Wednesday, April 2, 2025

* stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C- Amen.

P- Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P- Compassionate One,

C= you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.

We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

P- Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

C- Amen.

GATHERING LITANY

- P- For these forty days, we journey with Jesus down the Lenten path. As we gather, we seek to experience the ways Christ's embodied life demonstrates God's love for us.
- C- We come with hearts open to learn.
- P- We will listen to stories of Jesus' life and of God's people, because they teach us how God calls us to live in the world.
- C- We come to learn from the stories of God's ancient people, Christ's life, and the church.
- P- We will pray as Jesus taught us and send each other back into daily life with a deeper connection to the life and love of Jesus.
- C- We come to learn how to live more fully in the embodied image of God.

GATHERING SONG Shout to the Lord (ELW 821)

Shout to the Lord



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My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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GREETING (ELW p. 138)

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P- God incarnate.

you have given us a sense of touch to experience the world you made with such creative diversity, and to give and receive care. Open our minds and our hearts to receive the gifts you have for us, and teach us to share these gifts with the world.

C- Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Luke 8:42b-48

42for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. 43Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. 44She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. 45Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you." 46But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." 47When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. 48He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

The gospel concludes:

P- The gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

C- And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

P- Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C- Amen.

ALL_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.

BLESSING

P- May the Creator God, who made you whole, bless you in body and in spirit now and forever, **C- Amen.**

SENDING SONG Precious Lord, Take My Hand(ELW 773)

[1]
Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

[2]

When my way grows drear Precious Lord linger near When my life is almost gone Hear my cry, hear my call Hold my hand lest I fall Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home.

[3]

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

DISMISSAL

P- Go in peace, open to the presence of Christ all around you.

C- Thanks be to God.

There is no postlude during Lent. Please use the time for the postlude for a quiet reflection of your Lenten journey.

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Important Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

Prayer Requests – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First

names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

Pastoral Coverage —Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request. If you and/or a family member are ill at home and not able to attend church, please contact the church office so that Pastor Marie can bring communion to your home.

Reminder: Hospital visits -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

Attendance for March 23, 2025 44 in person, 561 views and 3 share as of March 27, 2025.

On the first weekend of every month there will be a donation collected for Helping Harvest. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the Pottsville Soup Kitchen after they closed.

The Cemetery Association has set Saturday, April 12th as clean up day for the cemetery. Please remove any arrangements, that you would like to keep, by that date. Thank you for your cooperation.

Communion at the rail will be served on Easter Sunday.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Palm Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall for children up to and including those in grade 6. Advance registration is requested by April 6. To register your child(ren) sign sheet on the bulletin board in back of church or email Reba at llewell@verizon.net or text or call 570-527-5116. Please leave child's name and age.

Egg Hunt Donations – Filled plastic eggs will be appreciated for the children's Egg Hunt on April 13. Please bring egg donations to the church by the morning of April 13 and place on table in the back of the fellowship hall. To sign up your donation, please sign sheet on bulletin board in back of the church or email Reba at lewell@verizon.net or text or call 570-527-5116. Thank you in advance for your donation.

We will be assembling health kits for Lutheran World Relief again this year during the Lenten Season. Please see the insert placed in bulletins starting Ash Wednesday, March 5 for details.

The Jolly Quilters are asking for donations of full, queen or king size sheets in good

condition or new to use as backing for quilts.

The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Sunday, March 23rd until Sunday, April 13th. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are studying for their final exams. Items to be donated include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items. The packages will be given to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing generosity in donating to our project.

DINNER AND A MOVIE: Saturday April 5th after service.

Movie: LIFE WITH DOG See article in newsletter for description of movie.

The property committee has set Saturday, April 26th as clean-up day at church. Starting at 9 a.m.

Student Loan applications are available in the library for the 2025-2026 academic year. Please return completed, signed applications to a member of the Student Loan Committee or the church office by April 27, 2025. Contact a member of the Student Loan Committee (Michael Troxell, Cindy Brown, Jessica Rollman, Marlene Troxell, and Becky Mairose.) with any questions.

Please join us in putting the flowers on the cross as we celebrate new life emerging from Jesus death on Good Friday. There are flowers donated by the church we can use or you can use or you can bring your flowers from home

Love God, love your neighbor, be the body of Christ in the world!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 2 Council meeting after Lenten service

April 5 5pm Spoken Service

April 5 Dinner and a Movie

April 6 8 am and 10:30 am Communion Service

April 12 Cemetery clean up

April 13 Easter Egg Hunt

April 13 Last Day for School House

April 20 Easter 10:30 am Communion at the rail

April 26 Church grounds Clean up 9 am

April 27 Deadline for Student Loan Appilcations

"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

Wednesday: 7 pm Mid week Lenten service

Thursday: 6 pm Bell rehearsal

Saturday: 5 pm spoken service

Next Sunday: 8 and 10:30 am Worship Service

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 7 pm Holly Maldonado Acolyte: 7 pm m Tobias Lileck Lector: 7 pm Michael Ziegler Ushers: 7 pm Holly Maldonado Counting Team: Holly Maldonado

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday

Office closed for lunch 12 pm until 12:30 pm Church Telephone 570-754-7350

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Keep in your prayers: Charles Hawk, Sr., Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Chester Johnson, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Stacey Rao,

John and Betty Strauch, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Brian Hunsberger, Cathy Moran, Diane Werner, Donovan Baker, Peggy Davis, Harry Russell, Carol Beenick, Brittany & Joshua Gallagher, Shawnette Keller, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Betty Fromm Yarnell, Kermit Snyder, Paulette White, Joseph and Linda Catizone, Don MacIntyre, Maxine Vanst, Christopher Tokarick, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.