



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"As an inclusive and caring congregation, our mission is to make disciples,
praise God, and serve the community."*

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

How Good It Is to Worship the Lord!!....Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We pray that you would sense Christ's presence among us as we open our spirits to God.

If You Are Visiting with Us Today ...Welcome!! Please be so kind as to sign our guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor as you leave. We ask **everyone** to sign the red fellowship pads as they are passed down the pew. Only visitors need to put their address and phone number. Additionally, in your pew rack, there is a bible. We believe we are called not only to proclaim God's Word, but to give it away. So, should you need a copy of God's Word, we invite you to take a bible as a gift from our congregation.

Nursery Care: Jesus said, "Let the little children come." So, living in our baptismal promises, we welcome and encourage children to worship with us. However, we understand that children often wiggle during the service, so if you so desire, parents are invited to go for a walk in the narthex or to take children (thru age 4 years) to the nursery, which is in the room just off the narthex.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 A.M. Worship Service in Sanctuary

10:30 A.M. Worship Service in Sanctuary

** Holy Communion Celebrated Each Week at Both Worship Services

Church Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday)

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The Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024

The Prelude *“O Day full of Grace” W. Wold*

* Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen

C: **Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**

* The Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen.**

P: Lord God Almighty, in your great mercy, you sent your son to die for us. Grant us now the confidence we need to draw near you, to recognize and confess our sin, that we may receive your mercy and grace now and in the time of our need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

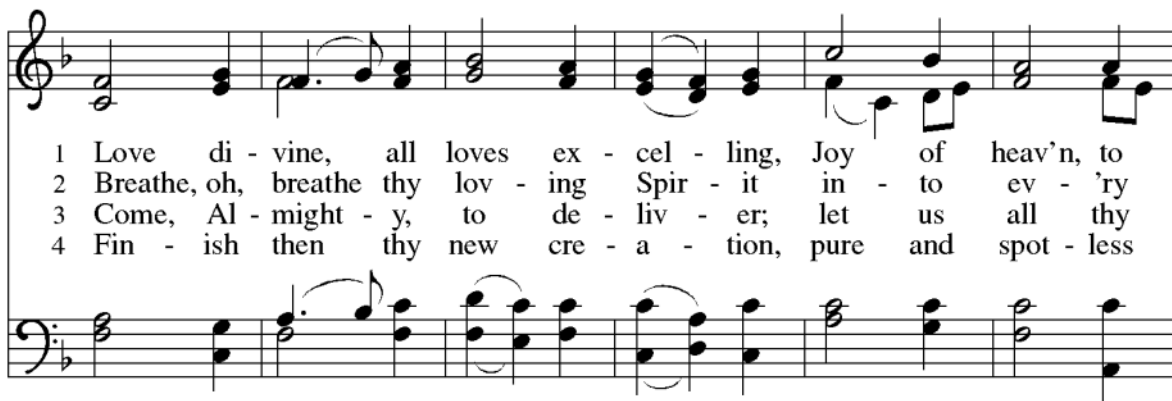
P: Hear our prayer and have mercy, O God,

C: **according to your lovingkindness, for we are helpless in the face of our sin. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, wash away the guilt of those thoughts, words, and actions with which we have hurt you, our brothers and sisters, and your creation. Cleanse us from our sin, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us that we may grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Restore to us a good and willing spirit, the joy of your salvation, and your everlasting grace, that we may live in you and for you forever. Amen.**

P: God is merciful and gracious, loving us even when we were dead in sin, and granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who believe. And so as a called and ordained minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by his authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

