



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."***

May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter and
Baptism of Elizabeth Jayne Barron

How Good It Is to Worship the Lord!!....Thank you for worshiping 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

Second Sunday of Easter - May 4, 2025

The Prelude

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" W. Held

* 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 Church of 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

"Arise, My Soul, Arise!"

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Nyt y - lős, sie - lu - ni, nous' y - lős mul - last' täs - tä!
 1 A - rise, my soul, a - rise! Stretch forth to things e - ter - nal
 2 Now hear the harps of heav'n! Oh, hear the song vic - to - rious,



Käy jal - kain juu - reen Ju - ma - lan ja Ka - rit - san.
 and has - ten to the feet of your re - deem - er God,
 the nev - er - end - ing an - them sound - ing through the sky!



Ja vaikk' ei sil - mä - ni va - lo - a Her - ran kes - tä,
 who, hid from mor - tal eyes, yet dwells in light su - per - nal;
 To mor - tals is not giv'n to join in strains so glo - rious;



niin kui - ten - kin sä rie - mui - ten käy lau - la - maan.
 so wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness, your sov - 'reign Lord.
 yet here on earth we too can sing our prais - es high!



I - äi - seen i - loon ja juh - laan ja - loon
 The ban - quet of love a - waits you a - bove;
 Christ bought with his blood the ran - somed of God;



oot Ka - rit - san sä suu - riin häi - hin kut - sut - tu.
 yet here you have a fore - taste of the feast to come!
 to him be ev - er - last - ing pow'r and vic - to - ry.



Tai - va - han kun - ni - a on Her - ran ar - mos - ta
 Re - joice, my soul, re - joice, to heav'n lift up your voice:
 And let the great a - men re - sound through heav'n a - gain.



sun o - sa - si, sun pe - rin - tös ja ta - va - ras.
* Siis rie - muit - se ja a - jat - te - le au - tuut - tas.
1, 2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

* The 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.**

* Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray . . . Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we
laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us
and inspire us to follow 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 *"For the Beauty of the Earth" Rutter* *St. Philip's Chancel Choir*

The New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

(The New Testament Lesson continues on the Next Page ►)

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him,

'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 30

¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² **O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴ **Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ **As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.'**

⁷ By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸ **To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:**

⁹ 'What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰ **Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!**

(The Responsorial Psalm continues on the Next Page ►)

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
¹² **so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.**
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

The New Testament Epistle *Revelation 5:11-14*

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!’

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

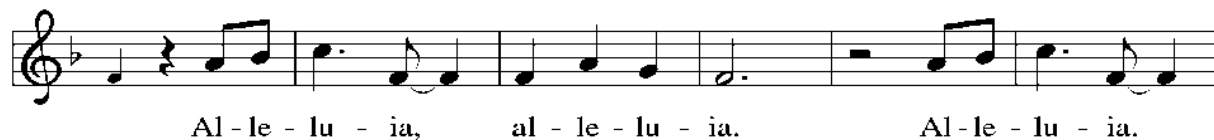
‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Acclamation**



*** The Gospel Lesson** *John 21:1-19*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John the twenty-first chapter.

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

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Children's Sermon and Growing in the Gospel *(Growing in the Gospel is at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and is for children through 3rd Grade.)*

The Sermon

Rev. Patrick V. Downes

*** Hymn of the Day**

"O God of Light"

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1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing,
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service)

This morning, Elizabeth Jayne Barron is presented for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Elizabeth's parents are Edward and Rebekah Barron and her sponsors are Matthew Shidner and Shannon Kocher.

Sponsors: We present Elizabeth Jayne to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: This child has been presented before us for baptism that she might become a child of God.

C: **Through Baptism we are made children of God!**

P: Martin Luther, in his Small Catechism, teaches that "Baptism brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems us from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the Word and promise of God declare."

C: **Through Baptism we are made children of God!**

P: "But how can water do such great things? Clearly water does not do it, but rather the Word of God which is with, in, and among the water, and faith, which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without the Word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism, but with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is grace-filled water of life and a 'bath of the new birth of the Holy Spirit.'"

