

Weekly Worship: Saturday @ 5:00pm
Sunday @ 8:00am & 10:30am
Sunday School @ 9:15am

Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

To contact Pastor Deb, please call or text her cell @ 570-350-5115.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

ABOUT COMMUNION: We are observing communion at the altar. You may still use the pre-filled communion sets if you are more comfortable. During worship you will be instructed when to partake of the elements.

FOR SECURITY: During worship, only the upper-level main entrance doors are open—all other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

Our Congregation Council has decided that each of us should use our own discretion as to personal choice when wearing masks. You may worship from your car in the parking lot at 90.1FM on your radio.

Individual communion cups for you to use at home may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. If you cannot come to the church during the hours posted, please call the church office (570-788-1572) to make other arrangements. You may also commune with what you have handy at home: bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our Facebook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation” or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clcconyingham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MAY 8, 2022
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am and 10:30am Worship Services

PRELUDE

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

William Bradbury/arr. Jan Sanborn

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PLEASE STAND

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the waters of baptism,
 we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
 and we are a new creation.
 For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
 who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
 flowing freely from your throne:
 through the earth,
 through the city,
 through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.
In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.
To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (CONGREGATION SINGS ALL MUSIC)

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

A READING FROM ACTS

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died.

When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**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 READING FROM REVELATION

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN THE 10th CHAPTER



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John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Taylor

PLEASE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A* Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation. Especially we pray for Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Emily, Dawn, Bob, Betsy, George, Barbara, Rodney, Pauline, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Gail, John, Sandy, Maryanne, Rich, Deb, Eileen, Justin, Samantha, Emily, Bob, Sue, Bob, Violet, Clete, Nancy, Kim, Della Rose, Laurent, Alan, Dawn, Sandy, Jayce, Marian, Tom, Jean and Tonya. Set people in their path who can provide the care they need and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- A* Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- A* Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- P* In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.**

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P* The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.**

Please greet each other as you are comfortable

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



C 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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A* In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.
Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...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. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, living, and loving God,
 we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
 for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
 and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.
 We give you thanks for Jesus
 who, living among us,
 healed the sick,
 fed the hungry,
 and with a love stronger than death,
 gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
 his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
 we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
 carry us in your arms from death to life,
 that we may live as your chosen ones,
 clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

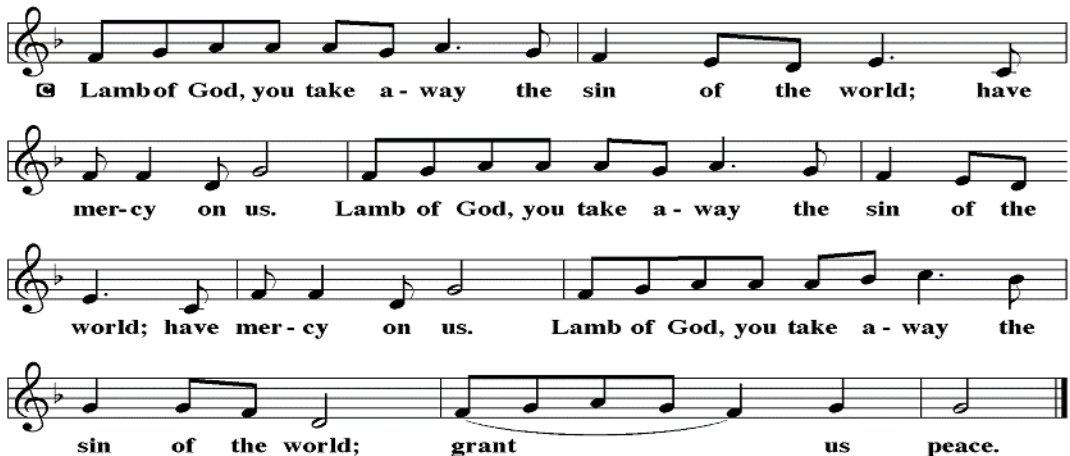
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION