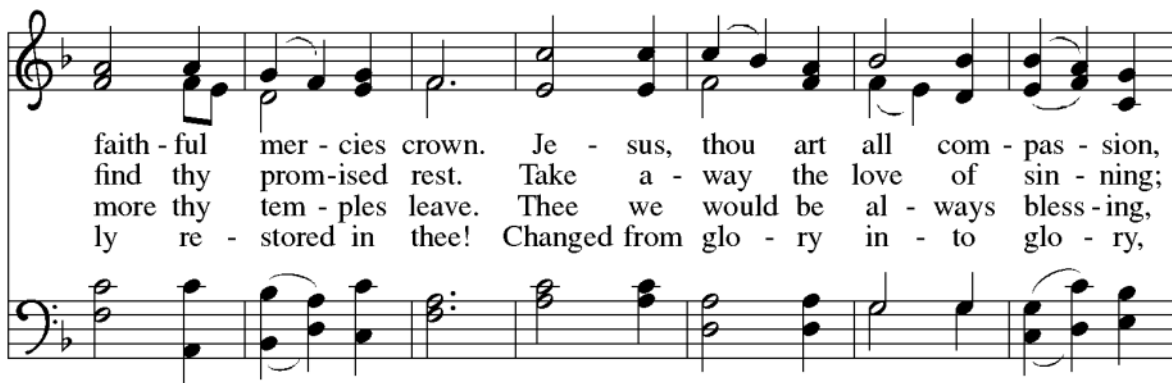
*** The Gathering Hymn** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* *(Hymn is on the Next Page ►)*



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,

(The Hymn continues on the Next Page ►)

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!

* The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

A: Let us pray . . . O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Choir Anthem *"Take My Life That I May Be"* McDermid *St. Philip's Chancel Choir*

The New Testament Lesson *Acts 8:26-40*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.'³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 22:25-31*

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;**

those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the Lord,**

and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰ **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,**

³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

The New Testament Epistle *1 John 4:7-21*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation



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

* The Gospel Lesson *John 15:1-8*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you O, Lord.**

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Children's Sermon and Growing in the Gospel

(The Children's Sermon and

Growing in the Gospel are at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and are for children through 3rd Grade.)

The Sermon

Rev. Patrick V. Downes

* Hymn of the Day

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

ELW 343



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
stow; the world that was his own would not its
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

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5 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

* The Prayers of the Church

Congregation responds to each petition with: Hear us, O God.

* Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you are mutually comfortable with: handshakes, hugs, elbow bumps, "peace signs," or words of peace and grace.

Greetings and Announcements

At this time the Pastors will lift up some of the relevant events/happenings in the congregation. Offering plates are no longer passed around. Instead the offering plate is near the baptismal font. At some point this morning you may deposit your offering in the offering plate or you may continue to mail, automatically deposit, or use the website to continue your generous giving. Thank you so much for all you do for the ministry we are all a part of here at St. Philip's.

* Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray . . . Holy God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and above all, the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise.

* Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy")



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. By your power and love you continue to deliver your people from bondage, show the way through the wilderness, turn hardship into righteousness, and reveal your hand upholding those in need. Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe. You came among us to feed and heal and teach, to confound the haughty, to confuse the tricksters, to challenge the wrong-hearted, and, in all these things, to give hope to those who long for peace.

That is why 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 our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life. You give us words when we have none; you fill us with vision when we have the most need; you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour. Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

C: Amen.

*** Lord's Prayer** *(Spoken in Unison)*

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.