C: **Through Baptism we are made children of God!**

P: "This baptism signifies that each day the old person in us with all our sins and evil desires is to be drowned through sorrow for sin and repentance, and that each day a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

C: **Through Baptism we are made children of God!**

P: But Elizabeth is so young! She doesn't know what's going on.

C: **God knows.**

P: How will this child know what God has done for her?

C: **Her parents, family, friends, and we, the church, have the responsibility of teaching her, so that she grows to understand what God has done for her.**

(The Baptism continues on the Next Page ►)

P: Do you, parents, sponsors, and members of Christ's church, accept this responsibility: to bring Elizabeth to the services of God's house; to teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; to place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith.

C: **We do.**

Those Who Are Able Are Invited To Stand For Prayer

*Congregation responds to each petition with: **Your Mercy is Great.***

The Congregation May Be Seated

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life in which you took delight. By the waters of the flood you saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. Through water you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you have delivered us from the power of sin and death and set us free to live in you. Send your Holy Spirit upon this water and upon this child who is washed in it that she may be given new life. Wash away the sin of this child who is cleansed by this water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given honor and praise through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Parents and Sponsors, do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Parents and Sponsor: We do.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents and Sponsor: We do.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and Sponsor: We do.

P: Let us confess our faith and the faith that Elizabeth is given now.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty
maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

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- P: Elizabeth Jayne, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
- C: **Amen.**
- P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this Holy Sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Elizabeth Jayne: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Elizabeth Jayne, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- P: This lighted candle is given to Elizabeth to remind her that the Light of the World has come into her life.
- A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.
- P: Let us pray . . . O God, giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own baptism so they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: People of St. Philip's Lutheran Church: there are two things you can do for this family. You can pray for Elizabeth and her parents; and you can welcome and accept her as a fellow member of the body of Christ.
- C: **We promise to pray for you, Elizabeth, and your family. We welcome you into the Lord's family and as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.**

Presentation of Elizabeth Jayne to the Family of God.

* The Prayers of the Church

(at the 8:00 a.m. Worship Service)

Congregation responds to each petition with: Your mercy is great.

* 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.**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

P: Joined together 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.

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

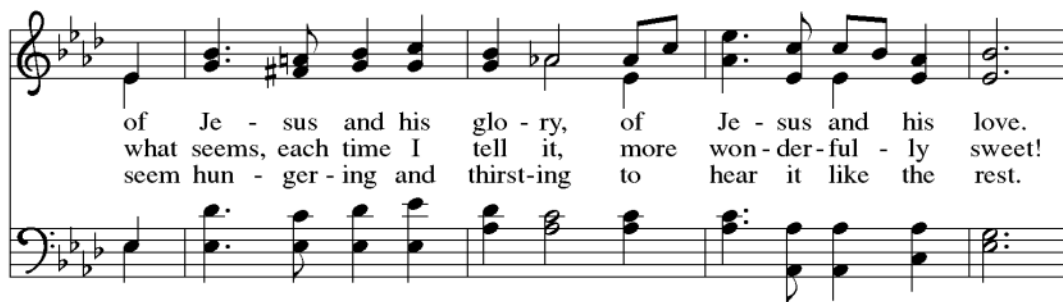
The pastors will give direction on how communion will proceed this morning. Remain seated until directions are given.

Communion Distribution Hymn

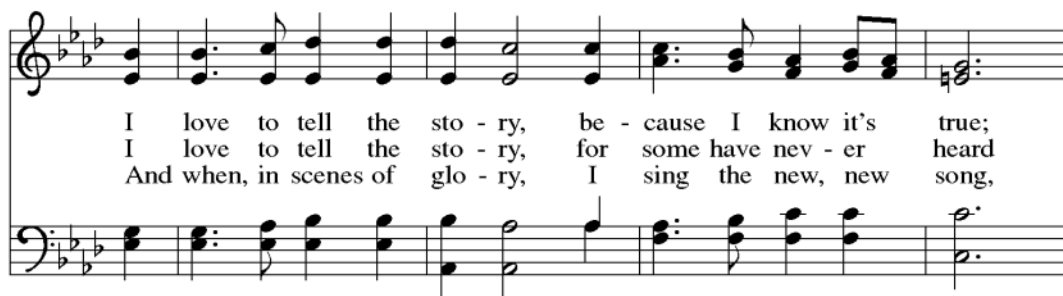
As you are waiting to come forward to receive the bread and the wine and/or after you are seated again, we ask you to join us in singing together the following hymns during the distribution of the Eucharist.