L 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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

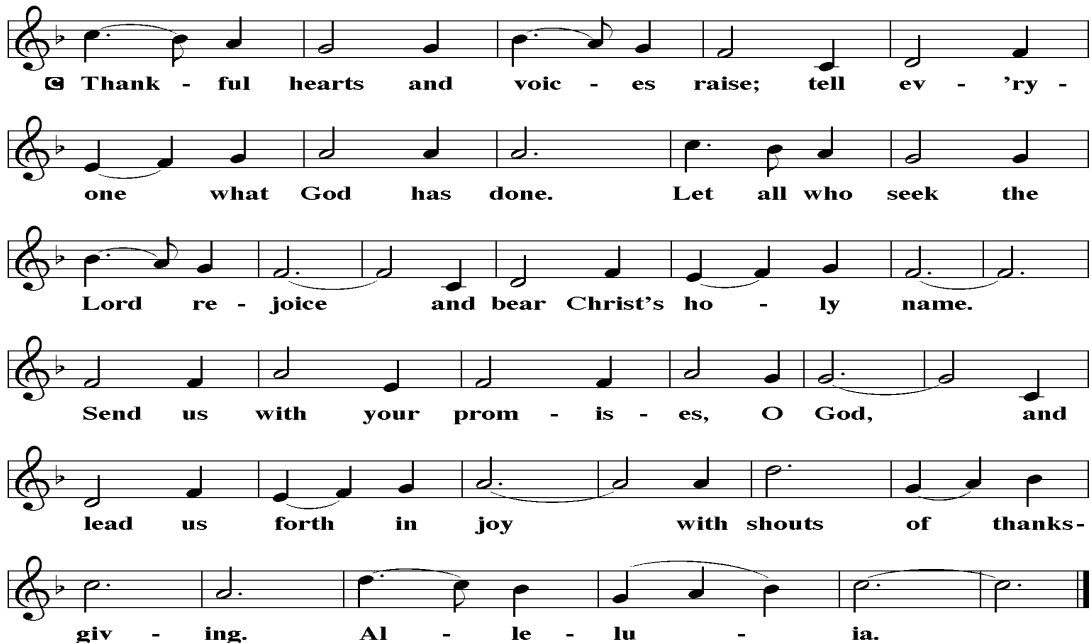
HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Those using the pre-filled communion elements and the people on Facebook will take communion first. Please stand when instructed to receive the elements and then be seated. Those taking communion from the altar will receive next. Proceed forward from your pew toward the altar. The Lectern side (right side facing the altar) will go first, then the Pulpit side (left side facing the altar) will follow. Pick up an empty communion glass as you approach, or use a cup filled with grape juice. Receive the bread and eat the wafer, then the assistant will fill your cup with wine and drink. Deposit empty cups in the bowls provided on the way back to your pews and be seated. If you need a gluten-free wafer, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
C Amen.

CANTICLE



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Blessing and Honor”

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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Allegro from Concerto No. 1”

Handel/arr. George Blake

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The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Juergen & Arline Friedrich in honor of their wedding anniversary.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God by Sue Boyer in memory of Don Boyer

Worship Helpers

8:00am service

Acolyte	Andy Cwierniewicz
Asst. Minister	Ashley Marsicano
Reader	Aaron Floryshak
Ushers	Henry & Jane Heller

10:30am Service

Acolyte	
Asst. Minister	Cindy Thorne
Reader	Tom Toth
Ushers	April & Russ Nyblade

Calendar of Events for the Week of May 8, 2022

Monday-	5:00pm	Karate
	7:00pm	Congregation Council
Tuesday -	1:00pm	Willing Workers
Wednesday -	7:00pm	Cottage Meeting
Thursday -	9:00am	Apple Fest Craft Session
	5:00pm	Karate
	6:30pm	AA Meeting
Friday -		
Saturday-	12:00pm	Ladies Luncheon at Lookout House

Next Weekend:

May 14 & 15, 2022

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services
9:15am Sunday School

MAY LUNCHEON
SATURDAY MAY 14TH – 12PM LOOKOUT HOUSE
COST \$15 – PAY DAY OF EVENT

Moms, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, all ladies of the church are invited. Meal includes sandwiches, soup, quiche, salad, beverage and dessert. For reservations call 570-788-1572 or sign-up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church by **TODAY**.