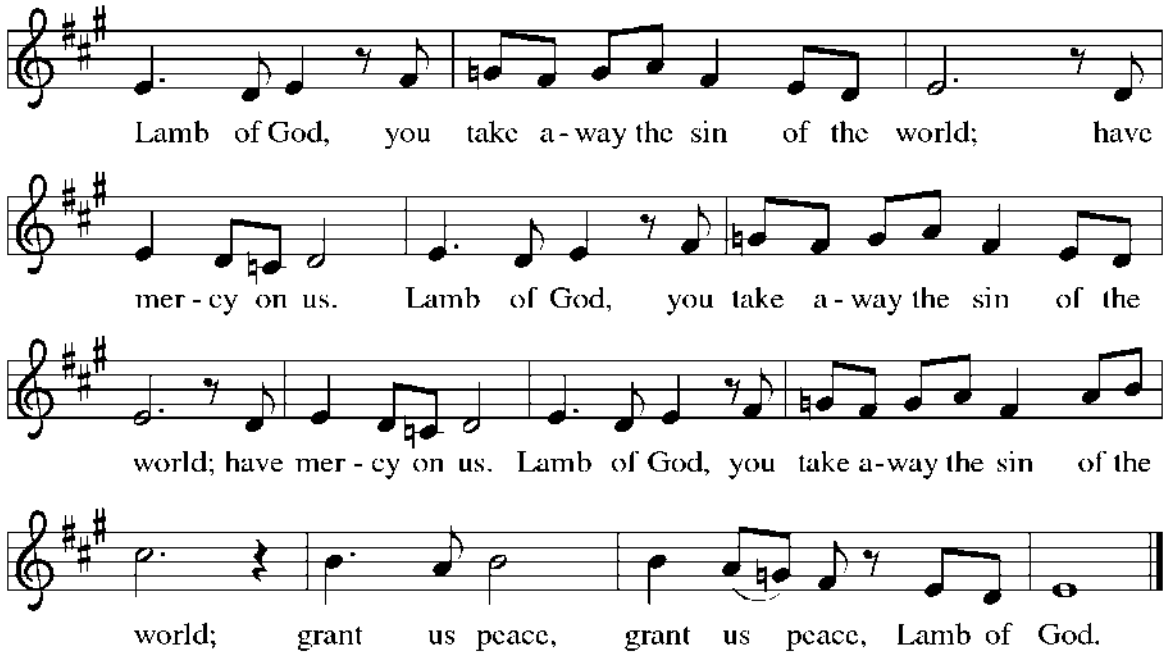
Amen.

P: Come to the banquet of our Lord, for everything is ready.

C: Thanks be to God!

Agnus Dei

("Lamb of God")



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The Reception of Communion

The pastors will give direction on how communion will proceed this morning. Remain seated until directions are given.

Communion Distribution Hymns

As you are waiting to come forward to receive the bread and the wine and/or after you are seated again, we ask you to join us in singing together the following hymns during the distribution of the Eucharist.

Communion Hymn*"Holy God, Holy and Glorious"***ELW 637**

1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
 2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
 3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
 4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
 5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
 pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
 beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
 wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
 life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
 emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
 scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
 God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
 dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Communion Hymn*"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"***ELW 708**

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

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us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

* Post Communion Prayer

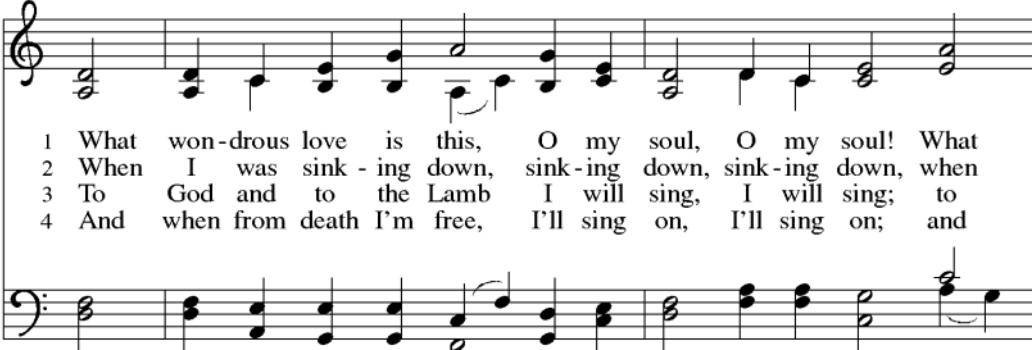
P: Let us pray . . . Life giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen