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Communion Hymn

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

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vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

* 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


* Closing Hymn

"You Servants of God"


ELW 825



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

*** Sending**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Lasst Uns Erfreuen" M. Sedio



**Baptism of
Elizabeth Jayne Barron
Sunday, May 4, 2025**

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:

Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Charles & Ruth Bowles, Lois Hardy, Carol Ruckle, Sharon Smith, Louise James, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, Sherry Thompson, Eleanor Georgiana, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Bev Reedy, Elizabeth Stirk, Paul & Barbara Stadelberger, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Debra Gelesh, Richard Braun, Ellen Lenker, Janette Saxton, Phyllis Bolgiano, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark & Marge Davis, David Nevins, John Frink, Erica Miller, Jenni Longhenry, Richard Pierce, Michael Pushkarewicz, Craig & Jennifer Florschutz and Family

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; Sgt. Tyler Harris**, nephew of Susan Mack; **Ruth DiDonato**, family of Linda Burkum; **Emily Ruckle & Tina Davis**, family of Carol Ruckle; **John & Carly Hoeni**, family of Lynn Muller; **Beckie McNelly**, sister of Bob Gible & Barb Williams; **Lou Cookson**, father & **Beth Cookson**, mother of Nick Cookson; **Dorothy Owens**, sister of Ruth Henry; **Stuart Emerson & Family**, friends of the Swift Family; **Linda Allen**, friend of Faith Simpser; **Joe Cilento, Jr.**, son of Yvonne Cilento; **Paul Budd, Sr.**, father of Scott, & **Lee Craig**, friend of The Budds; **Diane Balinski & Debra Jennings**, family of Donna Hokanson; **Molly Wagner**, granddaughter of Margaret Wagner; **Norman Richards & Phyllis Mensinger**, family & **Myron Davis**, brother of Mark & Marge Davis; **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; **John, Sr. & Anna Longo**, parents of John Longo; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **Alistair Black**, grandson of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Carol Henzy**, sister of Beth Molnar; **Zoe Kenaley**, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; **John Lehne**, friend of Carol Goodman; **Doris S. & Kathleen K.**, friends of Anne Hamilton; **Frank Kulick**, brother of Ruth Bowles; **Christopher Longo**, son of John & Kim Longo; **Lisa Santak**, daughter of Marion Santak; **Michele Levanduski**, Family of Paul Gelesh; **Kristi Barnett**, friend of Angela Klemens; **Rick Ricciardi**, brother of Nancy Warner; **Henry Jones**, father of Derrick Thompson, **Craig Florschutz**, husband of Jennifer Florschutz; **Mark Doyle**, friend of Harold and Sharon Holeman; **Mark & Jeanne Favreau**, family of Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pysker; **Chuck Stirk**, son of Elizabeth Stirk, **John Stachowski and Family**, Friends of Tom Krapf, **Kevin and Aniela Meinhardt**, son-in-law and daughter of Virginia Frattarola

What's Happening At St. Philip's

Today's Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of Elizabeth Jayne Barron's Baptism, by Debbi Miller.

Making Disciples

O.W.L.S. (older, wiser, Lutheran seniors) will gather on **Tuesday, May 13th**. This group is geared towards retirees in the congregation that would like to engage in a time of food, fellowship, and light learning. The next meeting will be held **May 13th from 11:30 am to 1 pm**. This month we'll be joined once again by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher who will be talking to us about the Jewish Holocaust. Come, bring a lunch, share some fellowship and learn something new.