MONTHLY COTTAGE MEETINGS BEGIN IN MAY

Cottage Meetings are a way for our congregation members to re-build relationships, get re-acquainted and establish new relationships that, due to COVID-19, has not been possible. This will be a time of fellowship (with dessert and coffee) to discuss what has been happening and what we see happening in our church. The meetings will take place in the parsonage at **7pm**. Dates planned so far are **Wednesdays May 11th, June 8th, and July 13th**. More will be scheduled. See the sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the church to register for the date you can attend and plan to join in!! Congregation Council members and Pastor Deb will be the hosts of the meetings.

RED CROSS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

This blood drive will take place here at Christ Lutheran on **Thursday May 19th from 1pm-6pm** in Roth Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment.

RED IS THE COLOR...GERANIUMS ARE THE FLOWERS

Geraniums are needed to decorate our church for **Pentecost Sunday June 5th** and then planted outside to beautify our church grounds. *Cost is \$5.00 per plant.* Please use the envelope in the basket in the narthex to order and pay for your flowers. Place in the offering plate or call the church office to sponsor. Please make sure all information is written clearly on the envelope. **Deadline to order is Sunday May 29th. We need 120 geraniums so please consider sponsoring a few plants!**

GERANIUM PLANTING

Help is needed **Monday June 6th** (weather permitting) at **6:30pm** to plant the geraniums from Pentecost around our church grounds. We need many hands to plant 120 geraniums. Please mark your calendar, bring a small shovel, and come out to join in the fun!!!!

GRADUATION INFORMATION NEEDED

Please send information on graduations to the church office by e-mail lccony@ptd.net or call 570-788-1572. Please send, with the student's name, high school name with future plans for college, work, armed forces, etc. College name with degree and future plans with employment, etc.

PAVILION UPDATE

After considering the responses and the financial pledges of the congregation, it was decided to forgo this project at this time. We had 41 written responses to the survey, with a slight majority against the project even if we had pledges to fully fund the pavilion. We did have 18 members who were willing to financially support the project but still did not have enough money needed to complete the pavilion. Thank you to everyone for your responses to the survey. At this time there are no plans for continuing to pursue a pavilion.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

In April Diana Jessel was commissioned as a Stephen Minister by Pastor Deb and Deb Jones. Our Stephen Ministers also prepared to begin their journey with their caregivers. As trained lay caregivers, their role is to listen, understand, accept, pray for and with their caregiver. They will use Christian caregiving, along with their listening, feelings, boundaries, and assertiveness skills to help their caregiver through their situation. They also participated in supervision and continuing education, which occurs twice a month. In supervision, Stephen Ministers provide and receive support, encouragement, and accountability for each other as they continue to provide high quality care. Continuing education helps Stephen Ministers continue to hone and develop additional caregiving skills. We ask for your continued prayers as Marty, Anita, and Diana prepare to care for others in our congregation.

Please plan to join us on **May 15 for Stephen Ministry Sunday**. During the services we will celebrate Stephen Ministry and how God is working through our Stephen Ministers.

***HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY*** ₂₂

EASTER

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! 385

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die; and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TRUST, GUIDANCE

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The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta-ble thou hast rich-ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,

in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com-fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing-place shall be;

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
 My head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing-place shall be.

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

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Blessing and Honor

1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
 scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.
 Music: Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

AMERICAN HYMN
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