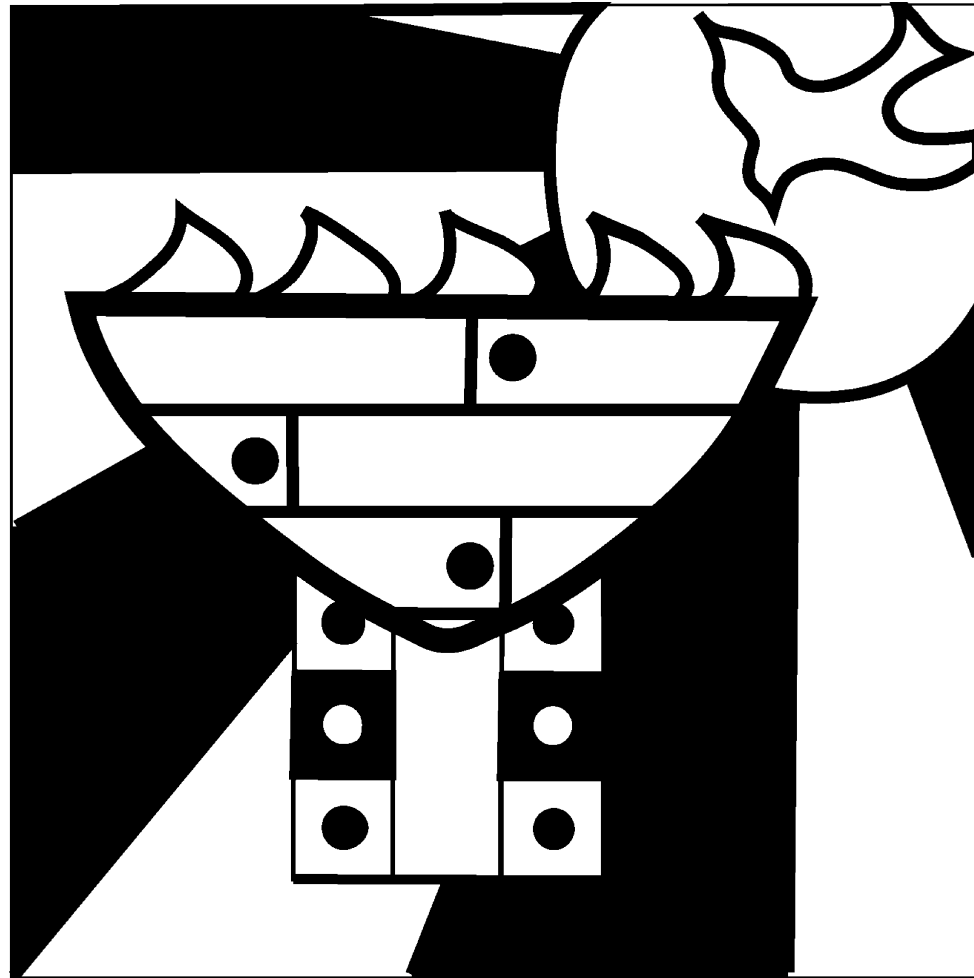


Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Worship Service
11:30am



Prelude

Welcome to everyone and we are thankful to have you with us in worship today

Announcements

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: Amen.



Gathering Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”

ELW # 391



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



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, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

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.

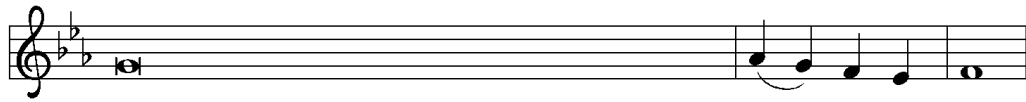
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



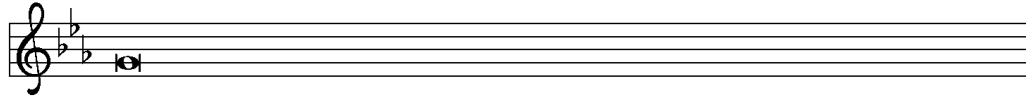
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



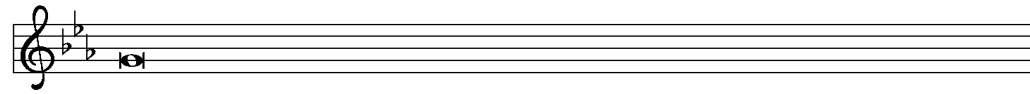
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

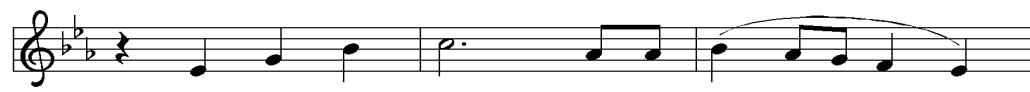


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever .

+WORD+

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 66:8-20

⁸Bless our | God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living and has not allowed our | feet to slip. R**

¹⁰For you, O God, have | tested us; you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in-^l to the net; you laid heavy burdens up-^l on our backs.**
¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through^l fire and water, but you brought us out into a place^l of refreshment.
¹³**I will enter your house^l with burnt offerings and will pay^l you my vows—**
¹⁴those that I promised^l with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I^l was in trouble.
¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the^l smoke of rams; I will give you ox-^len and goats. R**
¹⁶Come and listen, all you^l who believe, and I will tell you what God has^l done for me.
¹⁷**I called out to God^l with my mouth, and praised the Lord^l with my tongue.**
¹⁸If I had cherished evil^l in my heart, the Lord would^l not have heard me;
¹⁹**but in truth^l God has heard me and has attended to the sound^l of my prayer.**
²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject-^led my prayer, nor withheld unfailing^l love from me. **R**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Shea Berbaum

Hymn of the Day: *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* ELW# 631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Apostles' Creed

P: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**All 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving (*especially*).

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints (*especially*). Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always

C: **And also with you.**

Offering

Offering Music

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

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. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle of Thanksgiving “We Know That Christ is Raised” ELW# 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924
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Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

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

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: The God of all, who raised +Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Sending Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

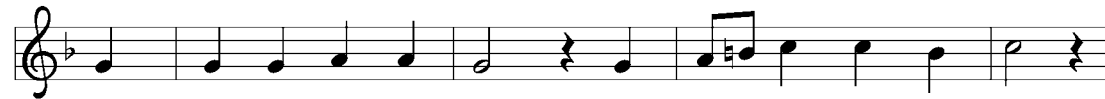
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers (May 14, 2023) are given to the Glory of God and loving memory of my mother Randi Bradshaw Alexander and my grandmother Irma Bradshaw on Mother's Day by Brad Jarrett.

Volunteer Sign-up Sheet for reading Sunday scriptures available in the Narthex.

Altar Flower Sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. There are many dates available. **Altar Flowers for 2023.....Please note...There will be an increase in the flowers this year. Cost: \$47.00 for both flowers. One flower will be \$23.50. Gaston Floral Garden.**

All Information for the Sunday bulletin needs to be in by **Tuesday Noon.**

To prepare for Next Sunday (May 21), Seventh Sunday after Easter; Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11.

Attendance: 4/23/2023: Outdoor/Indoor Worship Service: 32

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ministers: Members of Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Visit our Web Site: <http://www.philadelphialutheran.org>

Email: church@philadelphialutheran.org

Church Ph. & Fax: 704-922-5334

Pastor: Pastor Shea Berbaum Cell: 336-633-9770 (In case of an emergency, or if you need a Pastor) Email: shea.berbaum@gmail.com **"Do you know someone who would benefit from a conversation or a visit with the Pastor? Please let Pastor Shea or the church office know! Pastor Shea can be reached at 336-633-9770."**

Parish/Financial Secretary: Lisa Rubow Music: Amy Lewis

Parish Mail: Aaron Adams

Council Rep., May: Danny Adams

Altar Guild May: Amy Lewis

Lector May: Brad Jarrett

Council Rep., June: Aaron Adams

Altar Guild June:

Lector June:



WE PRAY...

*Below are all those included on our weekly List for **Intercessory Prayer**. We lift them up in Prayer during the Sunday Worship Service and we encourage you to include them in your Prayer Life during the coming week. Please contact the Church office regarding persons whom you would like to add or remove from our weekly list for Intercessory Prayer. In our ongoing prayers:* The Family of Clay Pasour and The Family of John Jarrett, Dian Newton, Faye Cloninger, Mary Jo Friday, Cindy Friday, David Luoto, Frances Lineberger, Cloteen Rogers, Steve Cloninger, Janice Jarrett, Ed Friday, Ginger Cloninger, Danny and Rhonda Adams, Rhonda Love, Ellen Adams, Ricky Schertz, Frank Parker, Julie Pettus, Bishop Tim Smith.

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If you wish to add/or remove names to the prayer list, please call the church office (704-922-5334)



Dallas High Shoals Christian Ministry: Hours: Tuesday and Thursday...9:00am-1:00pm. Donations (Just food at the present time) can be brought to the ministry on Monday and Wednesday mornings 11:00am –2:00pm. And most Friday mornings. No clothing donations. Check out their new website: www.dallaschristianministry.com. You can also find them on Facebook (Dallas Christian Ministry) - Every Wednesday they post “Wish List Wednesday” with items needed. Thanks for your continued support for this ministry!



