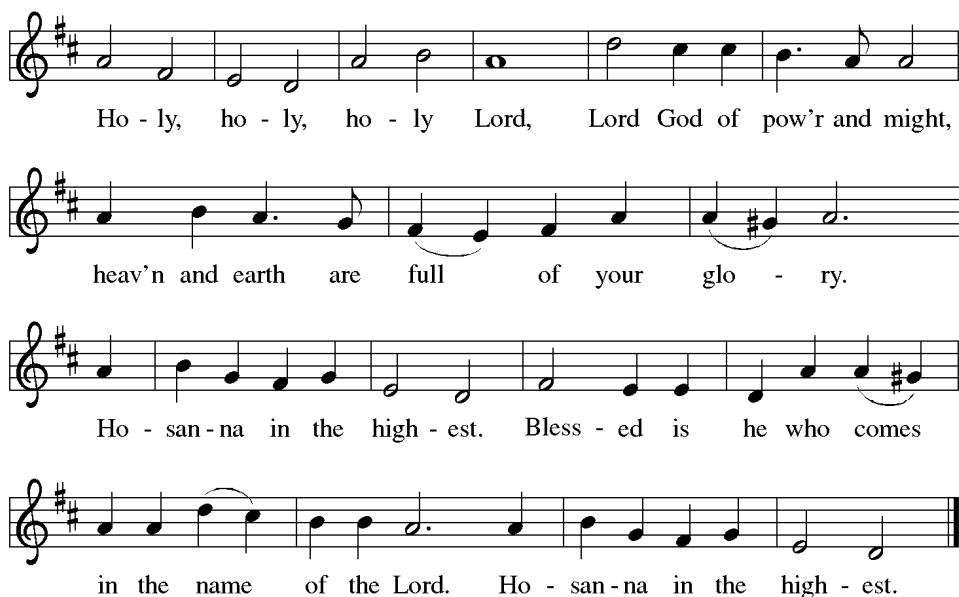
The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and half notes, with some slurs indicating phrasing. The lyrics are written below the notes.

PREFACE:

P: 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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of
the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER:

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:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

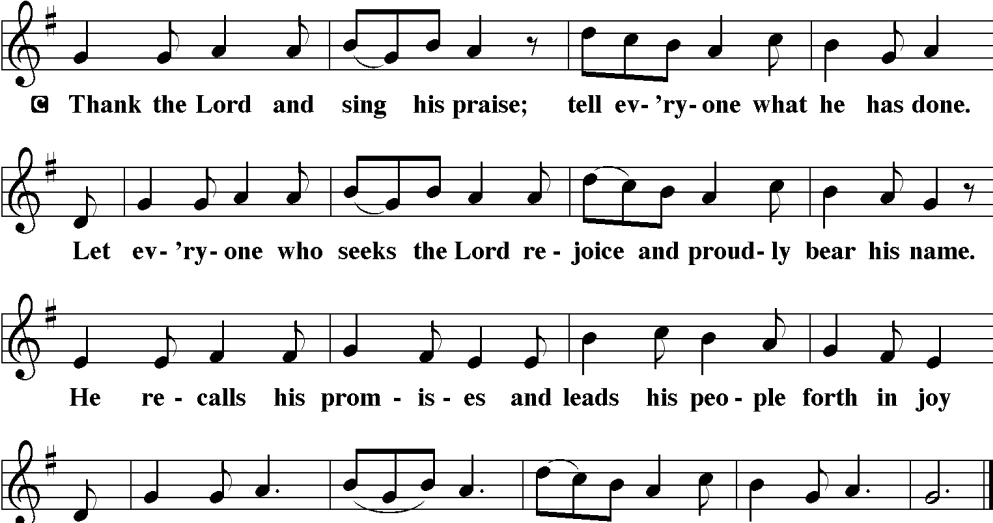
COMMUNION:

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER:

P: 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. **C: Amen**

BLESSING:

♩ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you—
Take it then, where'er you go. *Refrain*

Refrain: Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;

Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.

Take the name of Jesus ever,
As a shield from ev'ry snare;
If temptations round you gather,
Breathe that holy name in prayer. *Refrain*

O the precious name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
When His loving arms receive us
And His songs our tongues employ! *Refrain*

At the name of Jesus bowing,
Falling prostrate at His feet,
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him
When our journey is complete. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Sunday School

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

6:00-Confirmation Event

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

5:30-Council / 6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-May 26-Memorial Day – Office Closed

Tues-May 27-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thurs-May 29-5:45-Bell Choir

6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Fri-May 30-6-9:30-Dinner, Bonfire & Movie Night!

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 10:1-18

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Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-44; 9:45-83; 11:00-54

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Risen Lord and in memory grandson Tiernan Conner-Park by Josie Harbison.

Summer Youth & Adult Stay-At-Home Mission Trip “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD – SO SHINE WHERE YOU ARE!”

This year's mission will be a stay-at-home event serving our church and local service partners **Monday, June 9 – Thursday, June 12**. Sign up on the bulletin board to express your interest in participating and register ASAP! Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

Worship Note: Throughout the Easter season, our Pascal Candle is next to the altar and lit during each service as a sign of the risen Christ's presence among us.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation Event . . . TONIGHT from 6-7:30 p.m.

Dinner, Bonfire & Movie Night . . . Friday, May 30 from 6:00-9:30. Join us for hot dogs cooked over the bonfire and bring a side or dessert to share. Then break out your chairs and blankets for “*The Prince of Egypt*” under the stars! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

New Organ Donations. . . If you would like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

Easter Season Devotions “God’s Gift of Life Abundant” are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Food Pantry Items for May are MAYONNAISE and/or KETCHUP.

Graduate recognition . . . We will recognize our high school graduates and present them with a gift from the congregation **Sunday, June 1**. We would like to know about our grads' future plans, so please email (christlutheran@penn.com) or call the church office with that info ASAP. *College Graduates* – we want to recognize your accomplishment too! Grads/parents/families please contact the church office and let us know about your college graduate (school, degree, employment). Thank you!

Attention Students pursuing post-high school education or training: It is time to apply for consideration for the Sandra Dunlap Scholarship. Applications with detailed requirements are available in the narthex or by calling the church office and are due no later than **Saturday, May 31, 2025**.

Mission of the Month – Our Stay-At-Home Youth & Adult Mission Trip in June. If you would like to contribute toward supplies for the service projects and food for our volunteers, please use the pew envelopes and write “*Mission Trip*” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank You!

Mark your calendars for an afternoon of sacred music led by Stephen Paul Toney, distinguished local organist and choir director, on **Sunday, June 1** at 2 p.m. at St. Catherine's Church in DuBois. The concert features selections from a festival choir comprised of local singers, and organ solos, followed by fellowship and reception. All are invited to attend.