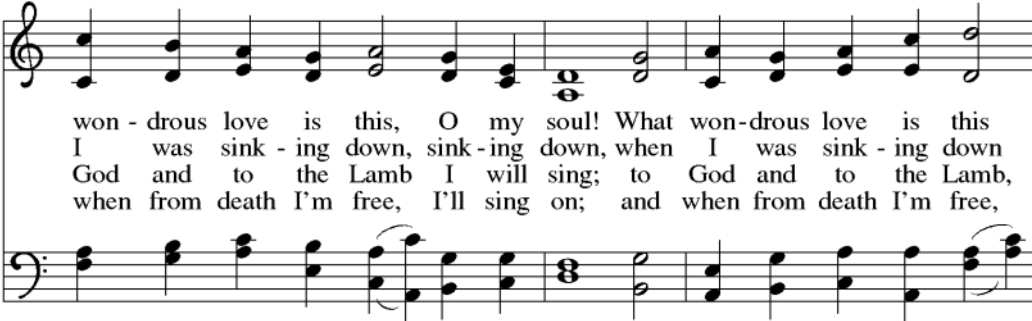
Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy; and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul?
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

*** Sending**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" W. Held

Remember Us When You Pray

We believe in the power of prayer, so please remember to keep the following persons and their families in your prayers. Even if you do not know them it means so much to them to know that they are remembered in our daily prayer lives. Also, it would be a wonderful gift for them to hear from their church family:

We Pray for the Members of St. Philip's:

Ron Henry, Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Charles & Ruth Bowles, Lois Hardy, Carol Ruckle, Lamont & Sharon Smith, Louise James, Ethel Reichley, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, Sam Cory, Sherry Thompson, Eleanor Georgiana, Carol Goodman, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Bev Reedy, Elizabeth Stirk, Barbara Stadelberger, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Debra Gelesh, Richard Braun, Vic Brick

We Pray for our Loved Ones: (Though we do not explicitly name these beloved ones in worship during our prayer time, please lift up their names in prayer aloud or silently during the time set aside for other intercessions): **Our soldiers serving overseas and their families; Bud & Ruth DiDonato & Family of Earl & Irene Meyer**, family of Linda Burkum; **Emily Ruckle & Tina Davis**, family of Carol Ruckle; **John & Carly Hoeni**, family of Lynn Muller; **Beckie McNelly**, sister of Bob Gibble & Barb Williams; **Lou Cookson**, father of Nick Cookson; **Beth Cookson**, mother of Nick Cookson; **The Greer Family**, friends of Bob Warner; **Dorothy Owens**, sister of Ruth Henry; **Stuart Emerson & Family**, friends of the Swift Family; **Jacob Buckworth & Dawn Cupsie**, grandson & daughter of Lamont & Sharon Smith; **Donald Oesterbo, Jr.**, son of Carol Oesterbo; **Linda Allen**, friend of Faith Simperts; **Mary Jane Myers**, mother of Mark Myers; **Joe Cilento, Jr.**, son of Yvonne Cilento; **Paul Budd, Sr.**, father of Scott, & **Lee & Patricia Craig**, friends of The Budds; **Greg Moore**, friend, **David Martin, Diane Balinski, Debra Jennings, & Barney Jennings**, family of Russ Hokanson; **Molly Wagner**, granddaughter of Margaret Wagner; **Jermaine & Joslyn Sanders**, friends of Nancy Zinnato; **Norman Richards & Phyllis Mensinger**, family of Mark & Marge Davis; **Carol Henzy**, sister of Beth Molnar; **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; **John, Sr. & Anna Longo**, parents of John Longo; **Lew & Donna Longhenry**, parents & **Brad Oliver**, brother-in-law of Bryan Longhenry; **Steve Gibson**, friend of Jean Kunkle; **The Family of Robert Schuh**, family of Diana Longhenry; **Martin Page & Family**, friends of Mike Rosen; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **B J Lawson**, daughter of Jean Kunkle; **Pastor Tom Carlson & Ken Worme**, friends of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Family of Rosemary Herron**, Loved ones of Edna Basilio; **Henry Houtmann**, grandson of Anne Hamilton; **Bill Molnar**, husband of Beth Molnar; **Zoe Kenaley**, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; **John Lehne**, friend of Carol Goodman; **Donna Reeves**, sister of Pam Sheffer; **Doris S., Kathleen K. and Chris Lariola**, friends of Anne Hamilton; **Frank Kulick**, brother of Ruth Bowles; **Christopher Longo**, son of John & Kim Longo; **Marilynn Kelley**, Mother of Dawn Downes; **Lisa Santak**, daughter of Marion Santak, **Dave and Sharon Potter**, Friends of Lila Hall; **Maria Perdikis**, friend of Donna & Monika Daugherty; **Michele Levanduski**, Family of Paul Gelesh

What's Happening At St. Philip's

Today's Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of our 67th Wedding Anniversary, by Mark and Marjorie Davis.