Sunday, May 14, 2023 “6th Sunday of Easter” “HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY”

11:30am Worship Service: Pastor Shea Berbaum

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

2:00pm Bible Study at Philadelphia Lutheran Church

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

6:30pm Zoom Bible Study see Pastor Shea

Sunday, May 21, 2023 “7th Sunday of Easter”

11:30am Communion Worship Service: Pastor Shea Berbaum

12:30pm Church Council Meeting

Sunday, May 28, 2023 “Day of Pentecost”

10:45-11:15am "Connection Time"

11:30am Communion Worship Service: Pastor Shea Berbaum

Sunday, June 11 –15, 2023 **Joint Vacation Bible School June 11-15th** at Antioch Lutheran Church. 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Classes for ages 2 through adult. Adult Class will be 1 hour 6:30-7:30.

Sunday, July 2—Friday, July 7, 2023 **Agape Day Camp**

Sunday, July 30, 2023 “Homecoming Sunday”



The Milestone of High School Graduation will be celebrated in worship on **Sunday, June 4**. If you have a high school or college graduate in your family, please let the church office know as soon as possible so that we can recognize them appropriately.



THE GENERAL BUDGET

	BUDGET	RECEIVED	STATUS
5-7-2023	\$ 2,888.00	\$1,549.11	\$(1,338.89)
Year to date	\$ 54,872.00	\$46,991.42	\$(7,880.58)

For the year 2023, as of 5-7-2023

\$485.00	Building Fund
\$100.00	Dallas Christian Ministry
\$ 40.00	Vacation Bible School
\$ 40.00	Long Range Building Fund
\$ 40.00	Worship/Music
<u>\$745.00</u>	Area Lutheran Foundation
\$1,450.00	Total

Memorials: During the past week, the following memorials were given to the Glory of God and in support of:

Building Fund:

In honor of Jan Friday (the work she does for the church) by Janice Jarrett.

In honor of Boyd and Shirley Adams by John and Vivian Friday.

Area Lutheran Foundation:

To the Glory of God by David Luoto.

Community Meals resume on June 1!

Beginning on June 1, Holy Communion will host a meal for the community, especially for those who are homeless or experiencing food insecurity. The community table will be open each Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Our hope is that each week a different church, group, family, or business will host the meal for 30-40 people; the hosts will bring a prepared meal, serve it, interact/eat with the guests, and clean up after the meal. Holy Communion will provide the space and the paper products each week.

Philadelphia's first opportunity to serve one of the community meals will be on **June 8**. If you are able and willing to help us host the meal on June 8, please let Pebbles Cloninger know as soon as possible. Thanks! (Holy Communion is hosting on June 1 and they plan to serve hot dogs.) If you are part of a group, club, organization, or business (or your family or a group of your friends) would like to serve on another Thursday night, please let Pastor Shea know that. He is working to recruit the hosts for the first few months.



Introduction of Online Giving:

Philadelphia is excited to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation. To get started simply follow these steps:

1. Visit the website at [www.philadelphialutheran.org],
2. Click on the [online giving] button, then
3. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry!

Agapé Day Camp will once again be held at Philadelphia Lutheran Church from **Sunday, July 2, to Friday, July 7.** Agapé Day Camp is Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for rising 1st-8th graders led by Agapé counselors who will eat and stay at Philadelphia all week. The counselors will lead the campers in songs, games, Bible Studies, nature activities, crafts, and Biblically-based as well as silly skits. Thanks to the generosity of Philadelphia Lutheran Church, this year we are able to offer scholarships to cover the entire cost of camp (\$120 per camper) for all of our children who want to attend Agapé Day Camp. Registration forms are in the narthex; space is limited, so register now!



GOD'S WONDER LAB: Jesus Does the Impossible! — VBS 2023

Dallas Area Lutheran **Vacation Bible School** will be **June 11-15** at Antioch Lutheran Church. Supper will be served each day from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. with an Opening Bible Story and Songs at 6:10 p.m. followed by classes for all ages (2-102) from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The adult class will dismiss at 7:30 p.m. for food and fellowship.



Philadelphia will be providing supper on Monday, June 12. We will be serving a variety of sandwiches, chips, pickles, and desserts. If you can help provide any of the items that we need to feed 130-150 people, please let **Linda Friday** know as soon as possible. (And thanks to Linda for coordinating the meal for us this year!)

Susan Lineberger is the VBS coordinator and is still looking for volunteers to help with dinner; help with decorations/ decorating; to lead music, snacks, crafts, storytelling, and games stations; teach/lead the middle school group; teach/lead the adult class; help with a station; or serve as a travel guide (monitor children and take them from station to station.) Contact Robin Pasour, Pebbles Cloninger, Cammie Kelly, or Susan Lineberger if you are willing to lead or help with any of these.