

**BRICKERVILLE UNITED  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

“... and you will know the truth,  
and the truth will set you free.”

*John 8:32, ESV*



**SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

May 12, 2024

8:45 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*We welcome all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and mothers-to be this Mother's Day morning both in person and on-line. An \* in the bulletin indicates when to stand, if able. Offering plates are located on table to the right upon entry into the sanctuary.*

**The GATHERING**

**PRELUDE:** ..... 'Dove of Peace' by M. H. Corl

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. do you reaffirm your baptismal faith, faith in resurrected Jesus as the Christ, our Lord and Savior? If so answer: I affirm my faith in Christ.

**I affirm my faith in Christ.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**We thank you, O God**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We bless you, O God**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**We praise you, O God**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN . . . . . Hymn # 645**

**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

**\*APOSTOLIC 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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The WORD**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats  
of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due  
season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

**<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked;**

**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

<sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

The Holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed: <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** ..... Pr. Dietrich

## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

**\*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.  
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:**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. Comfort those in any affliction or suffering especially, Ronnie Denlinger, Millie Seace, Theresa Weik, Katherine Styer, Earl Shirk, Barry Shelly, Fred Oerther, Linda Miller, Garret Shanfelder, Pauline Strohm and Phyllis Busey and all whom we hold in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray also for military personnel, veterans, teachers, emergency responders and healthcare workers. We pray for the people around the world affected by war, gun violence, and natural disasters, especially those in the mid-west. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE:**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share with one another the peace of the risen Christ.*

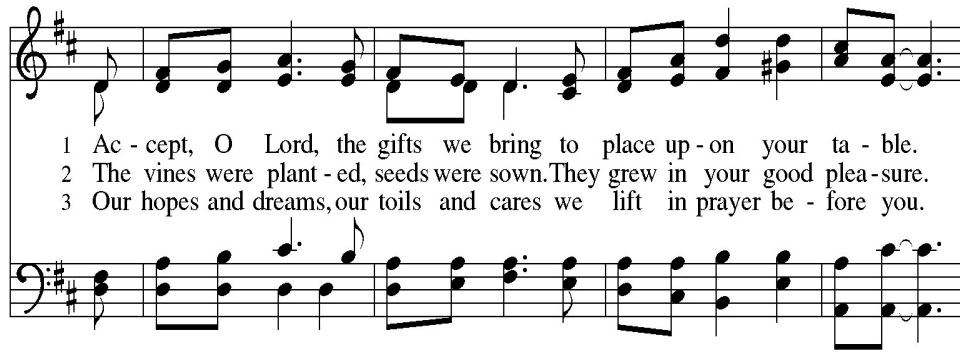
*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** . . . . ‘The Gift of Love’ In Honor of all Mothers

The Chancel Flowers are  
presented to the glory of God  
***‘In memory of Glenn R. Aungst’***  
by Family of Glenn  
~and~  
***‘In memory of our mothers Audrey and Jane and in  
honor of our daughter Jennifer who has made us  
grandparents to Jack (now 3) and our granddaughter,  
expected any day’***  
by Steve & June Kupstas

**\*OFFERING SONG:**

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Let us pray .....

Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring.

**Fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. Amen.**

**\*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.**

**The SENDING**

**\*BLESSING:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN:** ..... # 855

*See next page*

**\*DISMISSAL:**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:** ..... ‘Rondo– Op18, No 2 by J. Vaclav Vorisek



**SERVICE ASSISTANTS & PARTICIPANTS:**

<b><u>Sunday, May 12</u></b>	<b><u>8:45am</u></b>
Interim Pastor	Pr. Dietrich
Organist	Nancy Maurer
Greeter	
Lay Reader	Bill Shanfelder
Counter	Dean Kissinger
Counter	Bill Shanfelder

**Thank You May Sponsors!**

Bulletin: Freda Fasnacht and Sandy Schaeffer

Newsletter: Ida Young

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **TODAY FOLLOWING SERVICE:**

Join us today as we are celebrating Mother's Day with Muffins, coffee, and tea during fellowship time, all welcome.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:**

WHEN: Monday, May 13 at 9:00am

WHERE: Office

### **SOUP MAKING for ANNUAL PICNIC:**

WHEN: Monday, May 13 9:00am—1:00pm

WHERE: Kitchen

### **CHOIR REHEARSAL:**

WHEN: Thursday, May 16 at 10:15am

WHERE: Choir Room

### **TURKEY POT PIE SALE:**

WHEN: Friday, May 17 at 9:00am, make pot pie

Saturday, May 18 at 8:00am, finish making

Saturday, May 18 2:00-4:00pm, pot pie Sale

### **WEAR RED for PENTECOST:**

Wear red to celebrate the season of Pentecost. Sign-up sheet to purchase

red geraniums is located on the narthex counter.

### **OFF-SITE FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:**

WHEN: Sunday, May 19 at 12:15

WHERE: Scooters Restaurant, Rt 501 Lititz

### **COUNCIL MEETING:**

WHEN: Monday, May 20 at 8:00am (Please note change in day)

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

### **WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY & WELCA PROJECT:**

WHEN: Monday, May 20 at 10:00am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

**WELCA's MAY EVENT:**

WHEN: Wednesday, May 22 at 9:00am

WHERE: Longwood Gardens Spring Tour

Office closed so Pam can attend also. Sign-up on narthex counter.

Lunch on your own. Admission to gardens gifted to first 12 ladies who sign up. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

**EVENING SALAD & SEW FOR LWR:**

WHEN: Wednesday, May 21 at 5:30

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

**PREP & SERVE LUNCHESES for GATEWAY:**

WHEN: Friday, May 24 at 9:00 Prep lunches in BULC kitchen

WHEN: Sat., May 25th at 10:00 serve lunches at Gate Way, Ephrata

**WELCA MAY COLLECTIONS:**

May's collection is for City Gate. In addition to BULC sponsoring and serving a meal on May 25th, we are collecting the following items:

- Soft granola bars/cereal bars
- Little Debbie type snacks
- Packs of crackers
- Any snack items individually packaged
- Kitchen size garbage bags
- Ziploc sandwich bags
- Paper towels

Or you can place a monetary donation in the tin located in our narthex to help pay for rent, electric, internet.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:**

WHEN: Thursday, May 23 at 10:15am

WHERE: Choir Room

This is the last scheduled choir rehearsal for the summer break.

**BULC SPONSORS CITY GATE**

WHEN: Friday, May 24, make lunches in BULC kitchen

Saturday, May 25, volunteers serve at City Gate

See sign up sheet on narthex counter to help serve premade lunches

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Looking for volunteers to tend to our 3 flower gardens for the rest of May and the month of June. Please sign up if you can help Gloria, tend to the gardens during this time.

**POLKA MASS & CHURCH PICNIC:**

WHERE: Jerusalem (there will be no services at BULC)

WHEN: Sunday, June 2, 2024, Service begins at 10:00am

The Heidelberg Brass Band will lead us with the Polka Mass. Picnic lunch to follow in the social hall. Hot dogs, barbeque, baked beans and drink will be provided. Please see sign up sheet in narthex.

- Members with last names starting with A-M, bring a salad.
- Members with last names starting with N-Z, bring a dessert.

Please bring your own place settings. Games will be played including Bingo. If you wish to play Bingo, bring a white elephant gift.

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Mrs. Nancy Maurer, Organist

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Mrs. June Kupstas, On-line Services Coordinator

**Or Friends and Guests:**

Welcome!

If you are visiting with us please sign the guest register in the narthex.

Thank you and please come again!

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