

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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6th Sunday of Easter ~ May 25, 2025 ~ 9:45 a.m.

## THE SERVICE

*BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response*

Prelude

Announcements

## GATHERING

### Memorial Day Litany

P: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

P: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

P: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

P: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

P: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

**C: Amen**

Opening Song – America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern impassion'd stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And ev'ry gain divine!

O Beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

### Greeting:

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.**

P: Christ is Risen.

**C: He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## WORD OF GOD

### Scripture Readings



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

## First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

*Moving his ministry into Macedonia, Paul meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart God opened to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.*

A: The First Lesson is from the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”<sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,<sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.<sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.<sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.<sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

A: Let us read Psalm 23 together.

**The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His Name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley**

**of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me,  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> chapters of Revelation.

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its

fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



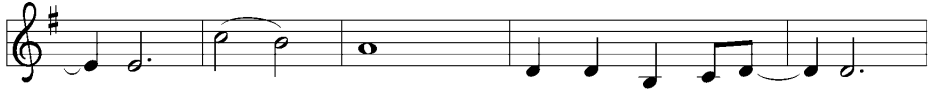
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel: John 10:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

[Jesus said:] “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

~ Pastor Amy

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – Lead me, guide me

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*Refrain:* Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

### 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.**

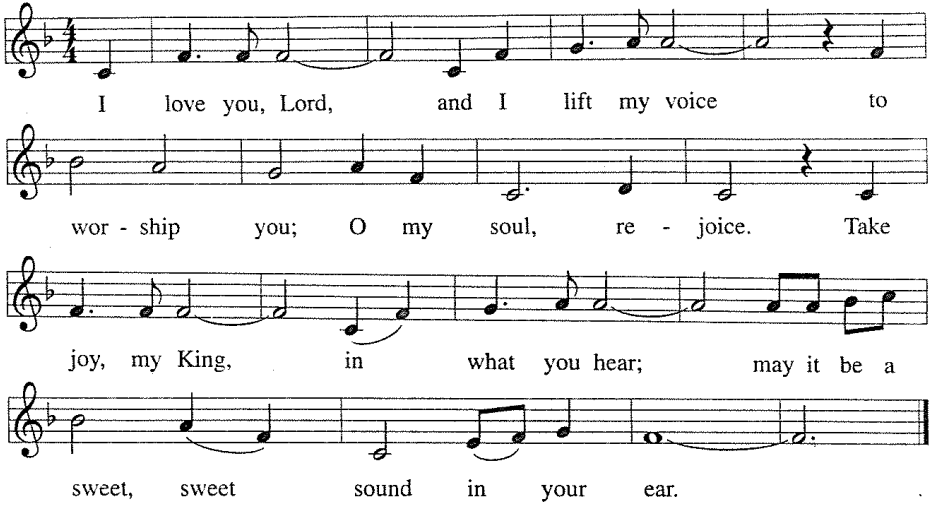
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to  
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take  
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a  
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

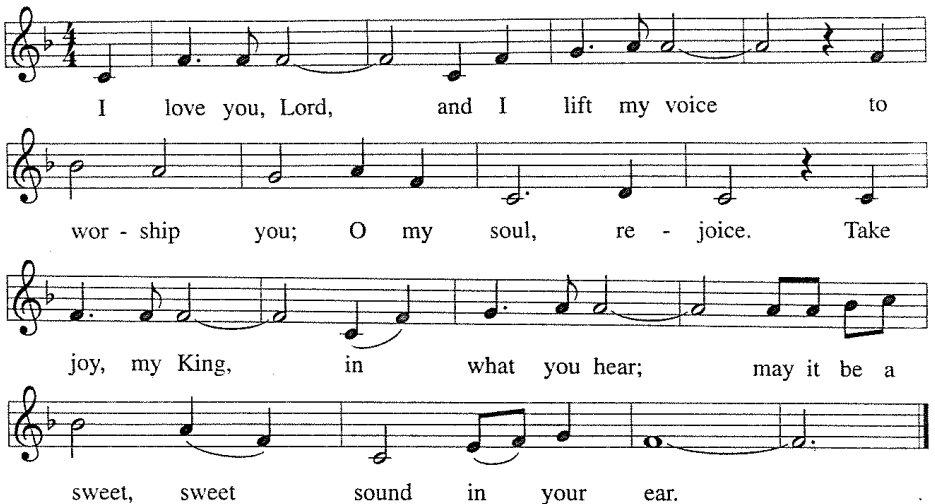
*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

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**



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to  
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take  
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a  
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## 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

*Contemporary Worship Team*

### Offertory - As the grains of wheat

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*Refrain*

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were  
gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -  
come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the  
ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

## Offertory Prayer

P: Living God,

**C: in Christ's resurrection you raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might know that life through the gifts you give us, to use and to share. Amen**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

**C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.**

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

**C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.**

### Words of Institution

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.

We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:

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.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as it is 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

**P:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!  
**C: Happy are those who are called to His Supper.**

One bread, one body

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*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
 bless-ing which we bless. and we, though man-v  
 through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Meal

*Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*  
 The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

## MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

As the deer

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As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Step by step

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O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning,  
And I will learn to walk in your ways, and  
Step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning,  
And I will learn to walk in your ways, and  
Step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days,  
And I will follow you all of my days,  
And I will follow you all of my days,  
And step by step you'll lead me,  
And I will follow you all of my days.

# 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 Canticle – You're Worthy of My Praise CCLI 1763436

I will wor - ship with all of my heart.

I will praise You with all of my strength.

I will seek You all of my days.

I will fol - low all of Your ways.

I will give You all my wor - ship I will give You

all my praise. You a - lone I long to wor - ship,

You a - lone are wor - thy. of my praise.

## 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**

## SENDING

## Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen**

# Closing Song – Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry;  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.

## *Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God**

Postlude

**OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

**Today**

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

**Monday-Memorial Day – office closed**

**Tuesday**-2:00-Bible Study

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

**Thursday**-5:45-Bell Choir / 6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

**Friday**-6-9:30-Dinner, Bonfire & Movie Night!

**FUTURE MINISTRIES**

**Sun-June 1**-Graduate Recognition / 9:45-Sunday School

**Mon-June 2**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tues-June 3**-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

**Thurs-June 5**-6:00-Traditional Choir Practice & Picnic

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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**Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-53; 9:45-69; 11:00-39; SCS-15**

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Risen Lord and in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Donna & Jeff Bush.

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**Dinner, Bonfire & Movie Night . . . *this 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.

**The Summer Youth & Adult Stay-At-Home Mission Trip "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD – SO SHINE WHERE YOU ARE!"** is coming soon! This year's mission begins **Monday, June 9** through

**Thursday, June 12.** It will be a stay-at-home event serving our church and local service partners. Please register ASAP! Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

**Sunday School** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders **next Sunday, June 1** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Graduate recognition . . .** We will recognize our high school graduates and present them with a gift from the congregation **next 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!

**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.

**The June Worship Assistant List** is available in the narthex.

**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.

**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 Sunday, June 1, 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!