Making Disciples

The Women's Evening Book Club meets on the **second Friday of the month at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall or individual homes. Our time together is much like a happy hour with good friends! Feel free to bring a snack or beverage to share. Our next meeting is **May 10th**. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Downes or Donna Daugherty. Mark your calendars and plan to come . . . we hope you will join us. Everyone is welcome!

Koinonia: If you're looking for a small group that has fellowship, food and support for one another a koinonia group (Greek for fellowship) might be right for you! Our next koinonia gathering is on **Sunday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. We will watch and discuss the video series *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton. A second group, that meets with the Mueller's, that Koinonia group will meet on **Sunday, April 28th at 6:30 pm** at the Mueller's home. Dave will lead a discussion which was previously scheduled. Please let Gigi Mueller know if you have any questions and if you are coming. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.

Pub Theology - Martin Luther once said: "Whoever drinks beer, they are quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!" Get excited because Pub Theology is back and is every 3rd Thursday, at Chuck Lager. ALL are welcome at any time! Pub Theology is all about open and honest, faith-filled conversations about things that matter. A table where all perspectives are welcome and appreciated. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. Come and bring your questions and thoughts, bring a friend, pull up a chair, and join Pastor Amy. You'll be able to share your own wrestling's and thoughts while learning something new along the way, and hey—there's likely to be a good craft beer you haven't tried yet! The final pub theology of the program year is **May 23rd (change of date this month only)**. After that, we'll take a break for the summer and then come back in the fall. Cheers!

Together in Faith returns on May 19 at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall. This is the final breakfast before we pause our Sunday programs until the fall. Come celebrate with your St. Philip's family and get an update on our new building project. Hear about where things stand at this point and get answers to questions you might have. Sign up on the poster in the narthex if you can provide a breakfast casserole, coffee cake, muffins, donuts, or fruit.

Making Disciples (Continued . . .)

O.W.L.S. (older, wiser, Lutheran seniors) will gather on Tuesday, May 14th. Our presenter is still to be determined so stay tuned. However, we'll be gathering one last time for the season. So, please bring whatever you would like to eat or drink that day. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

The next Daytime Women's Book Group will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 21st, 12:30 p.m.**, in the fellowship hall. The book for discussion will be "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store", by James McBride. In June, the Daytime Book Group will meet on **June 25th at 12:30 p.m.** and is Salad, Dessert and Sangria event at Gigi's.

NEW! Young at Heart Group (women age 70+) - Our first meeting will be **Saturday, May 18th at 1:30 p.m.** We will meet at Gigi Mueller's home. Any questions, contact Gigi.

Praising God

Worship Assistants Are Needed!!! In particular we are in need of Assisting Ministers. This is an easy job because the pastor helps you during the entire service. Assisting with communion and the prayers. Let Pastor Patrick or Louise James know if you are interested.

Serving the Community

Pinners and Knotters, a longtime ministry at St. Philip's, is meeting on **the third Wednesday of the month at noon in the Fellowship Hall,** and always seeks new volunteers for this important work. Ellen Lenker or any current worker can answer any questions about the ongoing projects. Consider joining for the fellowship, a chance to be creative, and continue this important ministry. **The next meeting is on May 15th at noon in the Fellowship Hall.**

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group Continues to Meet at St. Philip's - The Alzheimer's Assn. of the Delaware Valley is sponsoring a monthly support group for anyone who has a loved one with any form of dementia, including Alzheimer's. Living with or caring for a person with dementia can be extremely challenging, overwhelming and exhausting. The group offers education, support, and the opportunity to connect with others in a similar situation. Free and open to the public, the group will meet on the **second Tuesday of the month.** The next meeting will be on **May 14th at 1 p.m.** in Room #128. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

Lunch and Learn! Sunday, May 5th in the Fellowship Hall, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for a light lunch and a presentation on **Stephen Ministry.** Look for the signup poster in the Narthex so we know how many to expect for lunch.