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! The **first Koinonia Group** that meets at St. Philip's. The next gathering is **Sunday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.** We are now reading *A Week in the Life of a Greco Roman Women*. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. A **second group** that meets with the Mueller's will meet on **TBD at 6:30 p.m. at the Mueller's home**. We will be watching a video on Revelation and then discussing it. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.

The Daytime Book Group will next meet on **May 20th**, we will read and discuss *The Berry Picker*, by Amanda Peters. New members are always welcome. We will be meeting at the church in Room #127!

Women, Wine, and Whine - Our next get together will be **on Saturday, May 24th!** Place TBD. Any suggestions for a place to meet would be welcome! All are welcome!

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! **Our next Pub Theology** will be **Thursday, May 22nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Chuck Lagers! See you then! Cheers!

The next **Young at Heart Group** will be **TBD from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** at Gigi's. Any questions, ask Gigi Mueller.

Making Disciples (Continued . . .)

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 9th** we'll discuss *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Piccoult. On **June 13th** we'll discuss *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Alston. 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!

The final **Together in Faith Breakfast of the program year is coming on May 18**. Everyone is invited to enjoy food and fellowship once again before our summer break. We'll be kickstarting our **Summer of Service** program that morning. Learn about our new summer program. Sign up on the poster in the narthex if you can bring a breakfast casserole, muffins, coffee cake, donuts or fruit for the breakfast.

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

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!!

Since November approximately 55 Care Kits have been distributed by members of St. Philip's to those experiencing homelessness or unstable housing. Thank you to all who have either donated items or have passed them on. You are doing something consequential! It is important that individuals who spend much of their time in transition never become invisible to those around them. I have had some thought-provoking interactions sharing a kit and I hope others have found it to be a meaningful experience as well. It is time to replenish kits for the summer. The following items are needed and may be left in the bin in the Narthex: **Socks, Small bottles of fruit juice, Toothbrushes (single wrapped), Bar of soap (small and perfume), Toothpaste (small size), Sun screen (travel size), Deodorant (men's), Chapstick. Fruit or granola bars (chewy)**

Serving the Community (Continued...)

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 13th at 1 p.m.** in Room #128. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

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 15th 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.

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 of each month** pattern, **10:00 a.m. to Noon** 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.

Family Promise - St. Philips Next Host Week is May 25th to 31st. Family Promise is our ministry that provides shelter and meals for homeless families and children. Our next host week will be May 25th through the 31st. Sign up posters will be in the Narthex with menus listing food you can provide during our host week. Also, below is a Sign-Up Genius link for those who are able to contribute non-perishable items which can be dropped off throughout the month of May. Here's the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-56440459-family>

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Feel free to contact Rebecca Bardenhagen or Marty Budd with any questions.

2025 Lutheran Community Services Room at the Table Event is May 7th



The LCS Room at the Table Breakfast is an opportunity for our giving circle to get to know our clients. Enjoy a delicious and healthy catered breakfast while hearing powerful stories from LCS clients and supporters about how we are making a real difference in the community.

We love having the opportunity to share our vision with new and returning members of our community, as well as to foster connections between our supporters and the clients who benefit from their contributions.

All are invited and encouraged to bring their friends and family!

To register use the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-room-at-the-table-breakfast-registration-1245121434729?aff=oddttdtcreator&blm_aid=32939



A Community Learning Experience for all Ages

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

- **Adults and Youth will share and fellowship**
- **Kid's Club will meet as usual.**
- **Kickoff for Summer of Service**
- **Poster in the narthex to sign-up to bring breakfast casseroles, muffins, coffee cake, donuts or fruit**

***The Nursery Will Be Open!**





2025 Golf Classic

To Support Homelessness Prevention



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Play the award winning course!

