

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**Pastor:** Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

**Pastor:** Alleluia!. Christ is Risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

**\*Recessional Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee **LBW 551**

**\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
Please keep the following in your prayers:

<b>Ida Kerch</b>	<b>Dave Lamar</b>	<b>Walter Maul</b>	<b>Elzy Pauley</b>	<b>Carolyn Pinos</b>
<b>Ava Stancovich</b>	<b>Emma Rosman</b>	<b>Tom Hodgkinson</b>	<b>Carson Berkheimer</b>	

Prayers are asked for the family of Pastor Bob Kaltenbaugh.

May 6—Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am for Victor Schaffranek. All are welcome to attend.

May 6—Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

This morning, Jack Seymore, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.

We still need 2 volunteers to attend the Synod Assembly in Altoona which will be held on June 15th this year at the Blair County Convention Center. Opening worship is June 14th at Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg. If interested, please see any council member.

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 5, 2024**

*First Lutheran Church (814) 736-3662*  
*Worship Sundays at 9:00 am*



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**Communion Hospitality**  
*Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune..*

Altar flowers are in loving memory of Victor and Virginia Schaffranek’s Wedding Anniversary by Bonnie. Tall candles are in loving memory of Mom, Ida Pauley by Kay. Small candles are in memory of Raymond and Betty Ernest by rose and George Ernest.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting I

Parish Announcements  
Prelude  
\*= Stand (The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

\*Announcements:  
Pastor: Christ is Risen! C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. C: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water! C: Here is our water of life Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. C: Amen.

Look, here is water! C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Entrance Hymn: In Christ There Is No East or West LBW 359

Pastor: 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 p. 57

\*Hymn of Praise This is the Feast of Victory For Our God! P.60

\*Prayer of the Day: Pastor: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48 L: The word of the Lord,. C: Thanks be to God.  
Psalm 98 (Read responsively)  
Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6 L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

\*The Verse p. 62  
\*Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17 C: Glory to you O Lord.  
C: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day How Firm a Foundation LBW 507

\*Nicene Creed p. 64

\*Prayers of the Church

Pastor: God of grace C: Hear our prayer.

\*Passing of Peace Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.  
The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.

Offering The offering is received as the Lord’s table is prepared.

\*Offertory “Let the Vineyards” p. 66

\*Offertory Prayer

Pastor: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. C: Amen.

Liturgy of Holy Communion  
\*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus p. 68

\*When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered in worship, they heard again the story of God’s mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and we shared in the holy meal of the Lord’s Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.

Gathered at the Lord’s table, we celebrated with thanksgiving that “in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he 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 in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with the assurance of our Lord’s presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you..

\*The Lord’s Prayer p. 71

\*Invitation to Communion: Pastor: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God’s table.

\*Agnus Dei “Lamb of God” p. 72

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:  
“The body of Christ, given for you.’ & ‘The blood of Christ, shed for you.’  
After each, the communicant may say: ‘Amen.’

Distribution  
Communion Hymn: Beautiful Savior LBW 518  
\*Post Communion Blessing p. 72