Serving the Community (Continued . . .)

Join the HABITAT RESTORATION CREW! The current project is removing invasive plants and vines from around the trees and in meadow areas. Upcoming work dates follow a first Saturday, third Wednesday pattern, **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** each day. Mark your calendars now!! Helpful tools to bring: Large loppers, large digging shovels, sturdy hand-held garden pruners, small bow or pruning saw, sturdy leather [or other thorn-resistant] gloves, leaf and grass rakes. Be sure to mark your personal tools. Contact Phil Duncan to let him know you are coming. He will add your name to the CREW email list so you will receive reminders, directions to help you find our work site, OR notification if cancellation is necessary due to weather or other circumstances.

Attention Widows, Widowers, and Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones!! If you have lost a spouse, partner, or close loved one and would like to have some fellowship and support, there is now a support group meeting for fellowship and to provide comfort and support through this life transition. The next gathering is **May 9th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m. meeting** in the Social Hall here at church. If you are interested in being a part or learning more, contact Sally Krapf.

Volunteers for Grass Cutting are Needed!! While we have a lawn service take care of the main part of our property, we are responsible to cut the “back forty” of the property from time to time. If you are willing to help out by working on a two person team contact Mark Myers. We will train you and pair you up with an experienced volunteer. Let us know if you can help us out.

Food Insecurity continues to be a problem in our community! Can you help? Food demand still continues to be very high. If you are at the grocery store or if someone goes for you, you can pick up needed items and drop them in the box in the narthex. We are especially in need of: **Pasta, Pasta Sauce** (cans are best and Dollar Store has good prices), **Shelf Milk (2%, Almond Breeze, Whole, or Soy** – Again, the Dollar Store is a good source), **Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Salt & Pepper, Crackers, Coffee, Tea Bags, Cake Mix/ Frosting.** Thank you so much for your generosity!!

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Together in Faith

**A Community Learning
Experience for all Ages**

Sunday, May 19, 2024

***9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

- **Adults and Youth will share and fellowship**
- **Kid's Club will meet as usual**
- **Presentation Celebrate your St. Philip's family. Get an update on the progress of our building project and get answers to questions you might have.**
- **There will be a Sign up Poster in the Narthex for food needed.**

***The Nursery Will Be Open!**



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THOSE WHO SERVE

PRESIDING MINISTER	Rev. Patrick V. Downes	
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ASSISTING MINISTER	Sharon Price	(8:00 a.m.)
	Michael Imgarten	(10:30 a.m.)
LAY READER	Cindy Hoyt	(8:00 a.m.)
	Gigi Mueller	(10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Carol Johnson and Ernie Frisiccio	(8:00 a.m.)
	Doug Larson and Paul Gelesh	(10:30 a.m.)
GREETERS	Carol Johnson and Ernie Frisiccio	(8:00 a.m.)
	Tom Krapf and Gigi Mueller	(10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTE	Abby Litterst	(10:30 a.m.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

<p>Sunday April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Noon TBD</p>	<p>Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Christian Ed for All Ages in the Christian Ed Wing Youth Breakfast Club in the Youth Room Small Groups in the Christian Ed Wing Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Youth Group Spring Clean up Service Project <i>Women Return from Beach Retreat</i></p>
<p>Monday, April 29</p>	<p>6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 30</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Staff Meeting Tuesday Morning Small Group in Room #127</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 1</p>	<p>1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Grocery Club in the Fellowship Hall Small Group Leaders Meeting Women's Ministry Team Meeting</p>
<p>Friday, May 3</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p><i>Youth leave for Beach Retreat</i></p>
<p>Sunday May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Noon TBD</p>	<p>Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Christian Ed for All Ages in the Christian Ed Wing Small Groups in the Christian Ed Wing Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Lunch and Learn in the Fellowship Hall <i>Youth Return from Beach Retreat</i></p>