Monday, June 9th, 12:30 pm, shotgun start

Pricing:

Ticket Packages

- \$325** Per Golfer
- \$1,750** Per Corporate Foursome
- \$100** Per Extra Dinner Guest

Sponsor Packages

- \$5,000** Dinner Sponsor
- \$3,000** Lunch Sponsor
- \$2,000** Cocktail Hour Sponsor
- \$1,500** Halfway Hut Sponsor
- \$1,500** SWAG Sponsor
- \$500** Hole Sponsor

The Day Will Include:

- Hole-in-one Prize Giveaway
- Boxed Lunch
- Contests & Silent Auction
- On Course Beverages
- Gift Bags
- Reception & Dinner 5pm

For Questions:

For information on how to become a sponsor, or any other questions, contact Alex at AMazzei@LCSDE.org

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JUNE: Relief effort in North Carolina

- items needed include tools, generators, bottled water and canned food
- use envelopes in the narthex to donate money to buy an item
- money will go to NC with the St. Philip's group so items can be bought in NC

JULY: School supplies

- Supplies for the E.A.G.L.E.S. school in the Dominican Republic and for the Ferris School in Wilmington
- Sign up Genius available in early July

AUGUST: Tower of Food

- Build a tower with food items throughout the month of August

Christian Music Festival

2025

**Where: St Philips Lutheran Church, 5320
Limestone Rd, Wilmington DE 19808**

**When: June 21st from 11AM to 5PM
free admission**



Featuring:

**Richard Porto, St Philips Trio, Steve Harkey, Harps to Halos, L Carlton Allen,
Carroll Brown, Aaron Smith, Delivered, Mr. Weaverface, and Lev Jonikas**

Carroll Brown Concert

6/20/2025 at 7:00pm

St. Philip's Fellowship Hall

\$20/person

RSVP – See Mark Davis



Raised on a farm near Camden, South Carolina, Carroll's first music influences were church music and night-time radio. His mother was the church pianist and taught him his first chords on the guitar. Traditional southern gospel and bluegrass would give way to Jim Croce and James Taylor as he entered college. The first paying jobs paid college tuition but would pave the way for his life's work. He first tested the waters in New York but opted for Nashville, Tennessee. There, he worked with songwriters and music publishing and in various studios recording and helping produce nationally released records.

Family matters and money matters brought him back to South Carolina in 1981. He settled in Charleston, where he started a recording studio and music publishing business. A steady gig at the Mills House Hotel helped to pay for his growing family and the dream that refused to die. His family roots include Irish blood and his intense interest in the Irish music led to hosting annual visits to his ancestral homeland.

THOSE WHO SERVE

PRESIDING MINISTER	Rev. Patrick V. Downes	
PREACHER	Rev. Patrick V. Downes	
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Dr. Stephen Benscoter CAGO	
CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST	Dr. Lauren Conrad	
ASSISTING MINISTER	Karen Stahl	(8:00 a.m.)
	Steve Litterst	(10:30 a.m.)
LAY READER	Anna Grieder	(8:00 a.m.)
	Mike Rosen	(10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Coleman Bye and	
	Dave Thompson	(8:00 a.m.)
	Elaine Dean and	
	Peggy Barker	(10:30 a.m.)
GREETERS	Joan Marie Powers	(8:00 a.m.)
	Elaine Dean and	
	Peggy Barker	(10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTE	TBD	(10:30 a.m.)
GROWING IN THE GOSPEL	Liz Freburger	

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Sunday, May 4 Third Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. TBD	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Kid's Club in the Christian Ed Wing Adult Large Group in the Fellowship Hall Worship Service at St. Philip's with Baptism of Elizabeth Jayne Barron <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Youth Group Returns from Youth Beach Retreat
Monday, May 5	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Altar Guild Team Meeting Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
Tuesday, May 6	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Outreach Team Meeting WILK Meeting
Wednesday, May 7	9:00 a.m.	LCS Room at the Table Breakfast at the Riverfront
Friday, May 9	7:00 p.m.	Women's Evening Book Group location TBD
Mother's Day Sunday, May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i> Kid's Club in the Christian Ed Wing Youth Breakfast Club in the Youth Room Adult Large Group in the Fellowship Hall Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>

